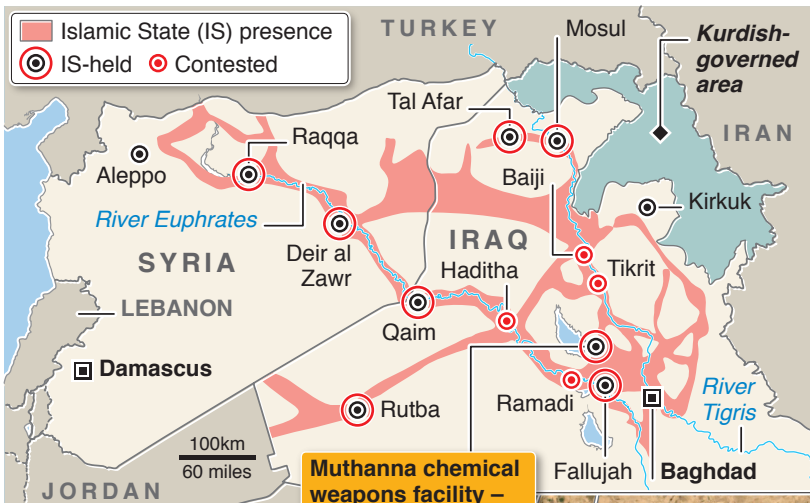


Iraqi rebels control chemical weapons site

Iraqi officials have confirmed that the Islamic State extremist group has seized a former chemical weapons facility, where remnants of rockets filled with sarin are stored along with other deadly nerve agents



MUTHANNA CHEMICAL WEAPONS FACILITY

Remnants of chemical munitions and agents housed in two sealed bunkers

Bunker 13: Contains 2,500 sarin-filled rockets and 180 tonnes of sodium cyanide – precursor for tabun nerve agent. UN says sarin munitions would largely be degraded after years of storage there, and decontaminated tabun-filled containers would likely no longer contain any agent

Bunker 41: Contains 2,000 empty artillery shells contaminated with mustard chemical agent, 605 mustard containers with residues, and heavily contaminated construction material. UN says shells could contain mustard residue – unusable for chemical warfare but highly toxic

Muthanna chemical weapons facility – captured June 11

