



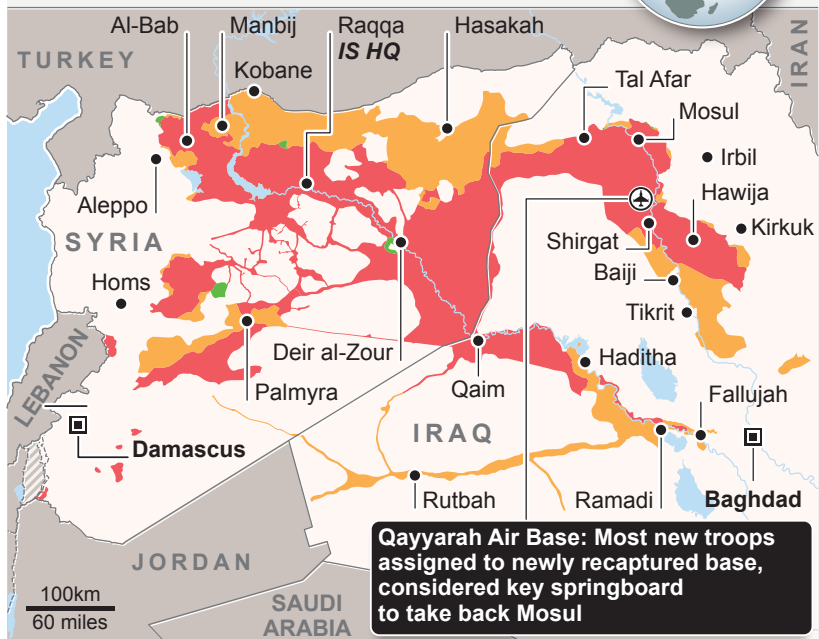
# U.S. sends more troops to Iraq

The U.S. is to send an additional 560 troops to Iraq to help retake Mosul, the largest city still controlled by so-called Islamic State. The deployment, intended to capitalize on recent battlefield gains, comes as IS has lost a quarter of its territory across Iraq and Syria in the last 18 months

 Area controlled by Islamic State (Daesh) as of July 4, 2016. **68,300 square km – roughly size of Ireland or U.S. state of West Virginia**

 Area lost by IS between Jan 2015 and Jul 2016

 Area gained by IS in 2016



► **Deployment brings official number of American service members in Iraq to 4,647 – unofficial figure is probably closer to 6,000**

Source: IHS Conflict Monitor

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