

# Battle to retake Mosul from IS begins

Iraqi forces have begun an operation to recapture the city of Mosul, the last stronghold in the country of the so-called Islamic State

**Areas of control**    Iraqi government    Kurds    Islamic State (IS)

**Around 4,000 Kurdish Peshmerga forces in tanks, heavily-armoured Humvees and other troop carriers advancing toward Bartella area**

