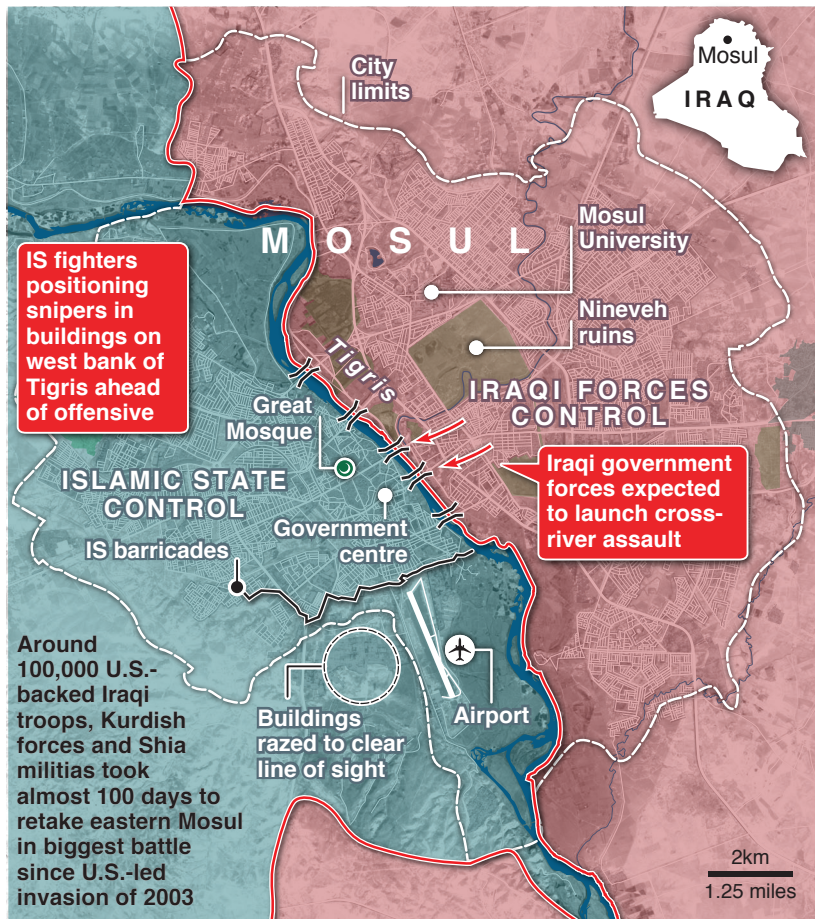


Iraqi army offensive looming in west Mosul

Iraqi forces are preparing an offensive to capture western Mosul from the so-called Islamic State. The Sunni Muslim jihadists are cornered in a shrinking area and are expected to put up a fierce fight



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