

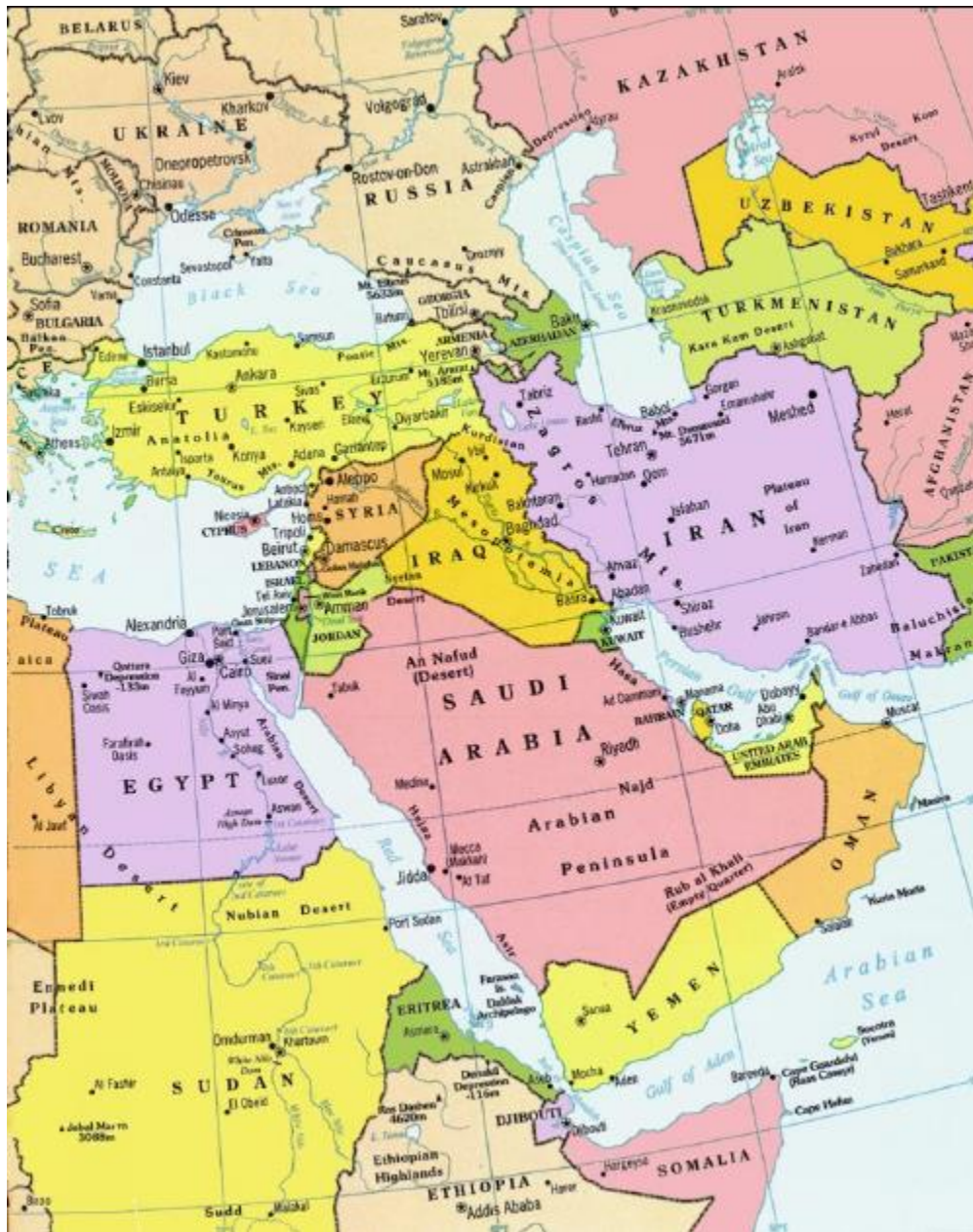
# Middle-East Chaos with Graphs

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## Introduction

I have been confused about the chaos that exists in the Middle-East countries. This is an attempt to try to understand it using maps and data.

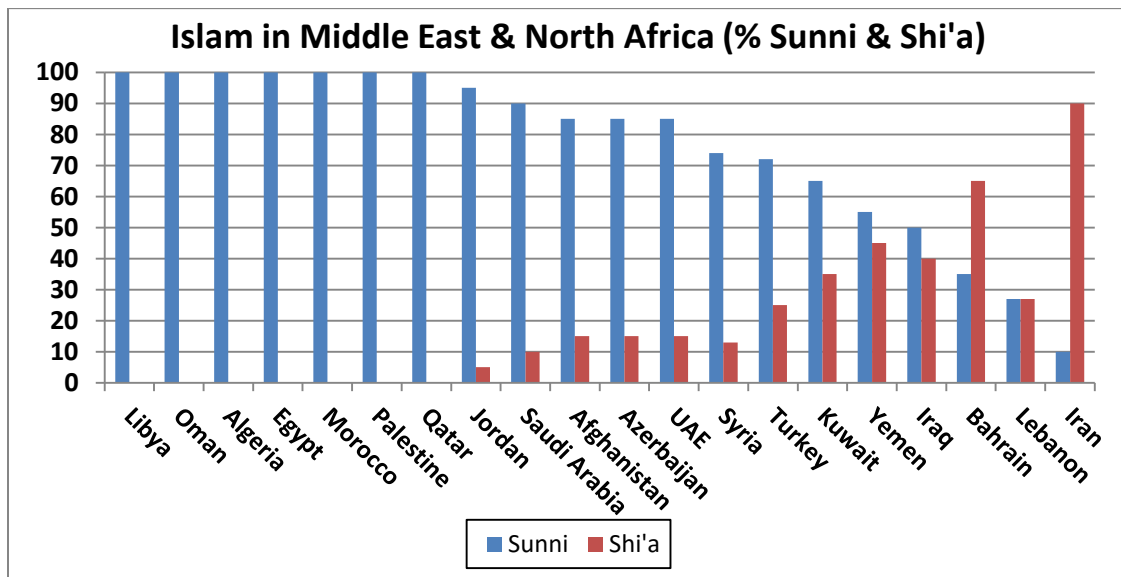


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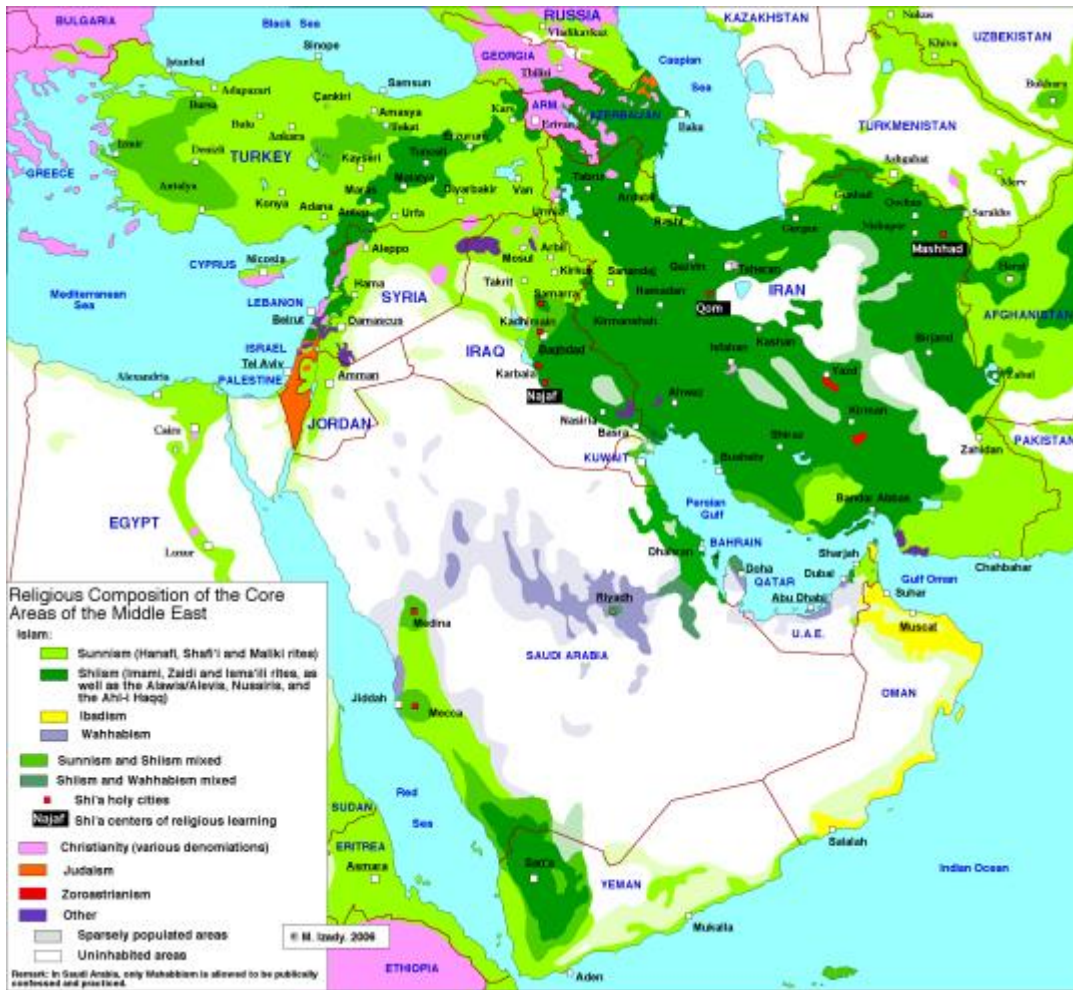
## Islam



## Lines in the Sand: Shiites as % of Muslim Population



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- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam\\_in\\_China](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam_in_China) (2%)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam\\_in\\_Georgia\\_\(country\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam_in_Georgia_(country)) (10%)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam\\_in\\_Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam_in_Pakistan) (96%)
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indonesia> (87% of which 99% Sunni)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam\\_in\\_India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam_in_India) (14%)

## North Africa and Middle East



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## Kurdistan

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A “country” without international borders:



<http://anthropaulicity.blogspot.com/2015/01/kurdish-female-fighters-symbols-of.html>

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“The Kurds at first resisted the **Islamic** invasion during the seventh century AD. They gave in after the **Islamic** victory near the modern-day Iraqi city of Sulaimaniya in AD 643. Most Kurds are now **Sunni Muslims** (a branch of **Islam**). About one-fifth are **Shi'ite Muslims**, most of whom live in Iran.”

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- [Syrian Kurdistan](#) (Rojava)

## Syria History

1. Established as a French-Mandate state after World War I.
2. Independence from France in 1945 as a founding member of the United Nations.
3. Many military coups 1949-1971.
4. Union with Egypt 1958-1961.
5. Constitutional reform in 1961.
6. Ba'athist coup in 1963.
7. Emergency Law from 1963-2011.
8. Hafez al-Assad president 1970-2000.
9. Bashar al-Assad president 2000-?.

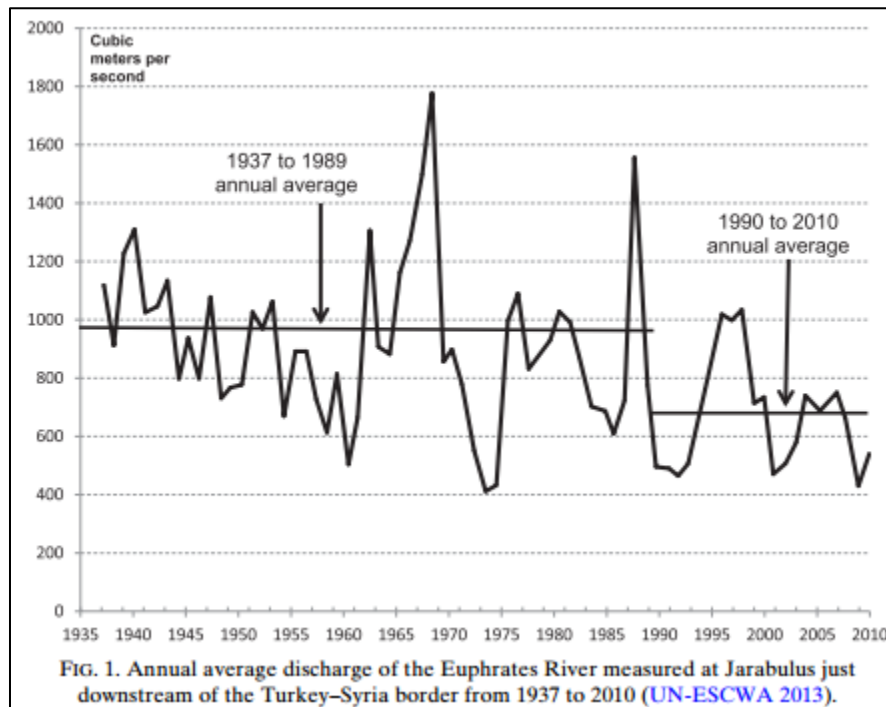
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## Syria Drought

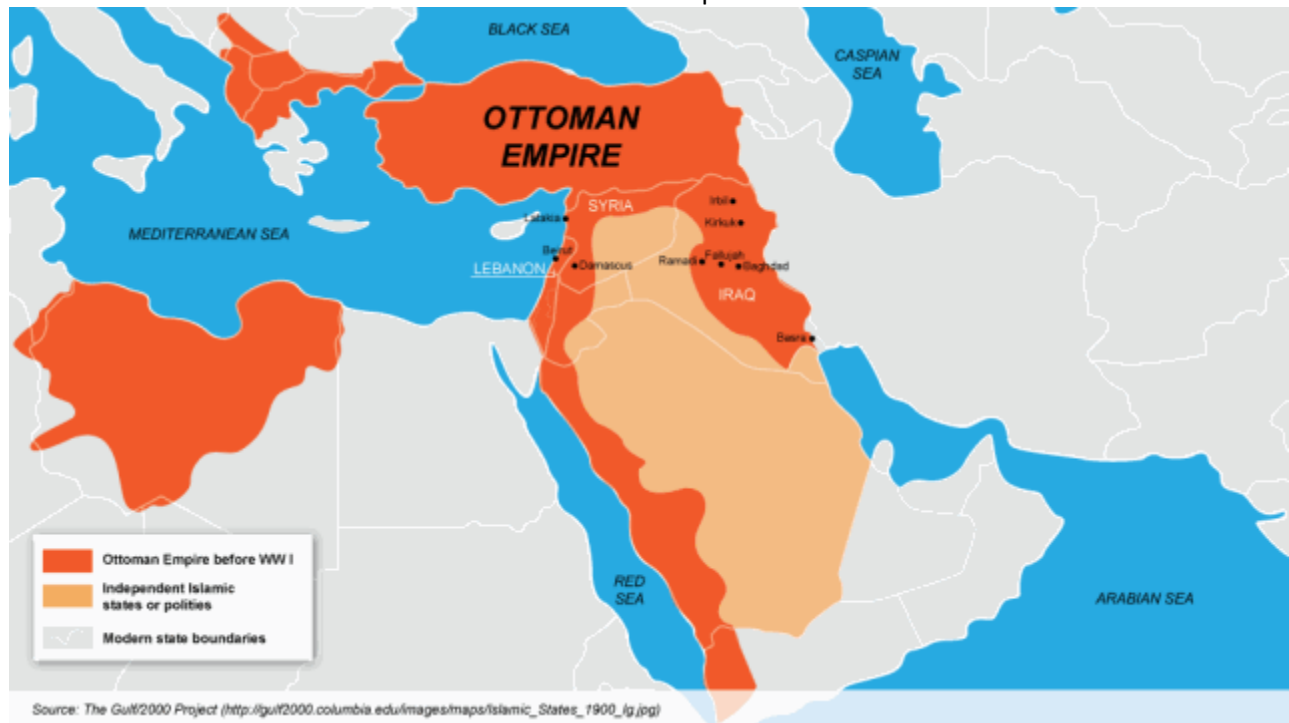
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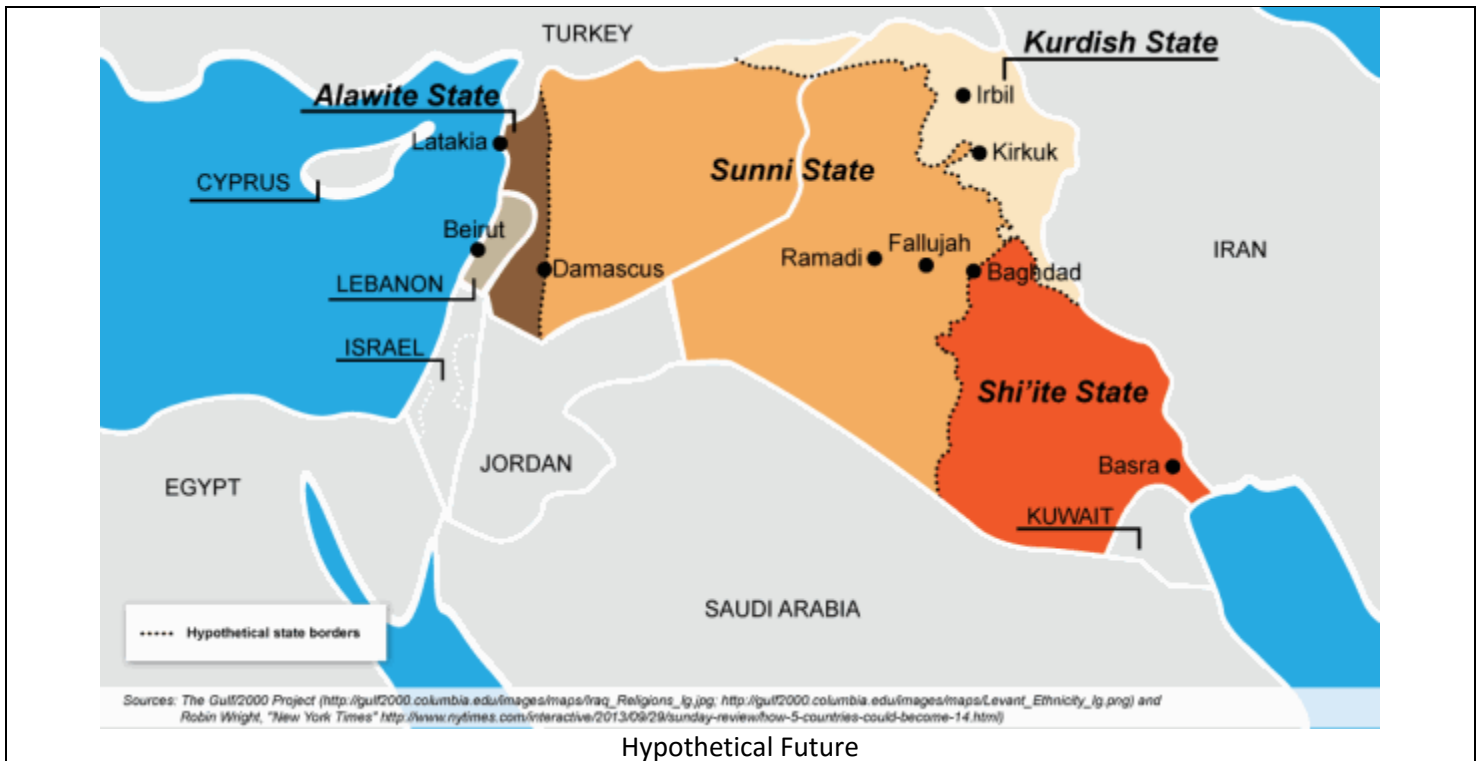
Ottoman Empire



Present Day





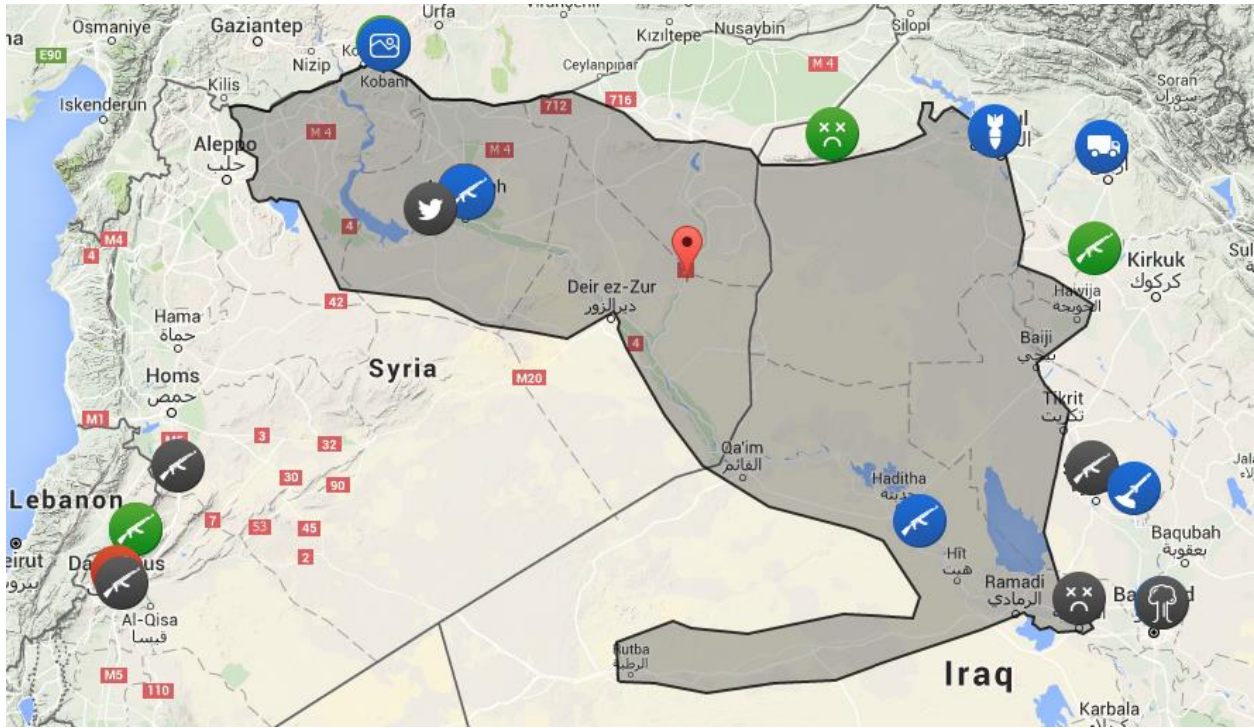


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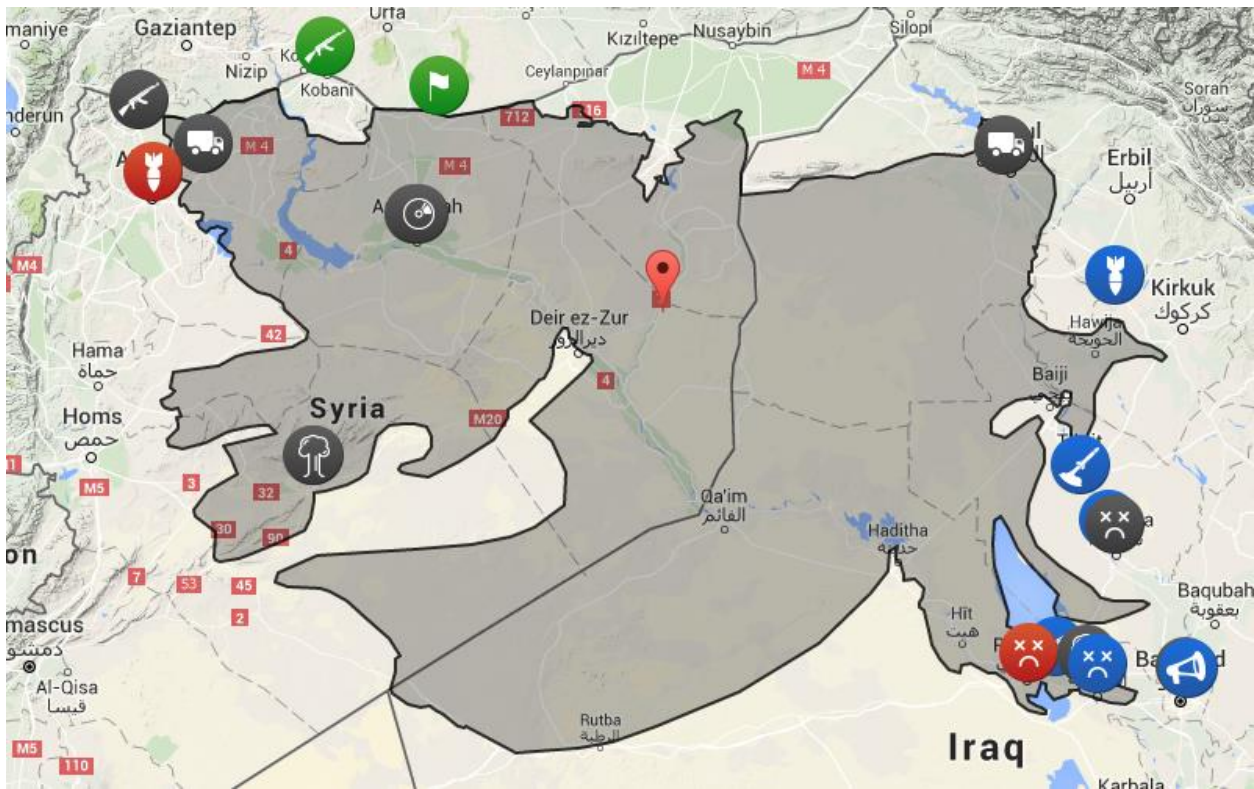


# ISIS

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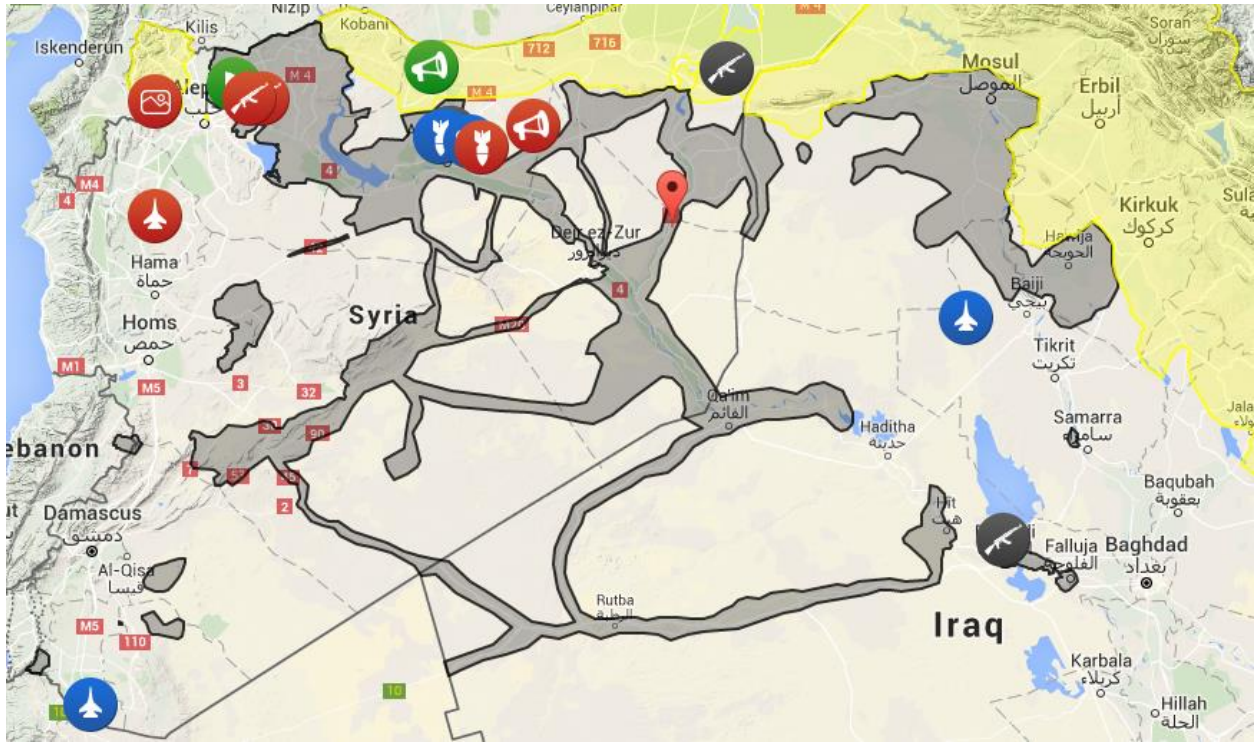


1 January 2015



1 June 2015





19 November 2015

ISIS prediction for 2020:



<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/isis-unveils-chilling-new-map-6224227>

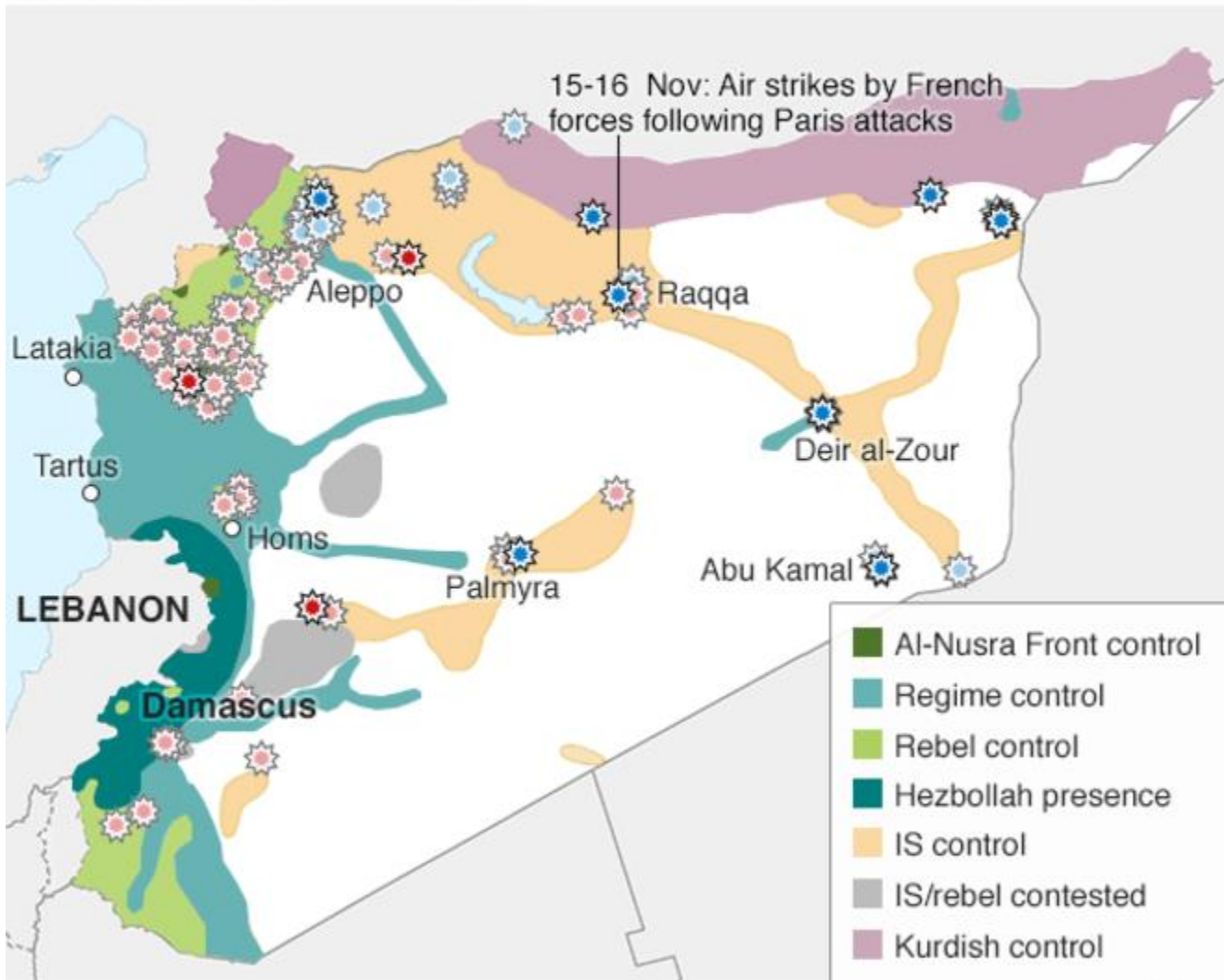
## Russian and US-led strikes in Syria

### US-led coalition air strikes

- 9 – 16 Nov
- 30 Sept – 8 Nov

### Russian air and cruise missile strikes

- 9 – 15 Nov
- 30 Sept – 8 Nov



Source: Institute for the Study of War, US military (excl French strikes 15-16 Nov)  
French Defence Ministry. Locations may have multiple strikes



<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-27838034>