

## **Weekly Conflict Summary**



adjacent to the city center, where most of the ISIS forces defending Raqqa are located.



Figure 2 - Frontlines around Raqqa city by July 5

On July 1, pro-government National Defense Force (NDF) units advanced against ISIS along the Salamiyeh-Ithriya Road connecting Aleppo with government-held Hama. Also on July 1, pro-government units led by the Tiger Forces advanced eastward, gaining control of the Resafa-Ithriya road, south of Raqqa. The advance along this road led to the government capture of 13 villages. By July 4, the entire area east of the Khanaser-Ithriya road (and north of the Resafa-Ithriya road) also came under Syrian government control. Pro-government forces fighting against ISIS on the Khanaser front reportedly included the 124th Brigade of the Syrian Republican Guard, along with units of the NDF and Syrian Hezbollah, with the Tiger Forces operating nearby in eastern Hama.

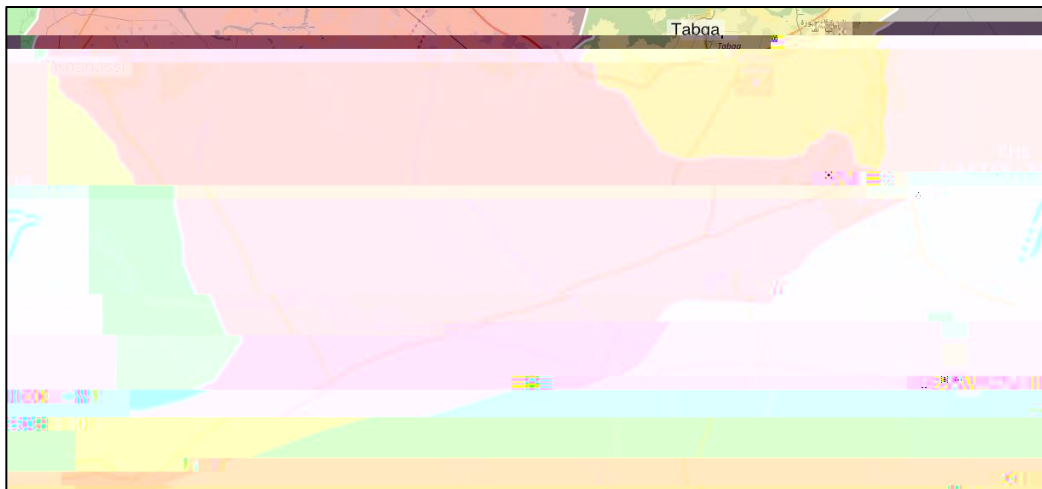


Figure 3 - Frontlines in the eastern countryside of Aleppo and western countryside of Raqqa by July 5

