

# The Great Battle Of Tikrit Is, Apparently, Over

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A severed head held aloft, a victory dance, and threats intended to curdle the blood of anyone from the Islamic State who might be listening, in a city that, by the time the Iraqi Shiites took control after a month of stop-and-go effort, and American bombing, had only 18,000 inhabitants. Mosul has a million.