

Country/entity	Iraq Kurds-Kurdistan
Region	Middle East and North Africa Cross-regional
Agreement name	Agreement for Restoring Stability and Normalising Conditions in the Sinjar District
Date	9 Oct 2020
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Iraq Wars and the Iraqi Insurgency (1989-1990) (2004 -)

In the aftermath of the Iraq-UN conflict following President Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in 1989, the UN enforced no-fly zones and set up a monitoring commission of the arms capacity of the Iraqi government. By the late 1990s, Iraqi officials had increased their resistance against the implementation of these programmes. In the aftermath of the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York, the U.S. accused the Iraqi government of having weapons of mass destruction. In 2003, a U.S.-led coalition overthrew the government of Saddam Hussein, but failed to maintain security in the country as ex-Bathist and Islamist groups launched a counter-campaign. Violence reached a peak in 2006 as the conflict took on sectarian traits leading to mass human rights violations by domestic Sunni and Shi'a groups, as well as occupying forces. Despite the failure to stabilize the country, the U.S.-led forces withdrew in December 2011. Since then Iraq has effectively been split into three territories based on ethno-religious identity including the Shi'a in the south, the Kurds in the north, and a Sunni band in the middle, which is currently occupied by the organisation known as the Islamic State (formerly of Iraq and the Levant).

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Iraq Wars and the Iraqi Insurgency (1989-1990) (2004 -)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Kurdistan/Iraq territorial conflict
Parties	The Federal Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG). No individual signatories are named in the text provided.

Third parties	United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)
Description	This agreement between Iraq's Federal Government and the Kurdistan Regional Government establishes a framework for restoring stability in the Sinjar district through three pillars: administrative reform (appointing a new district mayor and filling administrative positions), security restructuring (exclusive local police and intelligence control, removal of all other armed formations including the PKK, and recruitment of 2,500 local security personnel), and reconstruction via a joint committee. It creates joint committees to oversee implementation and explicitly mandates the end of PKK presence in and around Sinjar. The annex provides a detailed action table assigning implementing parties and timelines for each provision.

Agreement document	IQ_201009_Agreement for Restoring Stability and Normalising Conditions in the Sinjar District_EN (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	IQ_201009_Agreement for Restoring Stability and Normalising Conditions in the Sinjar District_AR (opens in new tab)
Source of document	https://www.crisisgroup.org/middle-east-north-africa/gulf-and-arabian-peninsula/iraq/iraq-stabilising-contested-district-sinjar

Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical For the purpose of restoring stability and normalising conditions in Sinjar district, and in line with constitutional and legal principles, and in order to address the suffering of the Sinjar population in preparation for the return of the displaced, and to organise the administrative and security framework in the district, the Federal Government and the Kurdistan Regional Government, and in coordination with the UN Mission, in order to benefit from international support and achieve stability and construction, have agreed to the following: Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive 2. The Security Pillar: ... 2. Strengthening security in the district by recruiting 2,500 members to internal security forces in Sinjar, while insuring equitable participation of the people of Sinjar in the IDP camps;
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	No specific mention.
State configuration	No specific mention.
Self determination	No specific mention.
Referendum	No specific mention.
State symbols	No specific mention.
Independence/secession	No specific mention.

**Accession/
unification** No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

**Cross-border
provision** No specific mention.

Governance

**Political
institutions (new or
reformed)** Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references
1. The Administrative Pillar:
1. Selecting a new independent, professional, honest and acceptable district mayor
[qa'im maqam] according to constitutional and legal mechanisms;

Elections No specific mention.

**Electoral
commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties
reform** No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

**Traditional/
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public
administration** **1. The Administrative Pillar:**
...
2. After nominating the district mayor, nominees for other administrative positions shall
be considered by the joint committee set up for this purpose, provided that questions of
professionalism, integrity and the district's social structure are taken into account.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	Power sharing→Political power sharing→General 3. The Reconstruction Pillar: Sub-state level A Joint Committee shall be established comprising the Federal Government and Kurdistan Regional Government in order to rebuild the district, in coordination with the provincial administration of Ninewa governorate. Power sharing→Political power sharing→Other 3. The Reconstruction Pillar: ... Sub-state level The committee's level and the details of its tasks shall be identified by the Federal Prime Minister and KRG Prime Minister.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	Power sharing→Military power sharing→Proportionality 2. The Security Pillar: ... 2. Strengthening security in the district by recruiting 2,500 members to internal security forces in Sinjar, while insuring equitable participation of the people of Sinjar in the IDP camps;

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups
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Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction
3. The Reconstruction Pillar:
A Joint Committee shall be established comprising the Federal Government and Kurdistan Regional Government in order to rebuild the district, in coordination with the provincial administration of Ninewa governorate.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police **2. The Security Pillar:**
1. Security within the district shall be maintained exclusively by the local police, national security and intelligence services.
...
2. Strengthening security in the district by recruiting 2,500 members to internal security forces in Sinjar, while insuring equitable participation of the people of Sinjar in the IDP camps;

Armed forces **2. The Security Pillar:**
1. Security within the district shall be maintained exclusively by the local police, national security and intelligence services.

DDR Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions
2. The Security Pillar:
...
All other armed formations shall be moved out of Sinjar district;

Intelligence services **2. The Security Pillar:**
1. Security within the district shall be maintained exclusively by the local police, national security and intelligence services.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces **2. The Security Pillar:**
...
All other armed formations shall be moved out of Sinjar district;
...
3. Putting an end to the presence of the PKK in Sinjar district and the areas surrounding it.
The organisation and its affiliates shall have no role in the region.

Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory For the purpose of restoring stability and normalising conditions in Sinjar district, and in line with constitutional and legal principles, and in order to address the suffering of the Sinjar population in preparation for the return of the displaced, and to organise the administrative and security framework in the district, the Federal Government and the Kurdistan Regional Government, and in coordination with the UN Mission, in order to benefit from international support and achieve stability and construction, have agreed to the following:

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism **3. The Reconstruction Pillar:**
...
4. For the purpose of following up on the provisions of the administrative and security pillars, a joint field committee shall be set up consisting of the relevant bodies of the two parties in order to follow up on the implementation of the agreement's provisions.
