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Abbreviations and glossary

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A

ACLED	Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project
Asayish	intelligence services of the KRG

C

CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
COI	country of origin information
CSID	civil status identification documentation
CTS	Counter Terrorism Service

E

EUAA	European Union Agency for Asylum
ECHR	Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (European Convention on Human Rights), as amended by Protocols Nos. 11 and 14, 4 November 1950
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
ERW	explosive remnants of war
EU	European Union

F

fasliya	A traditional practice, whereby family members, including women and children, are traded to settle tribal disputes
FGM/C	female genital mutilation/cutting

I

IBC	Iraq Body Count
ID	identification documentation
IDP(s)	internally displaced person(s)
IED	improvised explosive device
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPA	internal protection alternative
IRGC	Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps
ISF	Iraqi Security Forces
ISIL	The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the Islamic State, or Daesh

K

KDP	Kurdistan Democratic Party
KRG	Kurdistan Regional Government
KRI	Kurdistan Region of Iraq – refers to Dohuk, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah governorates

L

LGBTIQ	LGBTIQ people are people: • who are attracted to others of their own gender (lesbian, gay) or any gender (bisexual); • whose gender identity and/or expression does not correspond to the sex they were assigned at birth (trans, non-binary); • who are born with sex characteristics that do not fit the typical definition of male or female (intersex); and • whose identity does not fit into a binary classification of sexuality and/or gender (queer)

M

Mukhtar	local community leader

P

PDS	Public Distribution System
Peshmerga	Military forces of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq
PKK	Kurdistan Worker's Party
PMF	Popular Mobilisation Forces
PUK	Patriotic Union of Kurdistan

Q

QD **(Qualification Directive)**	Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted
QR **(Qualification Regulation)**	Regulation (EU) 2024/1347 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted, amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC and repealing Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council

S

SOGIESC	Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics
Sharia	The religious law of Islam, Islamic canonical law

T

Takfir	an Arabic word meaning ‘unbeliever’; extremist Islamist ideology employed by ISIL to declare individuals as apostates or impure, used against those who do not pledge allegiance.

U

UCDP	Uppsala Conflict Data Program
UN	United Nations
UNAMI	United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq
UNID	Unified identification documentation
UNRWA	The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
US	United States of America
UXO	Unexploded ordnances

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