

# 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

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

## I

<b>IBC</b>	Iraq Body Count
<b>ID</b>	identification documentation
<b>IDP(s)</b>	internally displaced person(s)
<b>IED</b>	improvised explosive device
<b>IOM</b>	International Organization for Migration
<b>IPA</b>	internal protection alternative
<b>IRGC</b>	Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps
<b>ISF</b>	Iraqi Security Forces
<b>ISIL</b>	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

<b>KDP</b>	Kurdistan Democratic Party
<b>KRG</b>	Kurdistan Regional Government
<b>KRI</b>	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** 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  
**(Qualification Directive)**

**QR** 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