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In Iraq, a wide range of different groups and individuals can be considered as actors of persecution or serious harm. Moreover, perpetrators of violence and motivations are not always clear-cut and may change given the fluid security context.

The following sections highlight the main actors of persecution and serious harm in Iraq as well as their areas of control/ activity, in a non-exhaustive manner.

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