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<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>ACLED</b>	Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project
<b>Asayish</b>	Internal security and intelligence services of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq
<b>CJTF-OIR</b>	Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve
<b>CTS</b>	Counter Terrorism Services
<b>DTM</b>	IOM’s Displacement Tracking Matrix
<b>ERW</b>	Explosive Remnants of War
<b>Fasliya</b>	A practice of trading women/girls to settle tribal disputes
<b>FGM/C</b>	Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting
<b>Ghasl al-yar</b>	Shame-washing; action taken, such as honour killing, to remove shame
<b>HTS</b>	Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham
<b>IDP</b>	Internally Displaced Person
<b>IED</b>	Improvised Explosive Device
<b>Ikhbar</b>	A tribal procedure aimed at reporting a relative with perceived affiliation to ISIL
<b>IRGC</b>	Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps
<b>IRGC - QF</b>	Quds Forces of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps of Iran
<b>ISF</b>	Iraqi Security Forces
<b>ISIL</b>	Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant; also known as Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the Islamic State (IS), or Daesh
<b>ISW</b>	Institute for the Study of War
<b>FP</b>	Federal Police
<b>Jaafari school</b>	School of Islamic jurisprudence
<b>KDP</b>	Kurdistan Democratic Party
<b>KH</b>	Kata’ib Hezbollah (Battalions of the Party of God); Iranian-backed Shia militia that is part of the Popular Mobilisation Units. KH was designated by the US as a terrorist organisation on 2 July 2009.
<b>KRG</b>	Kurdistan Regional Government
<b>KRI</b>	Kurdistan Region of Iraq
<b>KSF</b>	Kurdish Security Forces

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<b>KSS</b>	Kata'ib Sayyid Al-Shuhada
<b>Mudawana</b>	Personal Status Code
<b>Mukhtar</b>	Local community leader
<b>PDS</b>	Public Distribution System card for food assistance
<b>Peshmerga</b>	Military forces of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq
<b>PKK</b>	Kurdistan Workers' Party. The PKK is on the European Union's list of designated groups which have been involved in terrorism, as well as being listed as a terrorist organisation by Türkiye, the United States, and Australia.
<b>PMF</b>	Popular Mobilization Forces or Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), also called <i>Al-Hashd Al-Shaabi</i> in Arabic
<b>PUK</b>	Patriotic Union of Kurdistan
<b>Tabriya</b>	A tribal procedure aimed at disowning a person, e.g., in cases of affiliation with ISIL
<b>UNHCR</b>	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<b>UNAMI</b>	United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq
<b>USDOS</b>	US Department of State
<b>UXO</b>	Unexploded Ordnance
<b>YBS</b>	Sinjar Resistance Units

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