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Term	Definition
ACLED	Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project
Asayish	Internal security and intelligence services of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq
CJTF-OIR	Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve
CTS	Counter Terrorism Services
DTM	IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix
ERW	Explosive Remnants of War
Fasliya	A practice of trading women/girls to settle tribal disputes
FGM/C	Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting
Ghasl al-yar	Shame-washing; action taken, such as honour killing, to remove shame
HTS	Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
Ikhbar	A tribal procedure aimed at reporting a relative with perceived affiliation to ISIL
IRGC	Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps
IRGC – QF	Quds Forces of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps of Iran
ISF	Iraqi Security Forces
ISIL	Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant; also known as Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the Islamic State (IS), or Daesh
ISW	Institute for the Study of War
FP	Federal Police
Jaafari school	School of Islamic jurisprudence
KDP	Kurdistan Democratic Party
KH	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 2 009.
KRG	Kurdistan Regional Government
KRI	Kurdistan Region of Iraq
KSF	Kurdish Security Forces

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KSS	Kata'ib Sayyid Al-Shuhada
Mudawana	Personal Status Code
Mukhtar	Local community leader
PDS	Public Distribution System card for food assistance
Peshmerga	Military forces of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq Kurdistan
PKK	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.
PMF	Popular Mobilization Forces or Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), also called *Al-Hashd Al-Shaabi* in Arabic
PUK	Patriotic Union of Kurdistan
Tabriya	A tribal procedure aimed at disowning a person, e.g., in cases of affiliation with ISIL
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNAMI	United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq
USDOS	US Department of State
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
YBS	Sinjar Resistance Units

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