

Selected Articles: Kurdistan Referendum: “Ethnic Cleansing” or Total Independence?

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[The Myth of the Kurds in Syria YPG's Moral Excellence](#)

By [Stephen Gowans](#), September 26, 2017

Kurdish forces are not only “retaking” Christian and Muslim Arab towns in Syria, but are doing the same in the Nineveh province of Iraq—areas “which were never Kurdish in the first place. Kurds now regard Qamishleh, and Hassakeh province in Syria as part of ‘Kurdistan’, although they represent a minority in many of these areas.”



[Kurdistan's Referendum Gamble](#)

By [Dr. Binoy Kampmark](#), September 26, 2017

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has not disappointed with his stance: military and economic measures are promised against the Kurdistan Regional Government for holding the referendum. Baghdad, he insists, must remain behind the steering wheel of the country's affairs.



[Kurdish PKK and YPG's Hidden Notorious Crimes: Kidnapping, Murder, and Narcotics Trafficking](#)

By [Sarah Abed](#), September 26, 2017

Within the past few years, Kurds have gone from almost total obscurity to front page news. What doesn't get reported however is how these terrorist groups under the guise of being a revolutionary movement for Independence have carried out numerous atrocities including kidnappings and murder – not to mention their involvement in trafficking narcotics.



[A Risky Referendum for Kurdistan Underway in Iraq](#)

By [Barbara Nimri Aziz](#), September 25, 2017

Baghdad opposes the referendum as strongly as Madrid rejects Catalonia's independence vote. In recent weeks Madrid has taken startlingly firm action to thwart the regional vote. [Baghdad's position](#) is as uncompromising; a federal court has declared the referendum illegal according to the Iraqi constitution, and Baghdad declared its readiness to use military action, at least to hold Kirkuk. Don't believe news reports that the US and its allies oppose this referendum. Note the absence of any diplomatic effort by Washington to help reach a compromise and avoid another period of strife there.



[200,000 Israelis Expected in "Kurdistan" Once Independence Is Declared](#)

By [Voltaire](#), September 25, 2017

The Israeli Prime Minister is the only head of government to have publicly declared his support of the creation of an independent Kurdistan outside the historic Kurdish territory (which would also be to the detriment of the indigenous populations).



[Kurdistan and the Unity of Iraq: A Referendum in a Powder Keg](#)

By [Nermeen Al-Mufti](#), September 18, 2017

The Turkmen and Arab blocs in the Kirkuk Provincial Council in August boycotted the meeting, which was attended by 24 of its 41 members, including governor Karim. Twenty-two voted in favour of participating in the referendum, leading to denunciations from the Turkmen and Arab members, who said it was unconstitutional and represented only the policy of the Kurds.

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