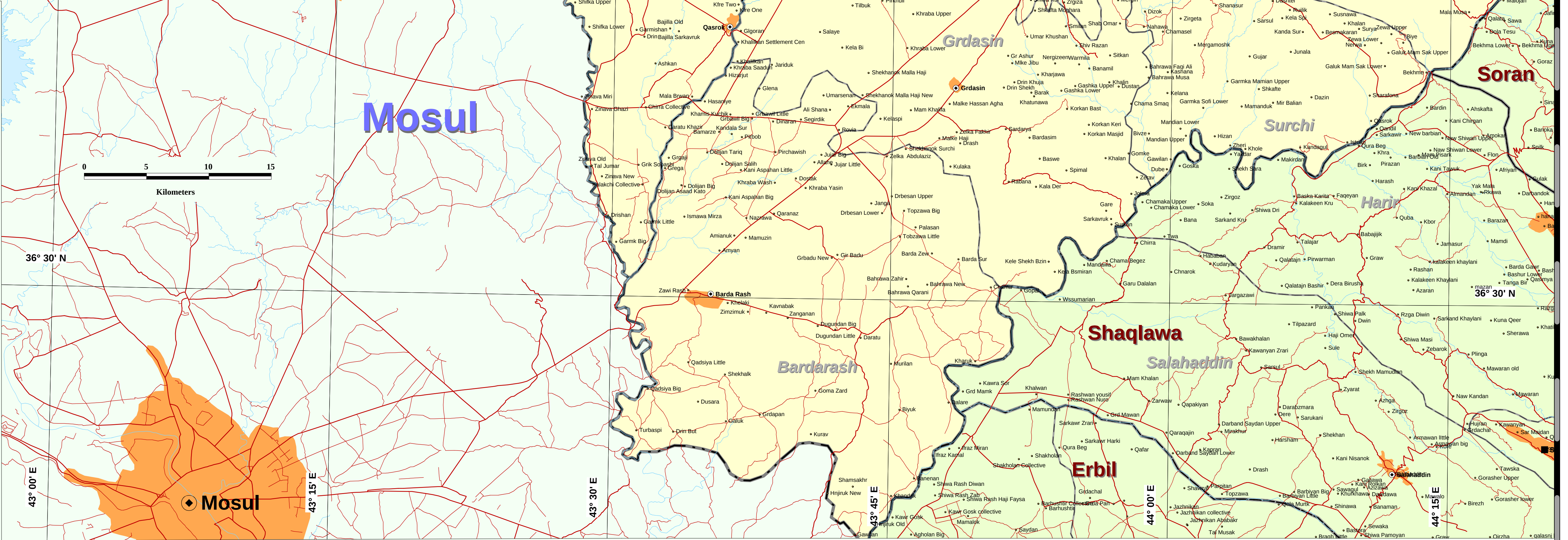




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Duhok Governorate

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Akre District:

Population No. 152600, male 77826, female 74774, IDPs 3570, returned IDPs 1986. Ethnic composition: 98.5% Kurds, 0.01% Chaldo- Assyrians. This district has five sub districts, Akre center, Dinarta, Bjeel, Bardarash, and Grdaseen, and 325 villages. The main town is Akre, which is located among the mountains, but there is a plain from the South. Akre is 138 km from the center of Dahuk, which is equal to two hours by car. It has a rainy and snowy winter, a dry summer, but mild fall and spring. There are some tourism sites like Tavga waterfall, Grbeesh, Galy Znta and Sepay Bjeel. The economic condition is good. Unemployment rate is high in the center of Akre town. There are about 34 minefields; most of them are in Bjeel and Denarta sub districts. Literacy rate is 65%.

Shekhan District:

Population No. 56500, male 28815, female 27685, IDPs 4482, returned IDPs 414. Ethnic composition: 99.99% Kurds, 0.01% Chaldo- Assyrians. The district consists of four sub districts. Shekhan center, Atrush, Qasrok, and Ba'dre, and 196 villages, of which 44 are destroyed by the former Iraqi regime. Shekhan district has a rainy and snowy winter, hot summer, but lovely fall and spring. The economic condition is low in most of the area. The roads are in good condition, but need to be paved. Some IDPs from the villages of Amedi district have settled down in Baldesha camp due to insecurity in the area, and now they cannot return because their villages are destroyed. There are a number of minefields in this district; most of them are around Atrush town. Rate of literacy is 70%.

Zakho District:

Population No. 172000, male 87720, female 84280, IDPs 39000, returned IDPs 4000. Ethnic composition: 96% Kurds, 3.7 Chaldan, 0.3% Armen. The district has three sub districts and 190 villages, of which 104 are evacuated. The main town is Zakho. Generally, summers are hot, winters are rainy and snowy. Zakho is known of Sindiy plain, Khboor river, and the ancient Dalal Bridge. Most lands are mountainous; the roads cannot be used easily. There are 96 minefields in Zakho district, especially in the border areas with Turkey and Syria. There are many UXOs in remaining military camps, observation points and military bases. Literacy rate of population is 76%.

Semel District:

Population No. 48500, male 45760, female 42240, IDPs 40000, returned IDPs 11330. Ethnic composition: 99.1% Kurds, 0.4% Assyrians, 0.2% Armen, 0.1% Arabs. The district has two sub districts: Batel and Fayda. Generally, there are 180 villages and collective towns. The main towns are Semel center and Batel, with some collective towns, which are Tanathy Shary, Khanka, and Misery. Semel is located on the plain near Mausil Lake. The district center is 14 km from Dahuk center. It is rainy in winter, dry in summer, but nice and mild in fall and spring. The people in this district depend on agriculture and animal husbandry. Many of the families have started to return to the area since 1991. The mountainous areas near Asha, Trikha, Qadiya, Haiyya, Hizhrika, and Fayda sub district are contaminated with mines and UXOs. Literacy rate of population is 65%.

Rapid Informations about Duhok Governorate Districts

Amedi District:

Population No. 62500, male 31875, female 30625, IDPs 45425, returned IDPs 1450. Ethnic composition: 92% Kurds, 8% Assyrians. The district is consisted of four sub districts: Amedi, Deraluk, Sarsink, and Kanimasy. Total No. of settlements in the district is 378. Bamary and Chamanky are new sub districts in the area. Situated between Gara & Mateen Mountains, Amedi is the main town and district center, located on the top of a plateau in the remains of an old castle. There are many collective towns in the district including: Sheladza, Qadsh, and Kwana. 38% of villages are inhabited, and 62% of them are evacuated for various reasons. There is one main road to the district center. Despite the availability of water from the rivers of Zey, Rusheen, and Signa, the economic condition of the district is poor. Agriculture income is low. The landscape consists of mountains and hills. Winters are rainy and snowy. The main roads are in good condition. There are about 210 minefields, most of them not cleared. Literacy rate is 70%.

Dahuk District:

Population No. 250000, male 127500, female 122500, IDPs 11474. Ethnic composition: 95.7 Kurds, 2.8% Assyrians, 1.5% Cheldans. Dahuk district consists of three sub districts: Dahuk, Zawita, and Mangesh, with 120 villages- 30% of which are deserted. The main city is Dahuk Governorate. Most of the lands are mountainous. There is a dam in the north of the city center, which was used for irrigation, but later became a source of potable water. Some villages of this district are destroyed or evacuated. These reasons made people to migrate from their villages to the sub district centers and live in the public buildings or share houses with other families. The road condition is generally good, except some far villages that are hard to access, especially in winter. The economical condition in the district center is good, but the people in the sub districts depend on low agriculture income. There are 122 minefields in Dahuk district. Literacy rate is 70% of population.

Duhok Governorate Base Map

Administration and Management

These forms represent administration units

Erbil Governorate
Shaqlawa District center
Ainkawa Sub_district center
Hasarok Others

Legends

- International boundary
- Governorate boundary
- District boundary
- Sub_district boundary
- Built Area
- Lake
- River
- Governorate center
- District center
- SubDistrict center
- Others
- Major Road
- Secondary Road

Information Sources

Most of the information on this map is collected by the Area Team Leaders of (JHIC). The rapid information about the districts is taken from JHIC product (Rapid District summaries), and the Administration boundaries are drawn by the former Iraqi Government in 1989. In the next version, we will draw the administration boundaries according to Kurdistan Region Government institution. Date of data collection: end of 2003

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