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GWER-HAMDANIYA BLOCK

A highly strategic, on-the-ground demographic, geopolitical, and security due diligence risk assessment in the contested boundaries of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI).

GEOPOLITICAL & MAPPING CONTEXT

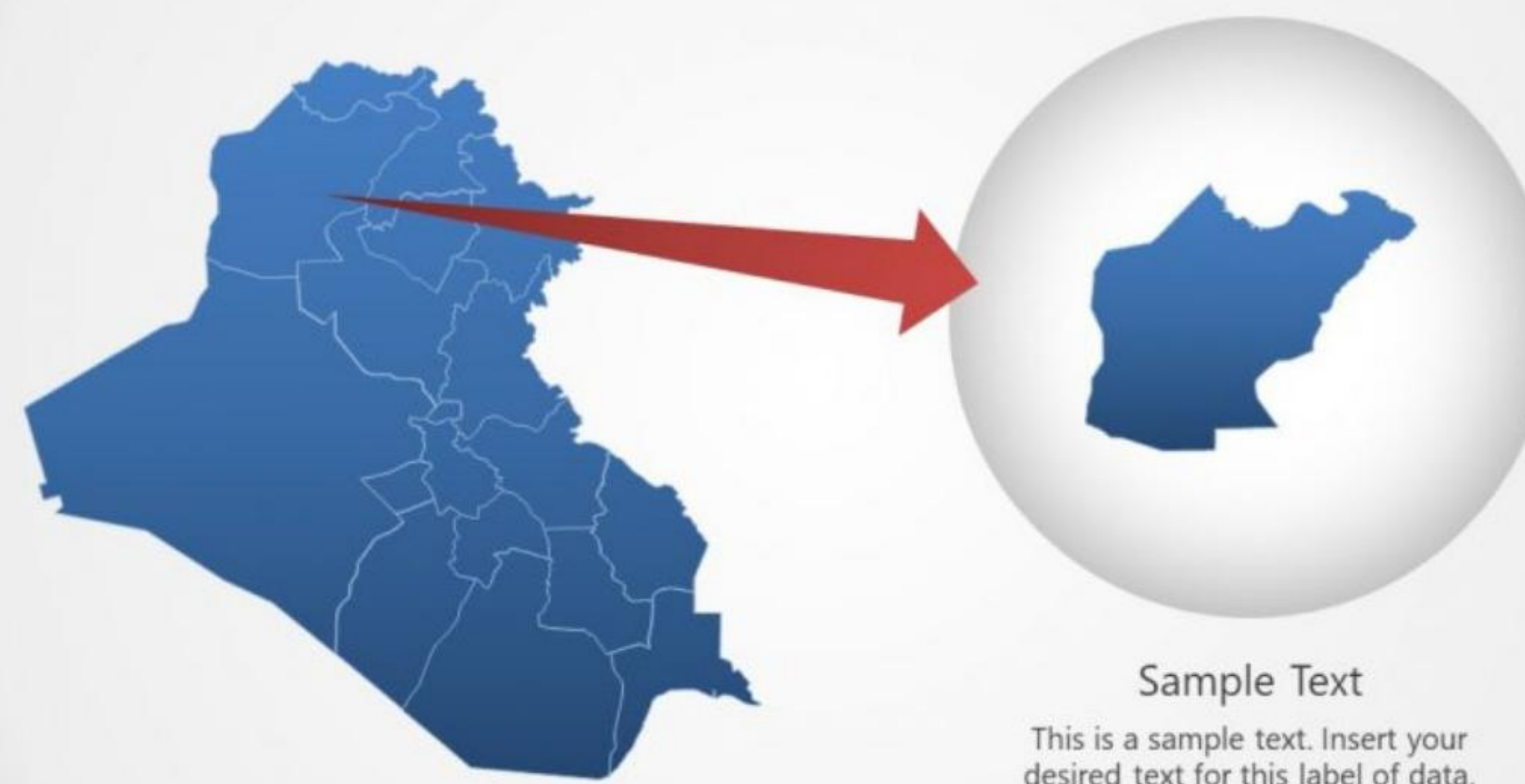
THE DISPUTED BORDERLANDS

The concession lies precisely within the disputed territories running along the historic **2003 Green Line**, overlapping Ninewa and Erbil boundaries.

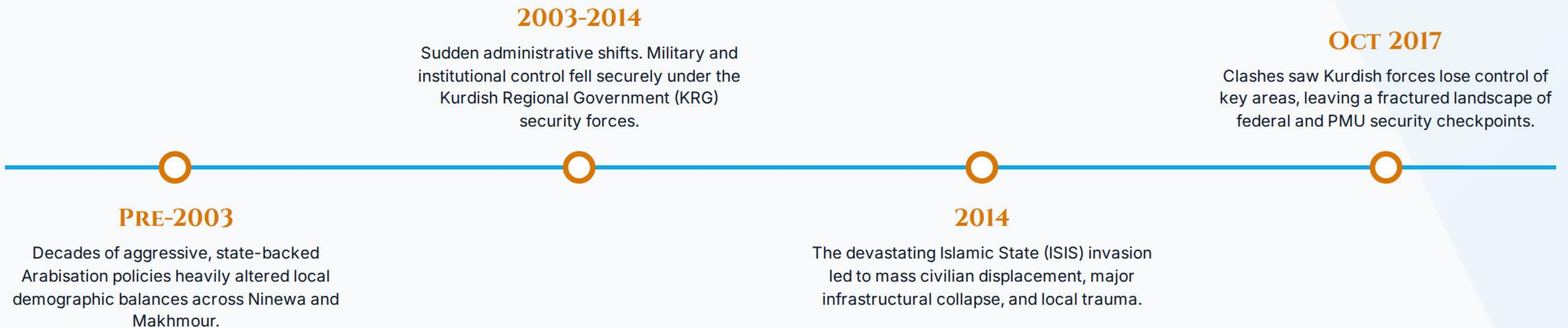
Spanning the complex sub-districts of **Hamdaniya Centre, Bartella, Nimrud, and Gwer**, the block is situated directly within contested administrative spheres of Erbil and Baghdad.

This critical location exposes any operator to conflicting regulatory frameworks, overlapping legal demands, and dual-jurisdictional compliance vulnerabilities.

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HISTORICAL CONFLICT TIMELINE



CONCESSION & CONTRACT HISTORY

OWNERSHIP & INACTIVITY

The Gwer-Hamdaniya concession is formally held **80% by Komet Group** and **20% by the KRG**. Despite this allocation, there remains **zero visible operator execution or activity on the ground** to this date.

LITIGATION & AWARD ORIGIN

The concession has a complex history tied directly to Komet Group's previous corporate track record in the KRI. This includes a heavily disputed farm-out and a major lawsuit that was ultimately settled by the award of this specific block.

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL RISK INDEX

9.0

EXTREME RISK RATING

CONSOLIDATED RISK PROFILE

Carduchi Consulting rates the overall operating landscape as **Extreme Risk** across major variables (scale 1–10):

Political: Extreme (Rating: 9.0) — Fragmented control and active disputed territorial claims.

Social: Extreme (Rating: 9.0) — Intense ethnic and sectarian mistrust and historical friction.

Security: Extreme (Rating: 9.0) — Severe militia proliferation and lingering IS cell operational hazards.

Environmental: Medium (Rating: 5.0) — High river stress, wildfires, and legacy physical damage.

DEMOGRAPHIC COMMUNITIES PROFILE



CHALDEAN & ASSYRIAN

Concentrated heavily around Bakhdida and Bartella. Many align with localized self-defense groups and the Ninewa Plains Protection Units (NPU).



SHABAK & KAKAI

Key localized minority demographics. The Shabak demographic leans toward protective integration within federal PMU networks for defense.



ARAB & KURDISH

Factions with contrasting territorial claims and deep-seated political views, heavily shaped by historic land claims and sovereignty shifts.

FRAGMENTED SECURITY LANDSCAPE

CHECKPOINT REALITIES

Security across the concession block is highly localized rather than centralized, split between rival armed groups and regional governments.

Operators must actively navigate Peshmerga checkpoints in Gwer and Erbil fringes, alongside PMU-affiliated checkpoints in Bartella and Hamdaniya.

This fragmentation presents acute security risks, including localized tactical confrontations, extortion, and systemic supply-chain choke points.



LOCAL ARMED ACTORS PROFILE

SECURITY FORCE	DOMINANT AREA OF CONTROL	COMMAND AFFILIATION	SANCTIONS & LEGAL EXPOSURE
KDP Peshmerga	Gwer & Erbil Fringes	KRG Ministry of Peshmerga	None; recognized regional state actor
Hashdi Shabak (PMU 30)	Bartella & Nimrud Sub-districts	PMU Central Committee (Baghdad)	Command leadership flagged by international monitors
Babylon Brigades (PMU 50)	Hamdaniya Core	PMU / Federal Finance Ministry	Senior leadership under active US Treasury Sanctions
Ninewa Plains Protection (NPU)	Christian Communities (Local)	Autonomous Local command / Baghdad	None; localized community defensive force

| LOCAL GROUND TRUTH QUOTE

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“THE REASON WE SUPPORT HASHDI SHABAK IS THAT ITS MEMBERS
COME FROM THE VILLAGES AND TOWNS HERE.”

— Local Shabak Tribal Leader, on why communal trust aligns with local militias over federal state institutions

SOCIO-ECONOMIC RISK DRIVERS

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

The block faces high **river system stress**, frequent agricultural wildfires, and severe legacy contamination from the 2014-2017 conflict. Operators must plan for specialized remediation and robust community water-protection protocols.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC REALITIES

Extreme local unemployment, broken educational systems, and lack of state-backed infrastructure act as massive risk multipliers. Incoming operators will face immediate, highly aggressive pressure to deliver employment and direct economic benefits.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT STRUCTURE



BLOCK & CONTRACT HISTORY

Analysis of concession terms, Komet Group's corporate trajectory, and the political drivers behind the award.



MILITIA & SANCTIONS ANALYSIS

Exhaustive profiles of armed actors, detailing command lines, areas of control, and leadership sanctions exposure.



SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC DEEP-DIVE

Mapping ethnic concentrations, tracking post-conflict displacement/returns, and establishing local expectations.



ACTIONABLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Frameworks for conflict-sensitive stakeholder engagement, environmental mitigation, and jurisdictional navigations.

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