



KURDISTAN

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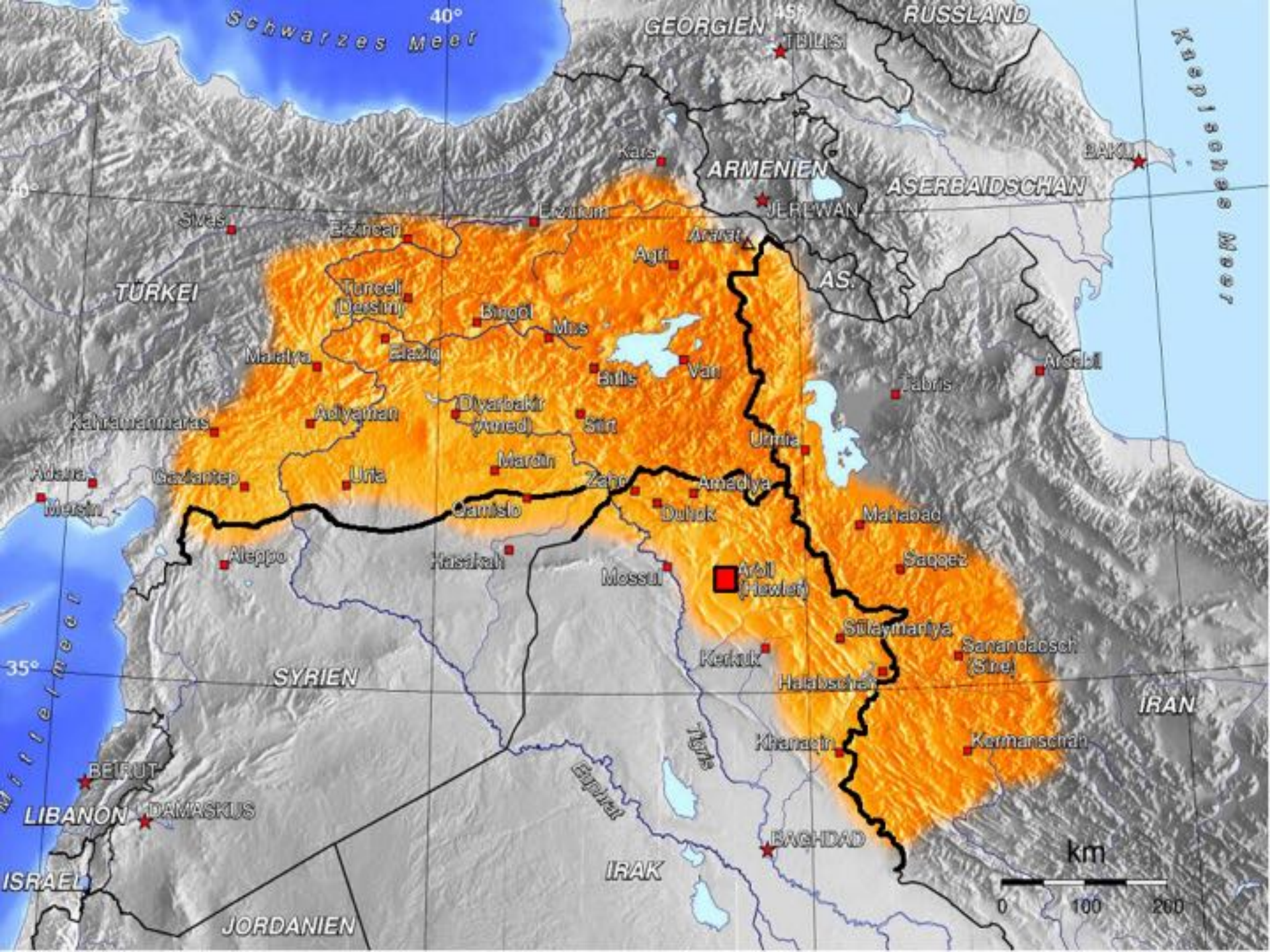


KURDS

- ✘ Kurds are the largest nation in the world without having a country of their own..
- ✘ They are over 35 million people mainly scattered in turkey with a population of 20 million, Iraq with 6 million, 7 million in Iran and around 3 million in Syria.

HOW THEIR HOMELAND GOT DIVIDED?

- ❖ After world war one and with the dissolution of the ottoman empire, the Kurdish-majority territories were divided between the newly formed states of Iraq, Iran, Syria and Turkey, making Kurds a significant ethnic minority in each state.



AND HERE BEGAN THE PERSECUTION

- ❖ **Kurdish nationalist movements have long been suppressed by Turkey, Iran and the Arab-majority states of Iraq and Syria, all of whom fear loss of territory to a potential independent Kurdistan.**

KURDISTAN REGION

- ❖ Is located in the north of Iraq and constitutes the country's only autonomous region
- ❖ the region is officially governed by the Kurdistan Regional Government , with the capital being ERBIL
- ❖ It consists of three other cities which are (sulaymaniyah, duhok, halabja)



KURDISTAN REGION

- ❖ And because the Kurds do not have their own sovereign state they have faced genocide and ethnic cleansing by the regimes that have ruled them.
- ❖ And ANFAL is one of the examples.

ANFAL

- ❖ The Al-Anfal campaign also known as the Kurdish genocide, operation Anfal, or simply Anfal, was a genocidal campaign against the Kurdish people (and other non-Arab populations) in northern Iraq, led by Ali Hassan al-Majid in the final stages of Iran–Iraq War.
- ❖ ANFAL was systematic attacks that targeted the Kurds of northern Iraq, it consisted of eight stages altogether







WHEN DID ANFAL START?

- ❖ Anfal operations started in 1987
- ❖ Which led to :
- ❖ Destruction of 4500 villages
- ❖ And a massacre of civilian population (182,000 people were killed)
- ❖ Arabization (kurds in kirkuk, khanaqin and sinjar were replaced by settlers from Iraq's Arab majority.)

HALABJA

- ❖ **HAJABJA chemical attack was a part of the ANFAL operations which :**
- ❖ **5,000 people were killed within hours and thousands more died of complications and 10,000 were injured and it caused birth defects in the years after the attack.**









IT CONTINUED UNTIL THE UPRISING OF 1991



IRAQ LIBERATION 2003

- ❖ fortunately after the liberation of Iraq in 2003
- ❖ Kurdistan started to rise and flourish in so many aspects.









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PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESOURCES

- ✘ controlled parts of Iraqi Kurdistan are estimated to contain around 45 billion barrels ($7.2 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^3$) of oil, making it the sixth largest reserve in the world. Extraction of these reserves began in 2007.
- ✘ Kurdistan is a naturally rich Iraqi Region. The soil also contains a lot of minerals, such as: sulfur, phosphate, uranium, copper, iron, lead, zinc, nickel, and marble.

NEWROZ

- ❖ Newroz is the first day of spring and the kurdish new year.
- ❖ Kurdish nation celebrate Newroz every year on march 21st .
- ❖ They wear kurdish traditional costumes.

FIRE AS A SYMBOL OF VICTORY









NATIONALITY

- ✘ KURDS are KURDS because they are simply not ARABS, TURKISH, PERSIAN.
- ✘ They have their own language, culture, flag, parliament, and their own history.
- ✘ Kurds have all the elements of a nation.

KURDISTAN FACING TERRORISM

- ❖ After ISIS attacks on kurdistan, the yezidi kurds have faced another genocide on the hands of ISIS.







SECURITY IN KURDISTAN

- ✘ The Kurdistan region of Iraq has a stable security situation in which it operates. This region compared to other regions in Iraq is known to be the safest region in the area.
- ✘ The Kurdistan Region Security Council is a high-level national security council in Iraqi Kurdistan that protects Kurdistan from internal and external threats.



PESHMARGA

- ❖ PESHMARGA now is the only effective force that faces ISIS successfully in this fight.
- ❖ PESHMARGA is fighting for the world .

















MASOUD BARZANI

- ❖ Is the president of Kurdistan and peshmarga leader.
- ❖ He joined the peshmarga force when he was 16 years old.









MASOUD BARZANI

(I was born in the shadow of the KURDISTAN flag,
and I am ready to serve and die for that same
flag)

MASOUD BARZANI

THANK YOU

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