

**Country/entity** Iraq

**Region** Middle East and North Africa

**Agreement name** A Pact of Honor for the Tribes in Al-Ayadiyah Sub-District

**Date** 9 Aug 2018

**Agreement status** Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim arrangement** Yes

**Agreement/conflict level** Intrastate/local conflict

**Iraq Wars and the Iraqi Insurgency (1989-1990) (2004 - )**

In the aftermath of the Iraq-UN conflict following President Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in 1989, the UN enforced no-fly zones and set up a monitoring commission of the arms capacity of the Iraqi government. By the late 1990s, Iraqi officials had increased their resistance against the implementation of these programmes. In the aftermath of the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York, the U.S. accused the Iraqi government of having weapons of mass destruction. In 2003, a U.S.-led coalition overthrew the government of Saddam Hussein, but failed to maintain security in the country as ex-Bathist and Islamist groups launched a counter-campaign. Violence reached a peak in 2006 as the conflict took on sectarian traits leading to mass human rights violations by domestic Sunni and Shi'a groups, as well as occupying forces. Despite the failure to stabilize the country, the U.S.-led forces withdrew in December 2011. Since then Iraq has effectively been split into three territories based on ethno-religious identity including the Shi'a in the south, the Kurds in the north, and a Sunni band in the middle, which is currently occupied by the organisation known as the Islamic State (formerly of Iraq and the Levant).

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Iraq Wars and the Iraqi Insurgency (1989-1990) (2004 - )

**Stage** Framework/substantive - partial

**Conflict nature** Inter-group

**Peace process** Iraq Post-ISIS local agreements

<b>Parties</b>	<p>Parties describe themselves as tribal leaders, elders, government representatives and security officials under the following titles:</p> <p>Elders, tribal and community leaders of Al-Ayadiyah</p> <p>Representatives of Higher Committee for Coexistence and Social Peace at the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers</p> <p>Local government in Nineveh Governorate and in Tal Afar District</p> <p>(see in document images of signatory names in original language)</p>
<b>Third parties</b>	<p>Sanad for Peacebuilding organization</p> <p>United States Institute of Peace (USIP)</p>
<b>Description</b>	<p>The agreement is part of wider process aiming to prevent violence at the local level and addresses the need to establish a system of justice while seeking to comprehensively take apart the region's affiliations to Islamic State. Provisions address the overall need to create conditions of coexistence between communities and local and central government in Al-Ayadiyah, adopting inter-tribal dialogue consultations and setting out facilitation for return of internally displaced persons and reaffirming the rule of law. Substantively the agreement also includes provisions which address victims and the families of victims of acts by ISIS, calling for justice in accordance with state laws and traditional tribal laws. The agreement also has extensive provisions addressing extremist use of media to encourage violence.</p>

<b>Agreement document</b>	<p><a href="#">IQ_180809_A Pact of Honor for the Tribes in Al- Ayadiyah Sub-District.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a></p>
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**Groups**

<b>Children/youth</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Racial/ethnic/national group</b>	No specific mention.

**Religious groups** Groups→Religious groups→Substantive  
Page 2, Sixth:  
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**Indigenous people** No specific mention.

**Other groups** No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced persons** No specific mention.

**Social class** No specific mention.

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## Gender

**Women, girls and gender** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** Page 2, Third:  
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## State definition

**Nature of state (general)** Page 2, Seventh:  
Priority shall be given to national identity over other identities, emphasize coexistence and social peace, renounce all forms of violence and extremism, support and strengthen state institutions, commitment to moderate discourse and acceptance of the other.

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border provision** No specific mention.

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## Governance

**Political institutions (new or reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

**Electoral commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** Page 2, Fifth:  
The Local Peace Committee in Tal Afar and the local community activist committees to adopt a solution to the problems behind wisdom and dialogue between individuals and groups for the post-ISIS era.

**Traditional/  
religious leaders**

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**Public  
administration**

No specific mention.

**Constitution**

No specific mention.

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**Power sharing**

**Political power  
sharing**

No specific mention.

**Territorial power  
sharing**

No specific mention.

**Economic power  
sharing**

No specific mention.

**Military power  
sharing**

No specific mention.

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## Human rights and equality

**Human rights/RoL general** Page 2, Second:  
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Page 2, Fourth:  
To support and strengthen the rule of law and enable the judicial authorities to achieve justice and practice punishment on criminals belonging to terrorist organizations. To reveal criminals, and should any unrevealing occur, to ensure that they shall shoulder the legal consequences and tribal norms followed in those areas in accordance with the rule of law.

**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

**Treaty incorporation** No specific mention.

**Civil and political rights** No specific mention.

**Socio-economic rights** No specific mention.

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### Rights related issues

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** Page 2, Third:  
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**Media and communication**

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Governance of media  
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Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other  
Page 3, Ninth:

To address the malicious and false allegations or those who use the security institutions to practice revenge against innocent people by accusing them of ISIS affiliation without the provision of evidence. They shall be held accountable by the security and tribal rule, and their names shall be published publicly.

**Mobility/access**

No specific mention.

**Protection measures**

No specific mention.

**Other**

No specific mention.

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**Rights institutions**

**NHRI**

No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions**

No specific mention.

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**Justice sector reform**

**Criminal justice and emergency law** No specific mention.

**State of emergency provisions** No specific mention.

**Judiciary and courts**

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**Prisons and detention**

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**Traditional Laws**

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
Page 3, Eleventh:  
Work shall be done between the sons of Al-Ayadiyah and the sons of their surrounding tribes under the articles of this document taking into consideration their observations for their development.

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** No specific mention.

**Business** No specific mention.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

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## **Land, property and environment**

**Land reform/rights** No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** No specific mention.

**Environment** No specific mention.

**Water or riparian rights or access** No specific mention.

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## **Security sector**

**Security Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

<b>Police</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Armed forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>DDR</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	<p>Page 2, First: To disavow ISIS and all criminal terrorist organizations and their members and affiliates who committed murder, displacement, kidnapping, incitement and threats and the looting of money from citizens and all crimes against the law.</p> <p>Page 2, Sixth: The head of each tribe and sub-tribe shall provide information about ISIS affiliates, all those who cooperate with them and suspicious persons to the security authorities. Agreed regulations shall be considered on eliminating extreme Takfiri ideology and punishing the perpetrators.</p>
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	<p>Page 2, First: To disavow ISIS and all criminal terrorist organizations and their members and affiliates who committed murder, displacement, kidnapping, incitement and threats and the looting of money from citizens and all crimes against the law.</p> <p>Page 2, Fourth: To support and strengthen the rule of law and enable the judicial authorities to achieve justice and practice punishment on criminals belonging to terrorist organizations. To reveal criminals, and should any unrevealing occur, to ensure that they shall shoulder the legal consequences and tribal norms followed in those areas in accordance with the rule of law</p>

**Drugs**

No specific mention.

**Terrorism**

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Page 3,

...May Allah help us to serve our beloved country and our regions and pray to Allah to bless the souls of our martyrs, and the shame and humiliation to all those who supported terrorism and extremism in Iraq and the entire world....



**Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

**Courts** Transitional justice→Courts→National courts  
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**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.

**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** Page 2, Third:  
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**Missing persons** Page 2, Third:  
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**Reparations** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** Page 1,  
...With the defeat of this criminal organization by the Iraqi army, the federal police, the Peshmerga, Hashid and volunteers from the tribes who were determined to get rid of the effects of that dark period and restore life to Al- Ayadiyah again, we as the elders, tribal and community leaders agree on the following articles to be the general and comprehensive framework of peaceful coexistence in Al-Ayadiyah sub-district...

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## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/ similar** No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism** No specific mention.

**Related cases** No specific mention.

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