



Investment Guide

Kurdistan Region-Iraq

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Law No. 4 of 2006 Law on Investment in the Kurdistan Region–Iraq



Enactment of Investment Law No. 4 of 2006

Reasons Requiring the Law

This law was promulgated to: create a climate that promotes investment in the Kurdistan Region-Iraq; remove legal obstacles; open the way for investment of national and foreign capital jointly or separately in projects that contribute effectively to the economic development process; grant facilities, promotional incentives, and tax exemptions for invested capital; and create a specialized Board of Investment to regulate the various aspects of investment operations in the region.

Board of Investment

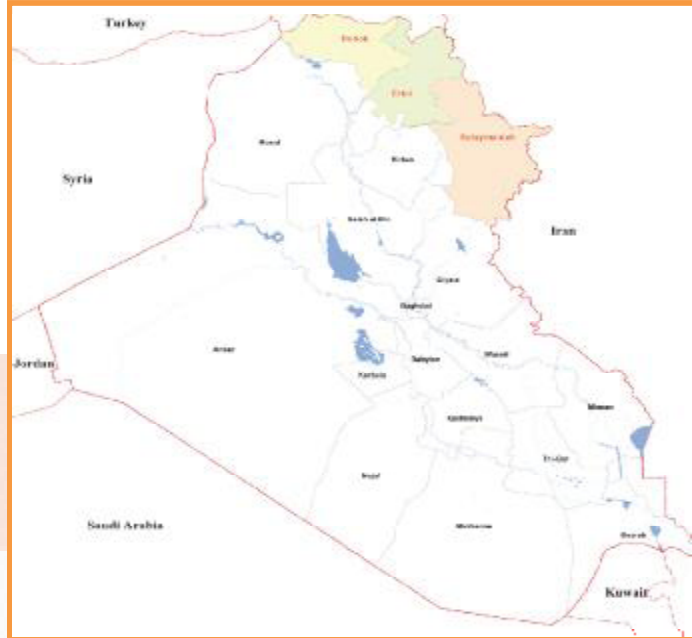
The Board of Investment is an independent legal person that provides for a favorable climate for investment and is responsible for regulating and developing investment in the Kurdistan Region-Iraq.

The Board has issued this guide to serve as a reference for investment in the Region by domestic and foreign investors. This guide includes a summary of the investment environment in the Region according to the various economic sectors. It also clarifies the means for taking advantage of Investment Law No. 4 of 2006.

The Kurdistan Region-Iraq is distinguished by its plentiful natural resources, including minerals, oil, and water resources, fertile land, and specialized, competent human resources. The Kurdistan Region enjoys a climate suited to agriculture, depending on the various seasons.

The Government of the Kurdistan Region [continues] to play a vital role in achieving national unity in Federal Iraq and in firmly establishing the principles of democracy and the rule of law. It works to provide and guarantee all facilities required by investors for development and economic advancement.

Map of the Kurdistan Region-Iraq



Vision

The Board of Investment in the Kurdistan Region, in cooperation with the relevant government agencies and institutions, encourages domestic and foreign investment to achieve development and economic growth.

Objective

Action to create investment opportunities and a favorable investment climate, and to rebuild Iraq, starting with the Kurdistan Region.

Basic Information on the Kurdistan Region

Area: The area of the Region totals

80,000 square kilometers, i.e., 18 percent of the area of Iraq.

Population and Population Distribution:

The population of the Region totals about 4,095,443, of whom 70 percent live in urban areas, with the rest living in rural areas.





Topography of the Region:

The Region is characterized by varying topography, including mountains, hills, plains, valleys, and water sources, all of which provide a favorable climate for investment, especially in the agriculture and tourism sectors.

Natural Resources of the Region:

- The Region features diverse water resources, e.g., rivers, lakes, groundwater, springs, and rainwater.
- It features large forested areas, most of which cover the slopes of the Region's mountains.
- The Region also enjoys enormous livestock wealth.
- The Region is enormously rich in



petroleum resources, such as natural gas, and bituminous coal, as well as iron and copper ore.

Climate of the Kurdistan Region

The climate of the Region is characterized by cold winters. The mountainous areas where snow falls become icebound in the winter. The Region is pleasant in the spring and autumn and dry and hot in the summer.

Rainfall in the Region varies. The average annual rainfall ranges from 328 mm in Khanaqin to more than 702 mm in Zakho, 969 mm in Rawanduz, 1008 mm in Akra, and 1263 mm in Penjwin. These rainfall amounts indicate that rainfall increases as one moves toward the north and northeast as a result of the higher elevations. The Region can be divided into two basic areas with respect to rainfall:

- Regions with certain rainfall: They

include the northern and northeastern areas of the Kurdistan Region-Iraq and the southern boundary parallel to the mountainous areas, where average [annual] rainfall is not less than 500 mm. Thus, agriculture in such areas depends entirely on rainfall.

- Areas with uncertain rainfall: They include semi-mountainous areas where [annual] rainfall does not exceed 500 mm. These areas have light rainfall compared to other areas and are generally subject to drought.

Governorates of the Kurdistan Region

Governorate of Erbil:

Its center is the historical city of Erbil, the capital of the Region. It is bounded by broad plains and several hills to the east. The population in the governorate is 1,431,580. Kurds comprise 93 percent of the population, which also includes Turkomans, Chaldeans, Assyrians, and Syrians.

The city of Erbil is famous for the archaeological remains of its fortress, whose history goes back beyond 6000 years BCE, and whose area totals 14,471 [square] kilometers. UNESCO considers the fortress, which remains inhabited



to this day, one of the most important archaeological sites in the world.

The climate of the governorate is dry and hot in the summer and cold and rainy in the winter. Spring is enchanting. Agriculture and the raising of livestock are the main economic activities in the governorate. Many industries, trades, and factories are spread throughout the governorate. Tourism activity has become brisk in the governorate due to the security and stability that has prevailed in the Region in general.

Governorate of al-Sulaymaniyah:

The governorate of al-Sulaymaniyah



is one of the main cities in Iraq. It was founded in the second half of the eighth century. It is linked to the east with the Iranian border. The population of the governorate is estimated at about 1,704,740, 78 percent of whom live in urban centers.

The governorate is distinguished by its natural beauty, consisting of mountains, dense forests, springs, streams, and artificial lakes, such as Dokan Dam Lake and Darbandikhan Dam Lake, all of which has made the governorate a tourism magnet for summer vacationers from other parts of Iraq and abroad.

Governorate of Duhok:

The center of the governorate is the city of Duhok, which was built in 1887 during the Ottoman Caliphate. It is



located in the extreme northwest of Iraq. Its area totals about 10,715 square kilometers, and it is 583 meters

above sea level.

Duhok is a governorate of special importance because of its history. Antiquities and sculptures have been discovered in its hills and caves. It is also characterized by a varied topography of towering, extremely rugged mountains. Mountains bound the city from all sides, giving it an enchanting appearance. A small river originating behind the large Duhok Dam descends from it. The water from the river is used for agricultural purposes and is the main drinking water source. Duhok has become one of the most beautiful tourism regions. The governorate has many health resorts at Zawita, Swara Tuka, Sarsank, Sulaf, Ashawa, Anishki, and elsewhere. The city of Duhok is famous for its many orchards and vineyards. It is even called the City of Vineyards. Development has expanded on the southern, western, and eastern sides of the city.

Areas of Investment in the Region

1. Manufacturing industries, electricity, and related services.
2. Agriculture, raising of livestock, forestry, and related services.
3. Hotels, tourism and recreation projects, and amusement parks,



4. Health and environment.
5. Scientific research, technology, and information technology.
6. Transportation and modern telecommunications.
7. Banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions.
8. Infrastructure projects, including construction, housing, roads, bridges, railroads, airports, and irrigation and dam projects.
9. Free zones, modern commercial markets, and related consulting services.
10. Education at all levels in the framework of the Region's educational policy.
11. Any project in any other sector, as decided by the Supreme Council for Investment.

Treatment of Foreign Investors

1. Foreign investors and foreign capital are treated as national investors and national capital.
2. A foreign investor who establishes a project in the Region is entitled to own the entire project.
3. A foreign investor may transfer the profits of a project and interest on his capital abroad according to the provisions of the Investment Law.
4. A foreign investor is entitled to repatriate his capital upon the liquidation or disposal of the project, provided doing so does not conflict with the provisions of law, customs procedures, and tax procedures.
5. A foreign investor is entitled to insure his project through any national or foreign insurance company.

Facilities, Exemptions, and Privileges Contained in the Investment Law

1. Exemption of projects from all taxes and non-customs duties for a period of 10 years.
2. Exemption from taxes and duties for machinery, implements, equipment, vehicles, and machines imported for a project, provided an import license is obtained.



3. Exemption from taxes and duties of spare parts imported for a project.

4. Exemption from customs duties of raw materials imported for production in a project for a period of five years.

Additional Exemptions

The Board grants additional incentives and facilities for the following investment projects:

1. Projects established in areas of the Region with the least growth.

2. Joint projects between a national investor and a foreign investor.

3. Investments in service projects, particularly hotels, hospitals, tourism villages, universities, and schools.

Facilities:

1. An investor may insure his investment project with any foreign or national insurance company that he deems appropriate.

2. An investor may employ domestic and foreign manpower.

3. Non-Iraqi employees may transfer their entitlements and wages abroad.

4. An investor may transfer all or a part of his investment to another foreign investor or to a national investor, or he may assign the project to his partner with the Board's approval after the project is completed.

5. An investor may open bank accounts for his project with national or foreign banks. The accounts may be in Iraqi dinars and/or foreign currency.

6. The Board must maintain the confidentiality of the technical and economic information pertaining to a project.

Investment License:

1. In applying paragraph 1 of Article 16 of Section 1, Chapter 4 of Investment Law No. 4 of 2006, the following shall be observed:

2. The investment activity of the project for which an establishment license is requested from the Board must be included in the economic sectors specified in Article 2, Section 2, Chapter 1 of the law.

3. A final legal judgment must not have been issued against the investor and/or project on account of a material violation of the Investment Law and the provisions of these instructions.

4. The investor, whether a natural or legal person, must not have been convicted in the past of a financial or commercial violation in the Region, in Iraq, or in any other country.

5. It shall not be permitted to grant a license, concession, or exemption that results in the violation of any treaty or international or regional agreement to which the Region or Iraq is a party.

Procedures for Granting a License to Establish an Investment Project:

The Board shall prepare an information guide for the investor that includes a description of: the procedures for obtaining a license to establish a project and for obtaining other permits and licenses required; the forms and documents that must be submitted; and any other essential information



required by the investor. The guide must include a presentation of the incentives, benefits, exemptions, and guarantees enjoyed by projects covered by the guide.

Investment applications must be submitted to the Board's main office or one of its branches in the governorates on the form prepared for this purpose.

Full data must be provided on the application form, which must be submitted with all required documents indicated on the form. Applications must be signed by investors or their authorized representatives according to regulations. Investors may submit applications to the Board by direct delivery, mail, or fax or electronically. If the Board approves an establishment license, it may issue the license only after it receives original documents in cases where such documents are required. Within three days of receiving an application, the Board must convey, to the investor who submits the application, a written or electronic receipt bearing the application registration number and date.

Applications submitted to the Board must be examined according to the provisions of the Investment Law, instructions issued pursuant thereto, and decisions issued by the Supreme

Council or the Council of the Board. A license to establish a project must be issued with the signature of the chairman of the Board or whomever he authorizes within 30 days of the date of fulfillment of the technical, legal, and economic requirements and conditions. Holidays and official breaks are not counted within the aforesaid period.

The Board must convey to the investment applicant the final decision issued regarding his application in writing by direct delivery, registered mail, electronic mail, or by any other means through which notification is made.

The concerned ministries and government departments in the Region must facilitate the immediate issuance of all necessary documents concerning matters relating to foreign investors and foreign workers, such as entry stamps, departure stamps, and residency documents.

Technical supervision and follow-up committees are to be formed in the concerned ministries in coordination with the Board to supervise, conduct field monitoring of, and ascertain the progress of the implementation of projects according to contracts and licenses granted to investors.

The distribution of areas in the Kurdistan Region according to economic growth level is as follows:

1. Developing areas - Category A: They include the boundaries of the municipalities of the cities of Hawler (Erbil) Sulaymaniyah, Duhok, and Zakhu.
2. Medium-growth areas - Category B: They include the districts of the city of Soran, Shaqlawa, Hareer, Kawiya, Raniyah, Chamchamal, Kalar, Amedy (Amadiya), and Akir (Aqra).
3. Low-growth areas - Category C: All subdistricts, areas, and villages [qasabat] in the Region not included in Categories A and B above.



Specimen of Form for Applying for an Investment License

Form (1)

This form is to be submitted to the Board of Investment in the Kurdistan Region-Iraq.

Registration Number with the Board of Investment:

Date:

Form for Applying for an Investment License

I. General information:

Name of applicant: Company Sole Proprietorship

Work address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Address of main office:

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II. Address of branch offices of the company or sole proprietorship (if any):

Country:

City:

Telephone number:

Email address:

III. Information on the authorized director of the company or representative of the sole proprietorship:

1. Full name:

2. Work location:

3. Nationality:

4. Address:

• Inside Kurdistan:

• In the original country (if any)

5. Passport no. (for a foreigner) or civil status ID (for a national):

6. Residence permit:

7. Issuing agency:

8. Date of issuance:

9. Expiration date:

IV. Type of investment: Domestic Foreign Joint

V. Type of request: New permit Expansion/modification

VI. Information on the proposed project:

Name of project:

10. Sector:

11. Location:

12. Area required:

13. Cost of project:

14. Duration of implementation of the project:

VII. Description of activity:

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VIII. Labor employed in the project:

	During implementation of the project		After completion of the project	
	Local	Foreign	Local	Foreign
Administrator				
Technician				
Worker				
Total				

IX. International experience (if any):

X. New technology used in the project (if any):

15. Requirements:

16. Treatment:

17. Budget required:

18. Source of financing:

• **Remark:** Please attach any certification or affiliation to an institution, bank, association, federation, or other.



List of Projects which the Investor/Company and its Subsidiary or Associated Branches have Implemented or Participated in the Implementation Thereof:

S	Project name	Location	Contracting entity	Date of implementation	Type of project	Cost of project
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

List of Projects which the Investor/Company and its Subsidiary or Associated Branches have Implemented or Participated in the Implementation Thereof:

a. Investment projects:

S	Project name	Location	License number and [contracting] entity	Date of license	Activity (sector)	Project cost
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

b. Other, non-investment projects:

Pledge: I pledge that the information that I have provided is correct. Otherwise, I shall bear legal responsibility.

Signature:

Requirements for the Preliminary Evaluation of Investment Projects

The investor must provide the following for the investment project:

1. Components of the project, including:

- Original architectural drawing printed on A3 paper and designed by an engineering firm or licensed engineers.
- Site plan for the project.
- Estimated capital, or estimated cost.
- Period of implementation.
- Construction method.
- Amount of water and electricity units consumed.
- Amount of labor [required] during and after implementation of the project.

2. Economic feasibility study.

3. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

4. After suitable land has been allocated for the project, the investor must prepare:

- A topographical survey map of the land; and
- A photocopy of the registration and demarcation of the boundaries.

For the Board of Investment

1. Administrative structure.
2. Activities in previous years.
3. Future investment priorities according to the Board's vision.

Government websites

Presidency of the Region	www.perleman.org
Kurdistan Parliament	www.perlemanikurdistan.com +964 750 112 6818 , +964 662230242
Council of Ministers	www.krg.org +964 66 2231905
Ministry of Planning	www.mop-krg.org
Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research	www.mohe-krg.org +964 662549158
Ministry of Trade and Industry	www.kurdistanmot.com +964 66 227 3911
Ministry of Municipalities and Tourism	www.tourismkurdistan.com +964 66 224 4394 +964 66 222 0422
Ministry of Electricity	www.krgelectric.org +964 66 227 2213
Ministry of Transport and Communications	www.moc-krg.com +964 66 223 4350 , +964 66 254 0073
Ministry of Extra – Regional Areas	www.moera-krg.org
Ministry of Culture and Youth	www.w-roshnbiri.org www.mosy-krg.org +964 66 227 2791
Ministry of Education	www.kurdistanmoe.org +964 66 223 2475

Ministry of Health	www.moh-krq.org +964 66 223 8015
Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs	www.kurdistan-molsa.com
Ministry of Finance and The Economy	+964 66 223 0251
Ministry of Justice	www.dad4kurdistan.com +964 66 224 5506
Ministry of Housing and Reconstruction	+964 66 223 0220
KRG Department of Foreign Relations	dfir@krq.com
Governorates of Erbil	www.hawlergov.org +964 66 2230118

Consulates Operational in Kurdistan Region:

Thanks to the security stabilization and economic production to the neighboring countries and the world, the Region has become a center for diplomatic representation of the following states which opened respective offices and consulates: (United States of America, United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Czech Republic, Russia, Iran, France, Spain, Austria, South Korea and the Netherlands).

Visa Information for Erbil and Sulaymaniah

It is advisable that all non-Iraqi passport holders traveling to the Kurdistan region of Iraq obtain an Iraqi visa prior to departure. The KRG offices abroad can help facilitate, as can the nearest Iraqi Embassy. For more information please contact uk@krg.org if traveling from Europe, and us@krg.org if traveling from North America. For all other inquiries, please contact dfr@krg.org

Transportation: By air

Please note airline routes and schedules to Kurdistan are expanding. Please confirm details of flights directly with the operator as they may be subject to change.

Austrian Airlines

Website: www.aua.com

Austrian Airlines sales office in

Erbil: Shaqlawa Street, Brayan Bldg Tel:

+964 66 224 5470 to 5473 Open to the Public Sunday to Thursday,

10, 00 to 15, 00

Allraq Aviation-Travel / Zagros Air

Website: www.irak-reisen.com or fly@zagros.eu

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Tel: +49 (0) 69 69 59 73 70 or +49 (0) 69 68 3073

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Atrosh Air

Website: www.atroshair.com

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Erbil:

Tel: +964 66 254 7474

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Tel: +964 (0)730 117 3317
Email: erbil@Atroshair.com

Azmar Airline

Website: <http://azmarairline.net/ku/default.aspx>
Email: info@Azmarairline.net

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Tel: +90 212 6633 718
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Mobile: +971 50 551 4161

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Tel: +964 (0)7701 571 906

Fly Air

Website:
www.flyair.com.tr/striketimiz_eng.asp
Erbil - Laveen Air, Shaqlawa St
Tel: +964 66 224 21 6970-
Email: Crestafunda (at) hotmai.com

Istanbul Ticket Office
Tel: +90 212 274 68 58

Flying Carpet

Website: www.flyingcarpet.com.lb

Ganglere Air

Website: www.gangler.net

Iraq Airways

Website: www.iraqairways.co.uk

Dubai:

Tel.: +971 50 80 44 854
Tel.: +971 50 87 55 458

Beirut:

Tel.: +961 1 747 413

Istanbul:

Tel.: +90 212 465 4087
Tel.: +90 535 379 92 05

Baghdad:

Tel.: +964 1 537 20012003/2002/

Kurdistan Airlines

Website: www.kurdistan-airline.org
Tel: +971 426 22250,
+971 431 66844
Fax: +971 426 60445

Laveen Air

Website:
www.laveenair.net/site/flightSearch.gr

Royal Jordanian Airlines

Website: www.rja.com.jo

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Tel.: +962 6 566 6823

Tel.: +962 6 566 3525

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Tel: +46 8 54 52 59 52

London:

Tel: +44 20 7878 6300

Paris: Tel: +33 1 42 65 99 80

Zagros Air

Website:

www.zagros-group.net/air/main.php

Email: Zagros_airfra@yahoo.com

Tel: +971 4 223 35 30

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Mobile: 971 507 101 456

From Kurdistan:

Tel: +964 662 245 475

Tel: +964 (0)750 447 6399

Tel: +964 (0)750 446 8394

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+964 770 217 7177

Albassat Altair Air lines

Tel.: +961 3 682 255

Tel.: +961 3 155 905

Tel.: +961 1 312 566

Accommodations

Erbil

Erbil International Hotel

(30-meter Street, overlooking the Gelgand Park)

www.erbilinhotel.com

Local tel: +964 66 223 4460

Email: info@erbilinhotel.com

Hawler Plaza

(Kurkuk Main Road /
in front of Martyr Franso Stadium)

Local tel: +964 66 222 8890 or

+964 66 251 9740

Email: Hawler_Plaza@yahoo.com

Khanzad Hotel Resort

(Salahadin High /
near Khanzad Petrol Station)

www.Khanzadresort.com

Local tel: +964 66 224 5273 or

+964 66 224 5277

Email: info@khanzadresort.com

Chwarchra

(Beside Hawramwn, near Erbil
International Hotel)

Abdul Salam Al-Barzani Street

International tel: +44 7077522836 or

+46 856630460

International fax: +44 2086347747 or

+46 856630461

Local tel: +964 66 223 1508 or

+964 66 2231509 or

+974 66 222 2650

Email: chwarchrahotell@yahoo.com

Sulaymaniah

Ashti Hotel

Sulaymaniah Salim Street

Local tel: +96453 312 0435 or

+964 53 312 7999

Abusana Hotel

Sarchnar

Local tel: +964 53 318 3497 or

+964 53 318 3498

Sulaymaniah Palace

Salim Street

Local tel: +964 53 313 4141 or

+964 53 313 4147

Duhok

Jiyan

Local tel: +964 62 722 6691 or

+964 62 722 6692

International tel: +44 7077507750

International fax: +44 7077507751

Email: jiyanhotel@yahoo.com

Lomana

Local tel: +964 62 722 1483

Dilshad Palace

Tel: +9646272276019

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Web: www.dilshad-palace.com

Email: info@dilshad-palace.com

Translation Services

Please contact the Department of Foreign Relations in Erbil at drf@krg.org to arrange for a fixer/translator.

Universities

Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research
<http://www.mohe-krq.org>

Salahaddin University, Erbil
www.salahaddin-ac.com

University of Kurdistan, Hawler/Erbil
(Teachers exclusively in English)
www.ukh.ac

American University of Iraq, Sulaymaniah
(Teachers exclusively in English)
www.auis.org/

University of Duhok
www.uod.ac

University of Koya
www.koyauniversity.org/

University of Sulaymaniah
(Currently on Website)
Hawler Medical University, Erbil
www.hawlermu.org/

Cihan University College
www.cihanuniversity.org

Libanon-French University
www.bmu-me.net

Border Entries and Airports

Erbil International Airport
www.erbilairport.net

(00964533170017, 00964533173322
Duhok-Zakho

Haj Omran
Bordering the Islamic Republic of Iran,
180 Km from north of Erbil Governorate
center.

Zakho District Center in Duhok
Governorate is located at Al-Khabour
River on the Turkish-Iraqi borders on
a paved road at a distance of 114 km

Bashmakh
Bordering the Islamic Republic of Iran
at a distance of 6 Km from Benjawin
District. It is the free trade zone.

Sulaymaniah International Airport
www.sulairport.net



Essential Telephone Numbers in Erbil City

Erbil Governorate Code is (066)

Telephone Number	Authority
102	Switchboard
2230118	Erbil Governorate
2220230 _ 2225183	Erbil Security Department
144_134_124_104	Police Department
2230292	General Directorate for Traffic
22232968	Directorate of Police for City of Erbil
2221575	Directorate of Fire Services
4569103	Medical Compound
2273883 _ 2233882_141_140	Rezgari Hospital
2262658_2262657	Amal Hospital
122	Emergency Hospital
24911_4635	Emergency Hospital
2230607	Zaniari Hospital
154_155	Al-Jumhuri Hospital
2251100	Directorate of Ainkawa Sub-District
2230275	Media Hall
2261597	Al-Thaqafa Hall
2230274	As-Sha'ab Hall
2231708	Zard Hall
2242843	Kawa Cultural Hall

Communication Centers and Internet Cafés

Telephone Number	Center Name
2230688	Ala
2234596	Mala
2229922	Asia
2223320	Brusk
2222740	Sefeen Office
2510000	Aria Phone
2537500	Tarin Net
2221842	Café Net
2222317	Hana Net

Essential Telephone Numbers in Sulaymaniah City

Telephone Code for Sulaymaniah City (053)

Seq.	Public Places	Telephone Nos.
1	Sulaymaniah Switchboard	102
2	JCC (General Information Sources)	100
3	Public Hospital	3121498
4	Directorate of Civil Health	3130353
5	Emergency	3131952
6	Directorate of Works	3180329
7	General Directorate of Electricity in Sulaymaniah	3131839
8	Principalship of Municipalities	3122311
9	Presidency of University	3131191
10	University Switchboard	3120678

11	Technical Institute	3180121- 3180122
12	Public Library	3122716
13	Directorate of Education	3189377
14	Directorate of Police	3230327
15	Directorate of Traffic	3230391
16	Sulaymaniah Security Department	3231471- 3231486
17	Directorate of Rescue	3123544
18	Directorate of Fire Services	3136772
20	Directorate of Civil Defense	115

Essential Telephone Numbers in Duhok City

722 Switchboard	7229997
724 Switchboard	7241006
Governorate Switchboard	7223982
Office of Duhok Governor	7225001
Office of Duhok Deputy Governor	7221860
Duhok Security Department	7221820
Directorate of Rescue	106
Directorate of Police	7228282
Zawita Police Station	7242545
Semil Police Station	7440311
Directorate of Police in Zakho	7330002
Zakho Police Station	7330063
Amidi Police Department (Rescue)	104
Sarsang Police Station	5226355
Bamerni Police Station	5224207
Akri Police Station	6220679

Hospitals

Hospital Name	Telephonce No.
Azadi	7602757
Emergency	7612561
Haifi for Children	7616465

Internet Cafés

Café Name	Telephonce No.
Taren Net	7613373
Zanco Net	7610438
Kurdistan Net 2	7221640
Kurdistan Net 5	7222002
Tea Rose Company	7225138

Halls

Hall Name	Telephonce No.
Mohammed Aref Jazeeri	7221159
Mamostayan	7224047
Khani/Duhok University	7224401

**Number & Types of Banks & No. of Companies in Erbil,
Sulaimanya & Duhok Gov. / 2007**

Name & Type	Number
Central Bank in Kurdistan Region	1
Commercial Bank	
Specialist Bank	4
Insurance Companies	4
National Bank	16
General Director of Rafidain Bank	1
General Director of Rashid Bank	1
Companies	6647

Branches of Al-Rasheed Bank

Seq.	Name of Branch	Name of Director	Mobile No.
1	Hawler / 17	Mustafa Ibrahim Amin	07504468459
2	Zanco / 512	Jerjes Nour El-Din Ismael	07504513987
3	Khazad	Mohammed Omar Michael	07504476173
4	Registration Bank – Erbil	Sabahat Hama Taher	07504616377
5	Nawrouz	Afaf Kamal Shaker	07504608968
6	Shireen	Nisreen Tortis Shisha	07504400904
7	Banaslawa	Surood Abdul Razaq	07504454984
8	Hamreen	Serween Ismael	07504685706
9	Shaqlawa / 78	Ahmed Khedher Mohammed Amin	07504493153
10	Dilman	Rif'at Salim Khan	07504464988
11	Dhoman	Khorshid Jameel Ahmed	07504489653
12	Barzan	Deidar Aziz Taha	07504455389
13	Khabat / 278	Nourjihan Abdullah Hamdi	07504457843
14	Zakho / 137	Zayan Abdulla Saeed	07504108456
15	Reztari / 147	Omar Mohammed Hassou	07504457629
16	Akri / 226	Soad Mustafa Ahmed	07504874435
17	Duhok Real Estate	Nafe' Abdullah Haji	07504575176
18	Ssemil	Qadriya Hasan Hussein	07504823642
19	Shikhan	Reztar Elia Saka	07504461065
20	Mantish	Shukur Mohammed Sharif	07504841709
21	Shiladzi	Suleiman Ahmed Sa'dallah	07504500966
22	Bala	Daidar	07504455389
23	Akri	Walid	07504470969

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		Asia	07709105380
		Landline	7227131
		Landline	7227132
		Landline	7227133
2	Zakho	Aria Phone	0627706492
3	Ibrahim Khalil	Aria Phone	0627712881

UN Agencies Operating in Kurdistan Region

- UNAMI
- UNICEF
- UNHCR
- FAO
- UNOPS
- UNHABITAT
- UNDP
- IOM

www.uniraq.org

South Korean Army

The Republic of Korea Zaytun Peace and Reconstruction Division in Erbil, the capital of the Kurdistan Region, has been present since September 22 2004, and has undertaken a great deal of projects with amazing success.

Last December, the South Korean Parliament decided to extend the civilian mission of the South Korean Army in Kurdistan Region until the end of 2008.

Private Sector Institutions and Entities in Kurdistan Region

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 Building: Erbil Chamber of Trade
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 ,00964662222162,
 00964662230671

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 Erbil: Opposite to Housing Apartments

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 duhok_traderoom@yahoo.com
 www.duhokchamber.org

Foreign Companies Operating in the Region

1. Erbil Governorate

Seq.	Nationality of Company	No. of Companies
1	United Arab Emirates	4
2	Germany	5
3	United States of America	10
4	Jordan	7
5	Italy	2

6	Islamic Republic of Iran	6
7	Brazil	1
8	Bermuda	1
9	United Kingdom	11
10	Turkey	28
11	Cayman Islands	1
12	Slovenia	1
13	Singapore	1
14	Sweden	2
15	China	1
16	Czech Republic	1
17	Croatia	1
18	Kuwait	1
19	Lebanon	4
20	Malta	2
21	Egypt Arab Republic	2
22	Mauritius	1

Number of registered companies in Erbil and Duhok during 2009:

Number of local companies in Erbil: 2352

Number of local companies in Duhok: 1344

Number of foreign companies in Erbil: 462

Number of foreign companies in Duhok: 51

2. Sulaymaniah Governorate

Seq.	Nationality of Company	No. of Companies
1	Azerbaijan	1
2	Jordan	6
3	Spain	1
4	Germany	5
5	United Arab Emirates	12
6	United States of America	3
7	Indonesia	1

8	Islamic Republic of Iran	87
9	Italy	3
10	United Kingdom	9
11	Bulgaria	2
12	Poland	1
13	Thailand	1
14	Turkey	145
15	Algeria	1
16	Denmark	1
17	Dominican	1
18	Russia	2
19	Slovenia	1
20	Singapore	1
21	Syria	1
22	Sweden	2
23	China	3
24	France	1
25	Cyprus	1
26	Canada	1
27	Korea	2
28	Kuwait	4
29	Lebanon	10
30	Egypt	1
31	Norway	1
32	Austria	1
33	India	1
34	Japan	1
35	Ukraine	1
Total		315

3. Duhok Governorate

Nationality of Company	No. of Companies

Exchange Rate in Kurdistan Markets for 5 May 2009

Currency	ID
US \$ 100	121,500
€ 100	190,000
Syrian Lira (SL) 1000	25,000
Iranian Touman 112	150
Jordanian Dinar (JD) 1	1,700
Turkish Lira 1 Million	1,015

Note: The rates above are changeable

GPD per Capita: (Nominal, in US dollars: \$2,200-\$2,500
(2005 Est) (World Bank, 2006: 19).

Some of the Tourist Areas in Kurdistan

1. Duhok Governorate

Zawita: This summer resort is 16 km from Duhok city, it rises 885m above sea-level and the maximum temperature in summer is 38 C°. This summer resort is characterized by its temperate climate and availability of vast areas of shadows in the forests of high pine trees for which the area is famous. The resort is full of many rest areas/houses, casinos, restaurants and private kiosks that spread on both sides of the road to Swarah Toka and Sarsang, all of which provide accommodations for summer visitors in addition to the existence of some parks that scatter inside the city and its outskirts.



Swarah Toka: This resort is characterized by the beauty of its location overlooking a ravine in an area surrounded by mountains from both sides. It also overlooks two plains on the sides of

Swarah Toka mountain chain, one of which is Bamarni Plain and the second is

Swarah Toka Plain which provides the area with nice weather and pleasant air. The area is abundant with cypress trees and various kinds of mountain fruit. Thus, the weather of Swara Toka is similar to that of the most beautiful resorts in Kurdistan.

Gali Balanda: It is a mountain strait characterized by extreme complexity and ruggedness with gorges of difficult routes penetrating Matin mountain chain from one side and Mount Shireen from the other. The area rises about 3000m above sea level at the north-eastern part of Duhok Governorate. These are newly formed flexuous mountains with intense natural vegetation cover which is mostly in the form of natural forests and bushes. It overlooks a ravine through which the river Roy Shen runs. The most important products are walnuts, green seed, almonds and various kinds of mountain fruits.

Backerman Resort: It is a large valley located along the chain of Mount Aqra, locally known as Mount Backerman, through which runs a large river formed by the confluence of Khazer and Comel tributaries. Its water flows amidst the

casinos, restaurants and private kiosks located near the resort. The river is surrounded by natural forest trees such as willows, hawthorn, gall oak, green plum, green seed, oak oleander, orchards and fruit varieties. Throngs of tourists arrive in the area from inside and outside the Governorate during summer to spend time of rest and recuperation.

Sharansh: the resort is famous for its marvelous waterfall whose water flows from the high mountains of Zquirah and Khabour, the height of which is more than 25 m. The mountains are covered with dense natural forests and several springs. The resort lies at a distance of around 40 miles from Zakho District in Duhok. Near the resort, there is a large and wide cavern which takes around half an hour on foot to reach. The cavern has an outlet in the form of a rock arcade of almost a circular shape which was formed across various geological times. In the middle of the cavern, there is a natural spring from which cold and fresh water flows on an ongoing basis and throughout the year.

Sarsang: After departing from Swarah Toka, the highway heads towards the east up to Bamarni, few kilometers away, and then to Skrien which is famous for its vineyards. At a distance from that lies Sarsang (126 kilometers from Mosul) which is one of the most attractive summer resorts in Iraq.

Sarsang resort rises around 1046m above sea level where the temperature does not exceed 34 Celsius degrees. Sarsang enjoys a beautiful climate where cold water flows from the springs through the high mountains, cypress forests, poplar groves, and endless orchards of fruit trees. There are many hotels, chalets, casinos, night clubs in Sarsang in addition to restaurants, markets across the area as well as a summer cinema, theater, popular cafés, shops and all amenities.

Solaf: Rising around 1150m above sea level, Solaf resort is located in a beautiful valley amid the mountains of Amadiyah. "Solaf" means waterfall in the Kurdish language, where water flows from the high mountains in the form of magnificent waterfalls, one of which is 30m high which makes one amazed with the magic of this place, wonderful landscape and the magnificence of the Creator. Solaf resort is abundant with trees and various fruits, in addition to a large number of caves, the most important of which is the splendid summer cave overshadowed by walnut trees and Safa cave. There are also many private hotels and restaurants.

Aneshki: This resort is located between Al-Qudesh Complex and Sarsang resort at a distance of about 9 km. It is characterized by its favorable location overlooking the plains of Sarsang. It is also characterized by its natural landscape, orchards, cold weather,

marvelous cave and famous waterfall where water flows through the casinos, restaurants, and private kiosks located near the waterfall. The recreation ground, casino and al-Kahf restaurant are the most famous places which are usually packed with tourists in the summer.

Kashani: One of the mountain resorts in the district of Zakho, distinctively located at Mount Kashan in the eastern part of mountain Sharansh. Its waters originate from the natural springs flowing from the area of (Haft Tanin). It runs through the rugged mountainous area of charming landscapes abundant with deep valleys and difficult mountainous highlands. Its water is used in agriculture, especially for fruit trees such as orchards of apples, peaches, pears, pomegranates, apricots. The area is famous for osier trees in addition to the different kinds of grapes, walnuts, and almonds.

Ashawa: The name of Ashawa (literally Ashi-Aou) means a water mill as water mills in the area used to be set up in front of the watershed and waterfalls for operation purposes. Ashawa is a resort famous for its high waterfalls with profusion of water and tall beautiful trees. These waters pool together from dozens of springs which combine to form the famous waterfall. The sight of waterfalls is extremely wonderful as if these are rocks carved by the hands of a skilful artist. The truth is that

Ashawa resort is characterized by its geomorphic nature where rocks erode by time affected by the flowing water forming a number of magnificent caves as well as forests of green plums and oak trees which contribute to softening the weather of the area and serve as a landmark for the area as these trees grow only in cold regions of freshwater which makes it one of the most fascinating areas that attract tourists to enjoy the beautiful scenery.



2- Sulaymaniah Governorate

Sarchinar: At about 5 km from Sulaymaniah, Sarchinar resort is located amidst a forest of tall trees and watersheds on a brunette land that reveals the cover on tens of thousands of olive, fig and pomegranates trees which look like a mosaic combining all colors making up a beautiful view unparalleled in any similar city in the east. In the resort, you can find many tourist houses, hotels and cafés.

Dokan Lake: the most beautiful resort

in Kurdistan and the most attractive to tourists. It is famous for its dark blue color overlooking the green hills and pine trees.



Derbandikhan Lake: one of the lakes in Sulaymaniyah and is an excellent place for boating sports and all tourism activities.



Ahmed Awa: It is one of the most marvelous mountain summer resorts that can be reached through a paved road 75 km from Sulaymaniah. These are various photos for Sulaymaniah reflecting the beauty of this city where trees and flowers

are stretched out on its soil. The other pictures show the beautiful snow in winter, which is hoped to make these places winter resorts with games and tourist places for skiing.

3- Erbil Governorate

Salah al-Din: It was built on Birmam Mountain overlooking a plain that extends up to Erbil on one side and Mount Sefin on the other. It is located at about 32 km from Erbil. It rises 1090m above sea level where the temperature does not exceed 36 Celsius degrees. It is one of the most beautiful sites in Iraq, surrounded by cypress and oak trees.



Shaqlawā
Jendian

Gali Ali Beg Waterfall: It is one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Iraq. This waterfall is 130 kilometers from the Governorate of Erbil in northern Iraq. It is characterized by its high mountains and opulent water flowing from the peaks of mountains. It was named as such after the Yezidi leader Ali Beg in

his battle against the Kurds.

Bekhal Waterfalls: Ten kilometers after the city of Rawanduz, the visitor hears the roar of water cascading down from the mountain tops on a cold green area surrounded by trees everywhere.

Derbendi Rayat: It is located at a distance of 50km from Gali Ali Beg where the most beautiful snow-covered mountains in Iraq exist. Modern hotels

were built in the area in addition to other tourist facilities.

Haj Omran: Haj Omran resort is located on the eastern northern border and to the east of Mount Hasarost at a distance of 69 kilometers from the Gali Falls. It rises about 1780m above sea level where temperatures drop at night to chilliness whereas the weather is beautiful during the day at a temperature that does not exceed 28 °C.

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