

<b>Country/entity</b>	Iraq
<b>Region</b>	Middle East and North Africa
<b>Agreement name</b>	A Pact of Honor for the Tribes in Al-Ayadiyah Sub-District
<b>Date</b>	9 Aug 2018
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	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 - )

<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Inter-group
<b>Peace process</b>	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>

**Agreement document**      [IQ\\_180809\\_A Pact of Honor for the Tribes in Al- Ayadiyah Sub-District.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

**Local agreement properties**

<b>Process type</b>	Formal structured process
<b>Rationale</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.</p>
<b>Is there a documented link to a national peace process?</b>	No

**Link to national process: articulated rationale** The process is focused on the local level.

**Name of Locale** Al-Ayadiyah

**Nature of Locale** City

**GPS Lat/Long (DD)** 36.500000, 42.500000

**Participant type** Local state actor  
Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder  
Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations  
Regional state actor

**Mediator, facilitator or similar** Mediator or similar referred to

**Mediator (references)** <https://reliefweb.int/report/iraq/iraq-announcement-peaceful-coexistence-pact-honor-tribes-al-ayadiyah-sub-district>

**Type of mediator/facilitator/similar** Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

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## Local issues

**Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)** Page 2,  
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.

**Grievance List** Page 1,  
...We herein announce the agreed principles, mechanisms and recommendations that guarantee the desired stability in Al-Ayadiyah, which has suffered from the criminal activities carried out by ISIS on large parts of our province in the middle of 2014 and previously by Al Qaeda and its agents since 2005. Our region witnessed the most heinous crimes against unarmed civilians, organized by the terrorist groups, who stood against their thoughts and behaviors, trying to sabotage the relations and bonds between Al-Ayadiyah people and those around them who have lived in peace and security for decades...

**Cattle rustling/ banditry** No specific mention.

**Social cover** 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.

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.

Page 3, Eighth:  
To prevent the return of any person who has been implicated in terrorist acts and his family members of the first degree, unless declaring their innocence before the courts provided that they are not supporters of terrorist organizations.

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.

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