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Fact Sheet: K1 Air Base, Iraq

History

- K1 Air Base is an Iraqi air force base located 15 kilometers northwest of Kirkuk.
- Kirkuk is one of the largest metropolitan areas in Iraq, and is located approximately 290 kilometers north of Baghdad.
- Since 2017, K1 Air Base has hosted U.S. and other Coalition forces who train Iraqi Security Forces to fight against ISIS.
- K1 Air Base is home to Iraqi forces from the 6th Federal Police, 61st Iraqi Army Brigade, and Counter Terrorism Service (CTS) Battalion Kirkuk.
- K1 has been used by the Iraqi CTS and the Coalition to launch multiple combined operations in the Hamrin and Mamah-Gorah mountain ranges, which extend across Kirkuk, Diyala and Salah Ad-Din provinces. These mountain ranges have the potential to provide a safe haven for terrorists.
- The Coalition is adjusting its positioning in Iraq as part of long-planned adjustments to the force, due to Iraqi Security Forces' success in the campaign against Daesh. The Coalition's military movements are conducted in coordination with the Government of Iraq. K1 will remain under Iraqi control.

Partnerships

- Iraqi Federal Police
- Iraqi Army
- Iraqi Special Forces, CTS

Departing Units

- U.S. Army
 - 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, "Arctic Wolves"
 - 5th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment
 - 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment
 - 25th Brigade Support Battalion
 - Forward Resuscitative Surgical Team
- U.S. Navy
 - Naval Special Operations Advisory Teams
 - Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Augmentees

Base Population

- Approximately 300

Equipment Transferred to Iraqis (*Approximately \$1.1 million*):

- Containerized housing units and re-locatable buildings
- Above-ground water tanks (plastic and metal)
- Generators



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- Office and dining facility equipment
- Soft-shell tents, containerized latrine and shower trailers
- T-walls (short and tall) and concrete bunkers