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Abbreviations

The list below contains abbreviations used in this study alphabetically (left column) and their meanings (written bold) in English (right column) and, when applicable, in the native language (middle column, written in italics).

AaI	<i>Ansar al-Islam</i>	Partisans of Islam
AaS	<i>Ansar al-Sunnah</i>	Partisans of the teachings
ANARD		Armed Nonstate Actor Rivalry Dataset
ANSA		Armed Non-State Actor
AQI		<i>Al-Qaeda in Iraq</i>
AQIM		<i>Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb</i>
CAS		Complex Adaptive Systems
CPA		Coalition Provisional Authority
CPS		Complex Physical Systems
DIME		Diplomacy, Information, Military, Economy
FPA		Foreign Policy Analysis
FSA		Free Syrian Army
H	<i>Hijra</i>	Migration (of prophet Muhammad)
HRE		High-Risk Ethnography
IDP		Internally Displaced Person
IED		Improvised Explosive Device
IR		International Relations
IS	<i>Ad-Dawlah al-Islāmiyah</i>	Islamic State
ISF		Iraqi Security Forces
ISI	<i>Ad-Dawlah al-Islāmiyah fī 'l-'Irāq</i>	Islamic State in Iraq
ISIS	<i>Ad-Dawlah al-Islāmiyah fī 'l-'Irāq wa-sh-Shām</i>	Islamic State in Iraq and Syria
JaN	<i>Jabhat al-Nusra</i>	<i>Nusra</i> Front
JMA	<i>Jaish al-Mubajideen wal Ansar</i>	Army of Emigrants and Helpers
JTJ	<i>Jama'at al-Tawhid wa al-Jihad</i>	Group of monotheism and <i>jihad</i>
KDP	<i>Partiya Demokrat a Kurdistanê</i>	Kurdistan Democratic Party
KNC	<i>Encûmena Nîştimanîya Kurdi li Sûriyê</i>	Kurdish National Council

Abbreviations

KRG		Kurdistan Regional Government
KRI		Kurdistan Region of Iraq
MENA		Middle East and North Africa
MSC	<i>Al-Majlis Shura al-Mujahideen</i>	<i>Mujahideen Shura Council</i>
NSA		Non-State Actor
PKK	<i>Partiya Karkerên Kurdistan</i>	Kurdistan Worker's Party
PUK	<i>Yekêtiya Nîştîmanîya Kurdistan</i>	Patriotic Union of Kurdistan
PYD	<i>Partiya Yekîtiya Demokrat</i>	Democratic Union Party
SOP		Standard Operating Procedure
SV-IED		Suicide Vest Improvised Explosive Device
YPG	<i>Yekîneyên Parastina Gel</i>	People's Defense Corps
YPJ	<i>Yekîneyên Parastina Jinê</i>	Women's Protection Unit

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