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Abbreviations

AKP	Adalet Ve Kalkınma Partisi (Justice and Development Party)
AYM	Anayasa Mahkemesi (Constitutional Court)
BDP	Barış ve Demokrasi Partisi (Peace and Democracy Party)
CHP	Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi (Republican People's Party)
CUP	İttihat ve Terakki Cemiyeti (Society for Union and Progress)
DBP	Demokratik Bölgeler Partisi (Democratic Regions Party)
DDKO	Devrimci Doğu Kültür Ocakları (Revolutionary Cultural Hearths of the East)
DEHAP	Demokratik Halk Partisi (Democratic People's Party)
DEP	Demokrasi Partisi (Democracy Party)
DFNS	Democratic Federation of Northern Syria (Federaliya Demokratik a Bakûrê Sûriyê)
Diyanet	Diyanet İşleri Başkanlığı (Directorate of Religious Affairs)
DP	Demokrat Parti (Democrat Party)
DTK	Demokratik Toplum Kongresi (Democratic Society Congress)
DTP	Demokratik Toplum Partisi (Democratic Society Party)
FSA	Free Syria Army
HADEP	Halkın Demokrasi Partisi (People's Democracy Party)
HDP	Halkların Demokratik Partisi (Peoples' Democratic Party)
HEP	Halkın Emek Partisi (People's Labour Party)
Hêvî	Kürd Talebe 'Hêvî' Cemiyeti (Kurdish Students' 'Hope' Society)

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ISIS	Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
KADEK	Kongreya Azadî û Demokrasiya Kurdistanê (Kurdistan Freedom and Democracy Congress)
KCK	Koma Civakan Kurdistan (Kurdistan Communities Union)
KDP (PDK)	Kurdistan Democratic Party (Partiya Demokrat a Kurdistanê)
KDPI (PDK-Iran)	Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan
KDPS	Kurdistan Democratic Party in Syria
KNC	Kurdistan National Council (Encûmena Niştimanî ya Kurdî li Sûriyê)
KNK	Kongreya Netawa Kurdistan (Kurdistan National Congress)
KNMC	Kürd Neşr-i Maarif Cemiyeti (Kurdish Society for the Propagation of Education)
Komala	The Revolutionary Organization of the Toilers of Iranian Kurdistan
Komalay JK	Komalay Jiyaway Kurdistan (Society for the Revival of Kurdistan)
Kongra Gel	Kongra Gelê Kurdistan (People's Congress of Kurdistan)
KRG	Kurdistan Regional Government
KRI	Kurdistan Region of Iraq
KSM	Kurdistan Socialist Movement
KSSE	Kurdish Students' Society in Europe
KTC	Kürdistan Teali Cemiyeti (Society for the Betterment of Kurdistan)
KTTC	Kürt Teavün ve Terakki Cemiyeti (Kurdish Society for Mutual Aid and Progress)
KUK	Kürdistan Ulusal Kurtuluşçuları (National Liberators of Kurdistan)
MHP	Milliyetçi Hareket Partisi (Nationalist Movement Party)
MİT	Milli İstihbarat Teşkilatı (National Intelligence Organization)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NES	Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PAJK	Partiya Azadiya Jin a Kurdistan (Freedom Party of Women of Kurdistan)
PAK	Partiya Azadiya Kurdistanê (Kurdistan Freedom Party)

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PJAK	Partiya Jiyana Azad a Kurdistanê (Party of Free Life in Kurdistan)
PKK	Partîya Karkerên Kurdistan (Kurdistan Workers' Party)
PSK	Partiya Sosyalîsta Kurdistan (Socialist Party of Kurdistan)
PUK	Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (Yekîtiya Nîştimanî ya Kurdistanê)
PYD	Partiya Yekîtiya Demokrat (Democratic Union Party)
SDC	Syrian Democratic Council (Meclîsa Sûriya Demokratîk)
SDF	Syrian Democratic Forces (Hêzên Sûriya Demokratîk)
SHP	Sosyaldemokrat Halkçı Parti (Social Democratic Populist Party)
TCK	Türk Ceza Kanunu (Turkish Criminal Code)
TEV-DEM	Tevgera Civaka Demokratîk (Movement for a Democratic Society)
TİP	Türkiye İşçi Partisi (Workers' Party of Turkey)
TKDP	Türkiye Kürdistan Demokrat Partisi (Kurdistan Democrat Party of Turkey)
TKSP	Türkiye Kürdistan Sosyalist Partisi (Socialist Party of Turkish Kurdistan)
TMK	<i>Terörle Mücadele Kanunu</i> (Anti-terror Law)
UDG	Ulusal Demokratik Güçbirliği (Union of National Democratic Forces)
Xoybûn	Being Oneself
YPG	Yekîneyên Parastina Gel (People's Defence Units)
YPJ	Yekîneyên Parastina Jin (Women's Defence Units)

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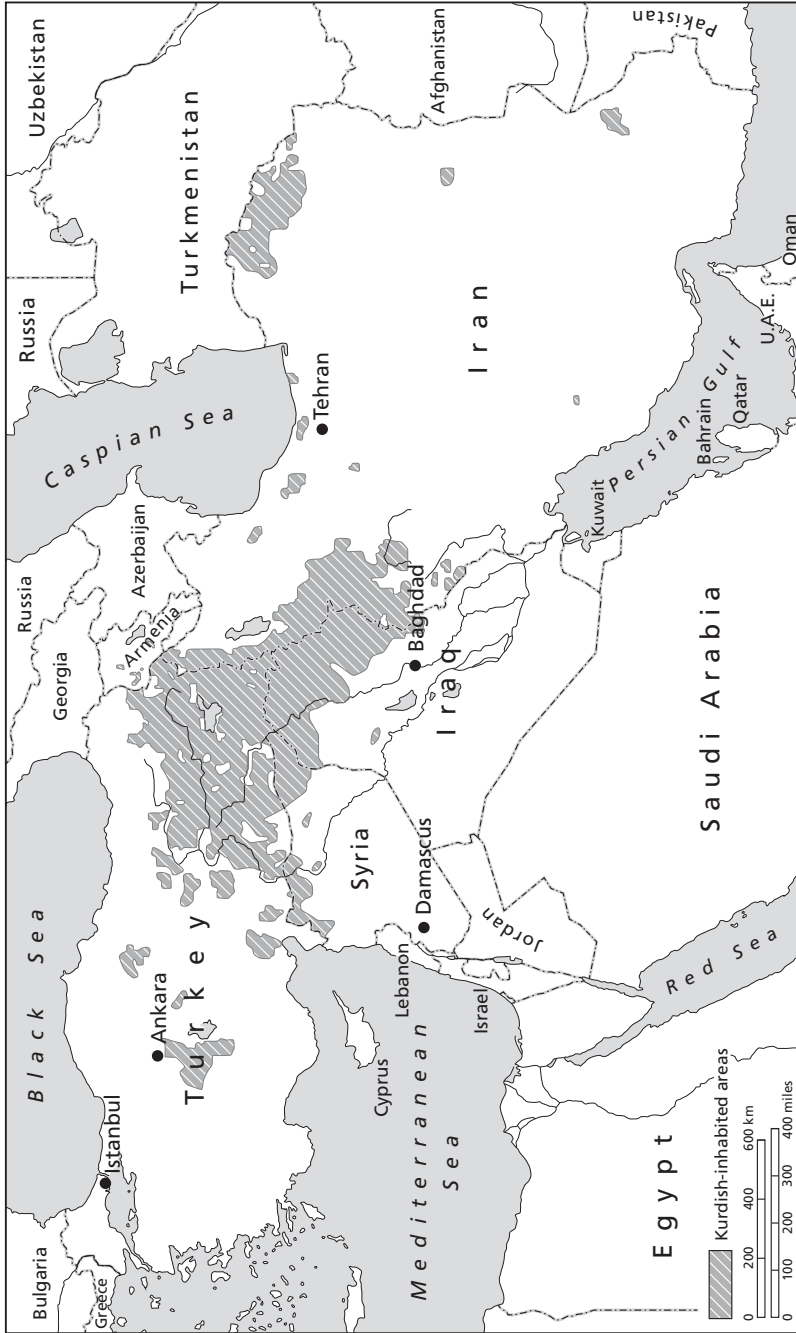
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Map 0.2 Map of Kurdish inhabited areas