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Kurdish as a percentage of total population

- Turkey: 20% - 30%
- Syria: 9%
- Iraq: 17%
- Iran: 10%
Rojava in Northern Syria

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Kurdish front line in Iraq
ISIS controlled areas in Iraq

Seized by ISIS forces 10 June

Kurdish-run provinces

ISIS controls some areas of Anbar and Nineveh

Source: AFP/BBC Reports
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