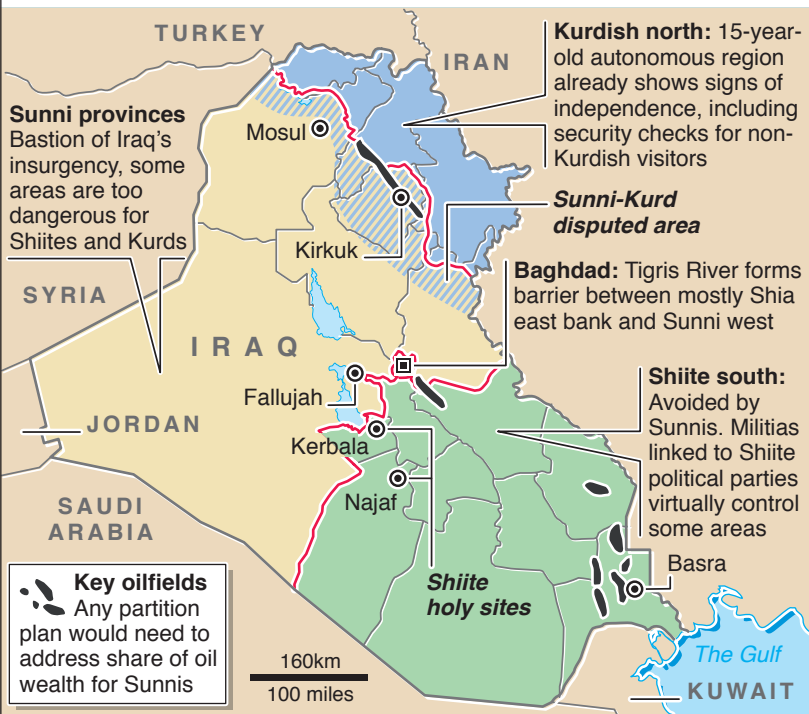


# Iraq violence leading to de facto partition

Although partitioning is not expected to be among recommendations made in the bipartisan Iraq Study Group's upcoming report, there seems to be little at the moment that the U.S. and its Iraqi allies can do to stop the country's gradual slide into de facto partition along sectarian lines



## Two-state solution

Giving Kurds and Sunnis an equal share in north would quell Turkish concerns over an autonomous Kurdish state



## Iraq partitioned in history

Present-day Iraq was cobbled together from three separate Ottoman (Turkish) provinces – called *Vilayets* – barely a century ago