

FURTHER DETAILS

IDPs who return from other districts within Kirkuk or from other governorates must fill a return form obtained from the Mayor's office with information that include names of family members, number of the HH individuals, area of displacement, history of displacement, and so on. They are also required to provide copies of personal documents of every returning HH member (mainly the Iraqi ID or Jinsiyah), the residence card of the head of HH and the camp departure letter (if displaced in a formal camp) or a letter from the Mukhtar (if displaced out of camps), before submitting the documents to the security committee for vetting. The security committee sits in the Mayor's office and normally takes two weeks to process the application. If the application is approved by the security committee, the application will be sent to the Mayor for final approval and signature. Once this final approval is granted, the IDPs receive the approved application and may return to their AoO as soon as possible.

There are four different security actors that contribute to the crosschecking of data at the Mayor's office: The Intelligence Agency (Local Police), National Security Service (NSS), PMF and the Federal Police. The return application is checked by each actor independently on their respective computer databases to verify the IDP HH's information.

At checkpoints, IDPs must present their approved security clearance document (return form), personal IDs of all HH members and a camp departure letter (for in-camp IDPs) or proof of displacement (for out of camp IDPs)

IDPs may register their return with MoMD to be eligible for a return grant.

HAWIGA GENERAL RETURN PROCESS

IDPs initiate return



IDPs obtain a camp departure letter (for in-camp IDPs) and return form from the Hawiga mayor's office, which is responsible for approving security clearance, after having received the required approvals from the security committee.



Security clearance process



Clearance process: The security committee, based in the Hawiga Mayor's office, verify the applicant's data on several databases and approve the clearance. Once this final approval is granted, the IDPs receive the approved application and may return to their AoO as soon as possible. The clearance process may take up to two weeks.



Cleared



Not cleared



Remain in displacement



IDPs return and register their return with the local mukhtar and close their displacement file with MOMD.

CONCERNS

The security situation in Al Riyadh sub-district is not as stable as the other sub-districts due to its proximity to Hamreen mountains, one of ISIL's key areas of operation. Consequently, return to this sub-district may not be considered by IDPs or may be blocked by ISF, depending on the village and location.

In cases where the males had previously joined ISIL, female-headed households must provide a legal letter from an Iraqi court proving that they have disowned or divorced their ISIL affiliated family members. Failure to provide this letter means the person/household in question will not be permitted to return.

The presence of four security actors as part of the security committee issuing security clearance (The Intelligence Agency, National Security Service, PMF and the Federal Police) implies that the security database of criminals/ suspects and wanted people is not centralized and each security entity has its own list. Therefore, should the HH data match the criminal data of any of the four factions, the application is rejected immediately.

**This flowchart information is current as of July 2020 and is subject to change. Please refer to the narrative report for an in-depth and localized description.*