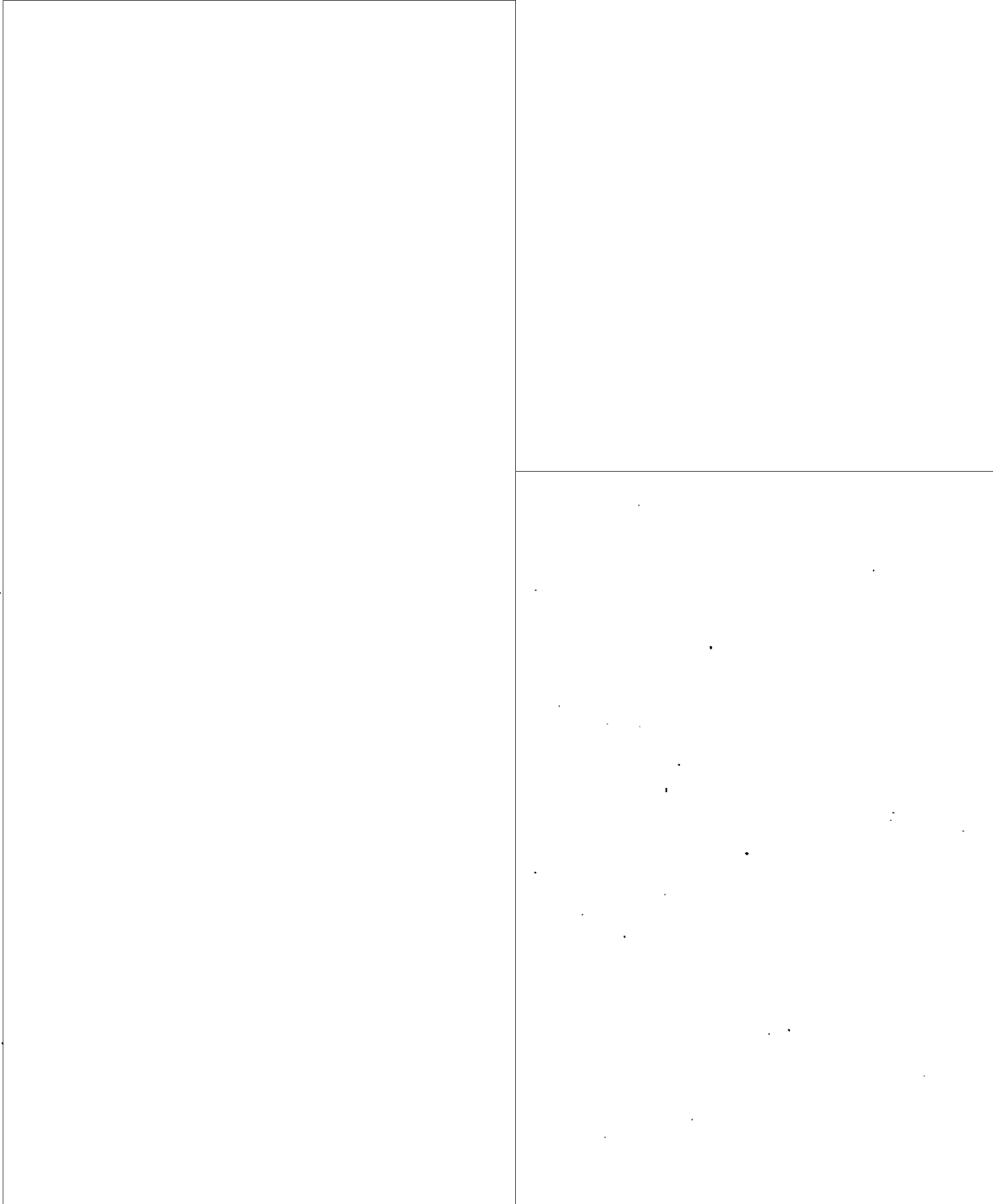


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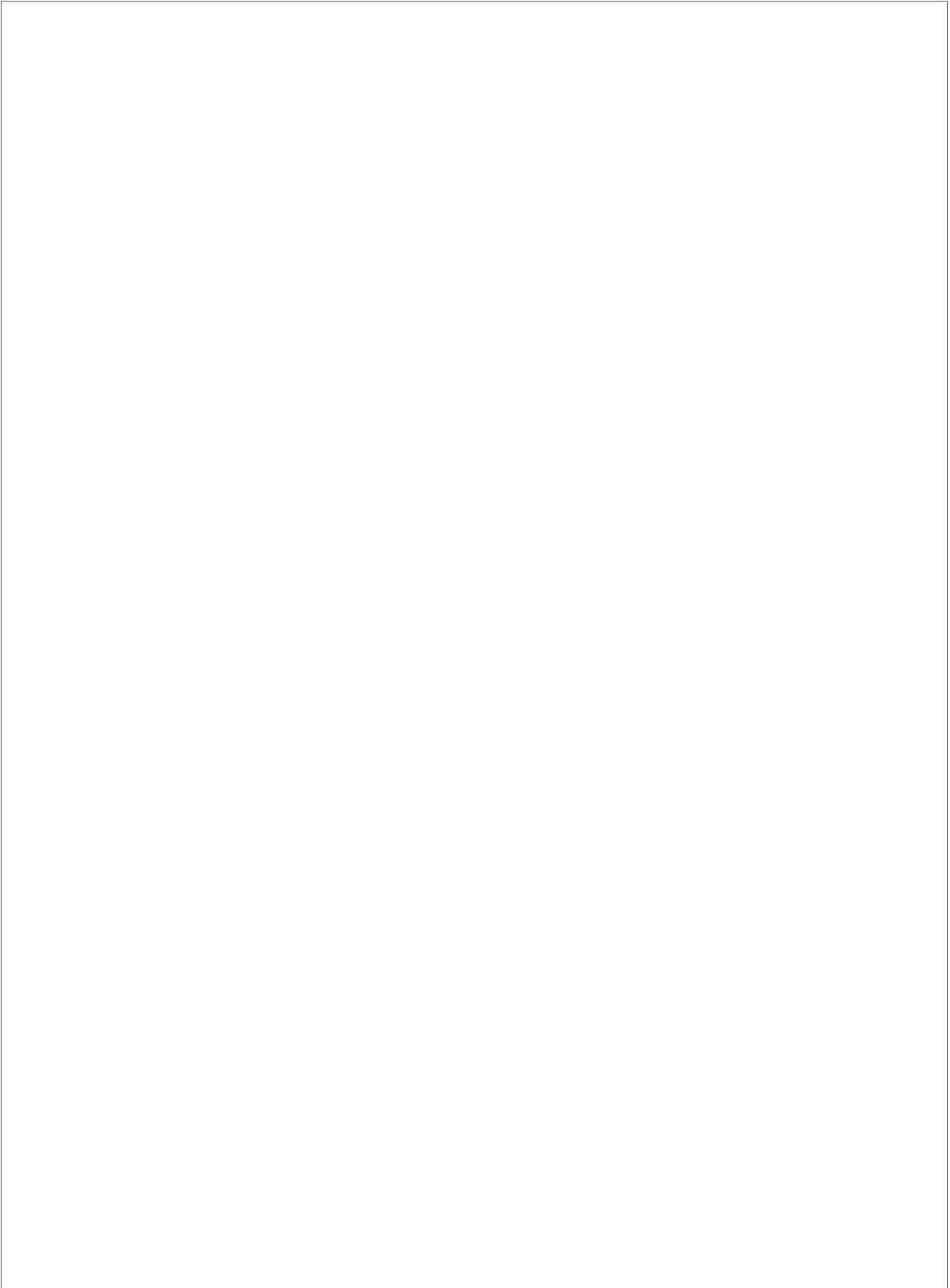
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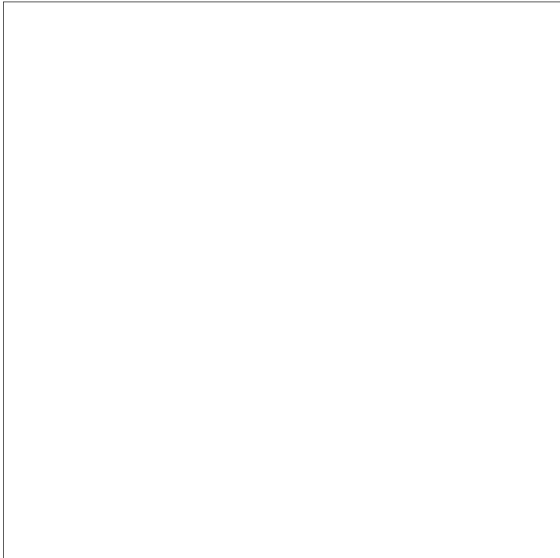


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- Other neighboring states will also require significant outside help to manage potential refugee flows. [redacted]

**Nearly One in 20 People Internally Displaced or Refugee** [redacted]

More than 700,000 Iraqis—out of a total population of 24 million—have fled their homes since 1991. Many have suffered harsh treatment at the hands of the government, including arbitrary detention, execution, expropriation of property, and destruction of villages. IDPs are largely confined to two geographical regions—the Sunni Kurd areas in the north and the Shia Arab regions in the south—where they live with hosts or in tents.

- Some 500,000 Kurds remain displaced in Dahuk, Arbil, As Sulaymaniyah, and Ninawab governorates due to Kurdish factional fighting in the early 1990s that followed Baghdad's "Anfal" campaign that destroyed 4,500 Kurdish villages.
- Since 1991, some 100,000 Shia Marsh Arabs—opponents of the current Iraqi regime—have been displaced by government military operations and depopulation exercises within a triangular region near Al Basrah, An Nasiriyah, and Al Amarah.

UNHCR has begun some contingency plans for refugee flows to neighboring countries. Under one scenario, the organization expects 200,000 could go to Kuwait, 200,000 to Saudi Arabia, 20,000 to Syria, and 1,000,000 to Iran. Almost all of these countries have indicated that they will not open their borders to Iraqi refugees, preferring instead to set up camps just inside the Iraqi border in order to prevent the refugees from coming into their country.

- Iran is likely to be a less-willing host of Iraqi refugees than it was in 1991, primarily because of the fatigue wrought by its recent dealings with some 2-3 million Afghan refugees.

More than 200,000 refugees in Iraq depend to some degree on international assistance for food, health care, sanitation, and education. Many live in refugee camps, where their movement is restricted and they are not permitted to work.

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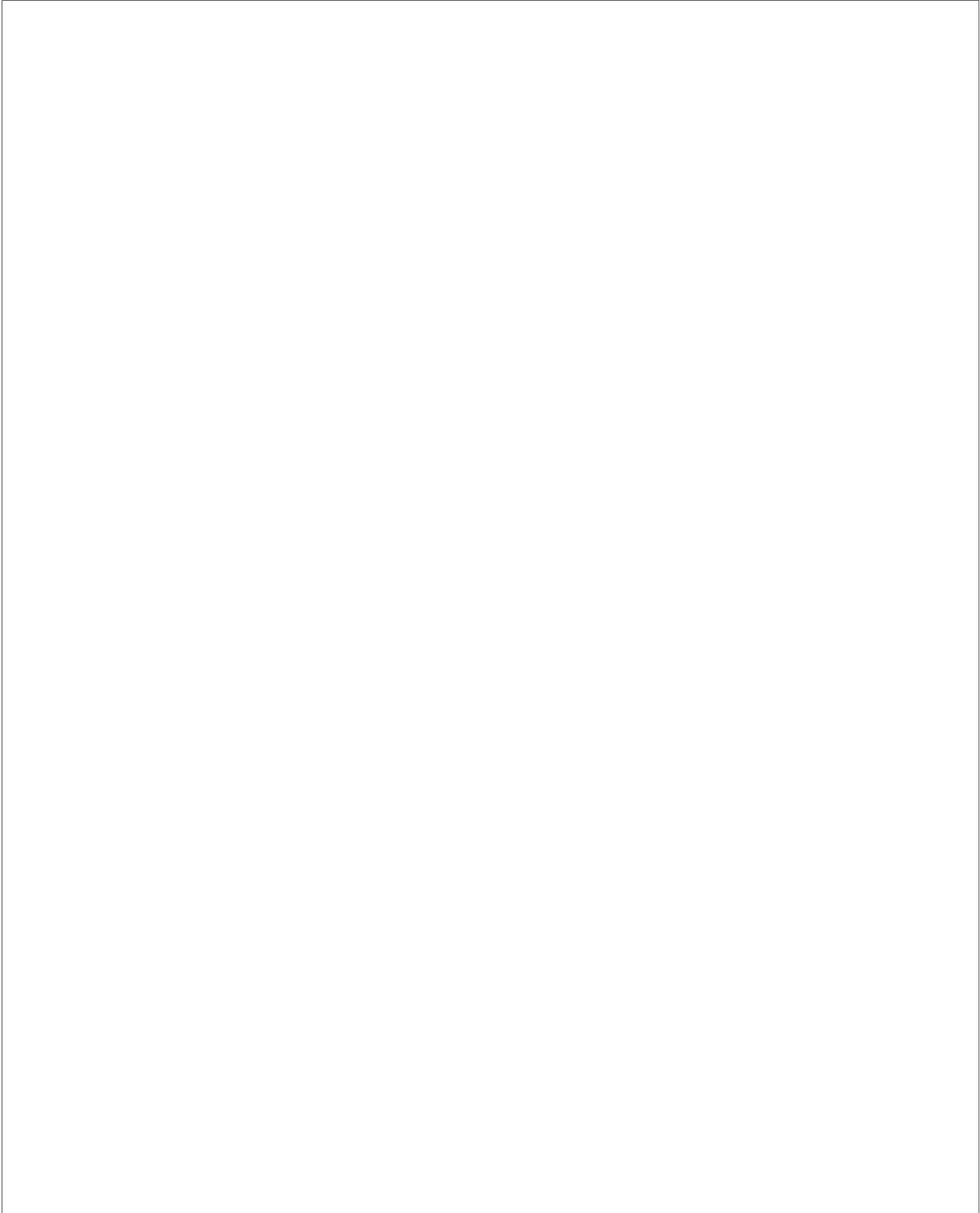
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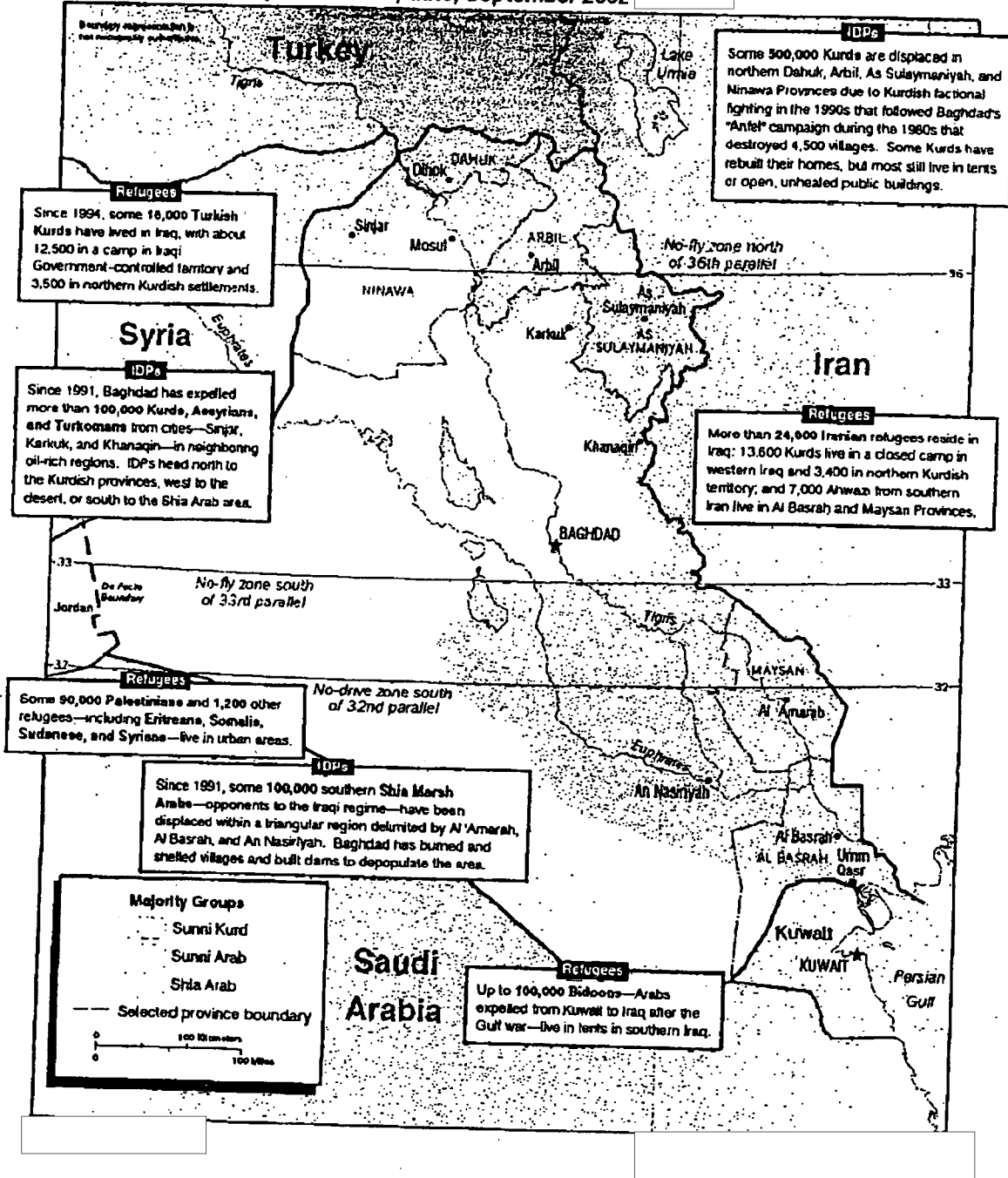
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**Scope Note** [redacted]

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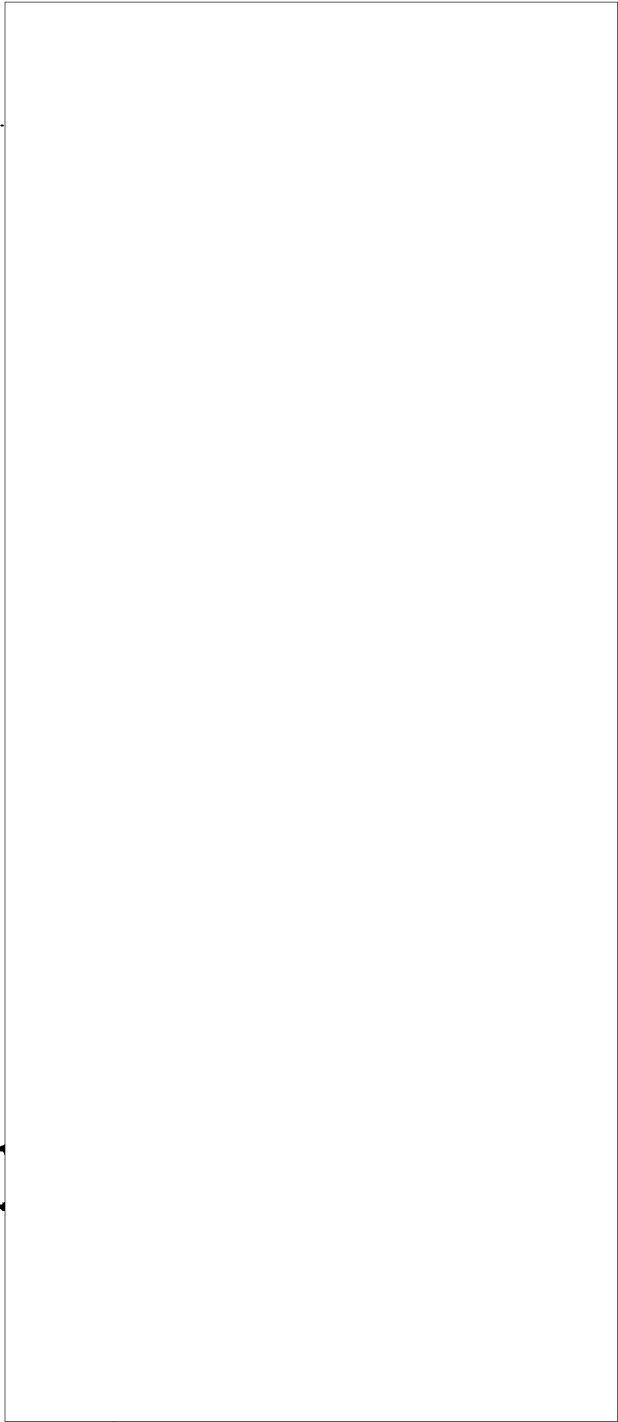
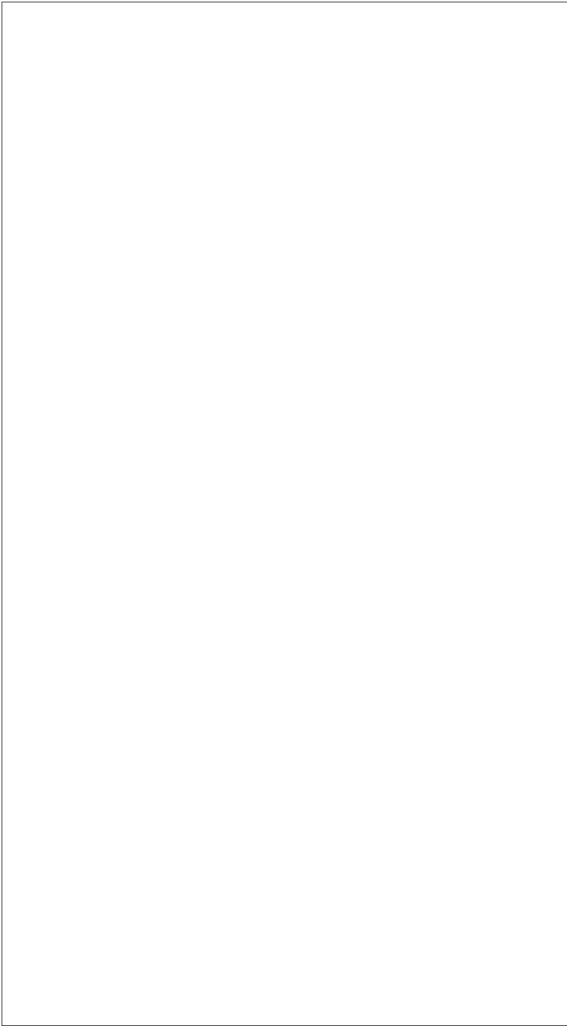


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- ~~Some 24,000 Kurdish refugees from Iran reside in Iraq, primarily in the west and along the eastern border with Iran.~~
- ~~More than 90,000 Palestinians and other Middle Eastern and African refugees live in urban areas.~~
- ~~Up to 100,000 Bidoons—Arabs expelled from Kuwait to Iraq after the Gulf War—live in tents in southern Iraq.~~



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