Iraqi Kurdish forces remove almost 600 mines after withdrawal of Iraqi forces

Land-mine disposal teams of the Kurdistan Army Command embarked on cleaning the region from the land mines the Iraqi forces had planted.

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According to a source at the Second Battalion Command the teams had disposed of 590 various antitank and antipersonnel mines on the main road between Arbil and Kirkuk and the positions and mounds around it. They will blow them up in a special site.

The source added that the peshmerga has alerted all the citizens who plan to return to their own land and villages in the areas that had formerly been under the regime's control not to touch any kind of mines and weaponry whatsoever, and to alert the peshmerga in order to have them removed.

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