

ALMONITOR Principal Shiite militias in Iraq

GROUP	HISTORY	LEADER	POLITICAL INFLUENCE
 Badr Organization	<p>Formed in early 1980s in Iran by military defectors</p> <p>Ex-military wing of Islamic Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution</p> <p>Did not oppose US occupation in 2003 Split from council in 2012</p>	 Hadi al-Amiri	<p>22 (out of 328) seats in parliament; part of former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's State of Law coalition</p> <p>Badr member Muhammad al-Ghabban served as Interior Minister until July 8, 2016</p>
 Sadrist militias	<p>Formed in 2014</p> <p>Reformation of Mahdi Army, which fought US in 2003-2007</p>	 Muqtada al-Sadr	<p>34 (out of 328) seats in parliament under Ahrar bloc label</p>
 Hezbollah Brigades	<p>Founded in 2003</p> <p>Ramped up attacks on US forces in 2007-2008, uploading videos on the internet</p> <p>Designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the State Department in 2009</p>	 Jamal al-Ibrahimi	<p>Aka Abu Mahdi al Muhandis</p> <p>Deputy chairman of all PMU forces</p> <p>Designated by Treasury Department in 2009</p>
 League of the Righteous	<p>Founded in 2006 as an offshoot of the Mahdi Army</p> <p>Converted into political / social service organization in 2011</p> <p>Resumed military activities after IS victories in 2014</p>	 Qais al-Khazali	<p>Allied with ex-PM Nouri al-Maliki in 2014 legislative elections under Al-Sadiqoun slate (Party leader: Adnan Fihan Moussa Cheri)</p> <p>Occupies one seat (out of 328) in parliament (representing Baghdad district)</p>
 Ashura Brigades	<p>Formed in 2014 after Ayatollah al-Sistani's call to jihad against IS</p> <p>Military wing of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (previously SCIRI)</p>	 Ammar al-Hakim	<p>Al-Hakim elected Sept. 5, 2016 to head the National Alliance, the main Shiite political bloc in Iraq's parliament</p> <p>National Alliance holds 185 out of 328 parliamentary seats</p>
 Al-Najuba Movement	<p>Formed in 2013 after Iranian leader Ali Khamenei's call to assist Bashar al-Assad in Syria</p> <p>League of the Righteous splinter group</p> <p>Followers of Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei</p>	 Akram al-Kaabi	<p>Former military commander in Mahdi Army before starting own group</p>
 Movement for Jihad and Development	<p>Founded in 2008</p> <p>Closely aligned with Ammar al-Hakim's Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq</p>	 Hassan al-Sari	<p>Member of parliament</p> <p>Hassan al-Sari is a member of parliament (Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq slate)</p>
 Khorasan Brigades	<p>Founded in late 2013 to fight in Syria</p> <p>Organized with help of slain IRGC Commander Gen. Hamid Taghavi</p>	 Ali al-Yasiri	<p>Military wing of Islamic Taleea Party</p> <p>Part of former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's State of Law coalition</p>
 Mukhtar Army	<p>Formed in 2013</p> <p>Claimed responsibility for Oct. 2015 attack on Iranian dissident group MEK camp near Baghdad</p>	 Wathiq al-Battat	<p>Killed near Baghdad in 2014</p>
 Al-Risali Brigades	<p>Formed after Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani's 2014 call to Jihad</p>	 Adnan al-Shahmani	<p>Leader of Tayyar al-Rasuli party</p> <p>Adnan al-Shahmani is a member of parliament</p> <p>Elected under former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's State of Law coalition; recently formed splinter "Loyalty to the Resistance" bloc</p>
 Imam Ali Brigades	<p>Armed wing of the newly created Harakat al-Iraq al-Islamiya (Movement of the Islamic Iraq)</p>	 Shebl al-Zaidi	<p>Former Mahdi Army commander</p>