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Podcast: Iraqi Kurdistan ahead of the Independence Referendum

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Institute scholar Michael Knights says that the upcoming independence referendum in Iraq's Kurdistan region is already yielding positive results in the form of compromise and cooperation among parties and movements whose enmity has long gridlocked Iraqi Kurdish politics. While a pro-independence result is a near certainty for the September 25 vote, the shape of an eventual settlement between the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) and Iraq's national government in Baghdad could take many forms, each with its own problems and benefits for U.S. interests in the region. Near East PolicyCast: Conversations on Middle East issues from the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.