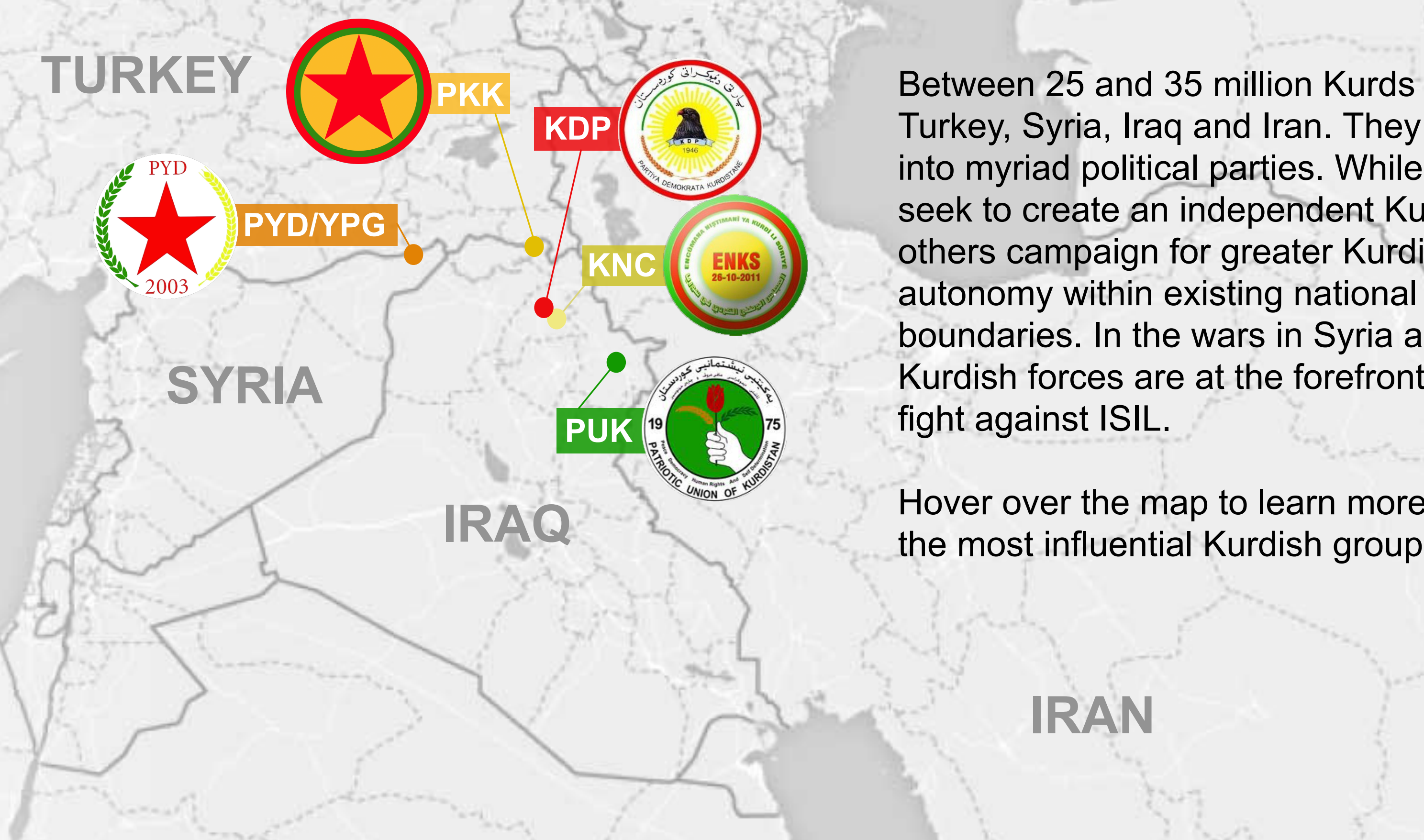


MAJOR KURDISH FACTIONS



Between 25 and 35 million Kurds live in Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran. They have organized into myriad political parties. While some seek to create an independent Kurdistan, others campaign for greater Kurdish autonomy within existing national boundaries. In the wars in Syria and Iraq, Kurdish forces are at the forefront of the fight against ISIL.

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