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Reports in January suggested that the Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) could finally commence gas exports to Turkey by late 2016, following years of planning stymied by political wrangling, civil war and economic woes. The idea was lent further credibility when, in February, Turkey's state-owned BOTAS launched a tender to build an import pipeline to the Iraqi Kurdish border. But the KRG is still locked in conflict with so-called Islamic State (IS) and perpetual dispute with Baghdad, while a lack of financing hinders the progress of resident IOCs. Gas Matters investigates the state of play in the Kurdish upstream sector and its chances of becoming a gas exporter.



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