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BMI's Kuwait Defence & Security Report for Q114 examines the country's strategic position in the Middle East and globally. Kuwait continues to have a close defence relationship with the US and has reportedly increased the number of service personnel receiving training in foreign academies. Kuwait is poised to conduct parliamentary by-elections in June 2014 to replace five members of parliament who recently resigned. Despite this - and ongoing sectarian tensions linked to the conflict in Syria and Iraq - overall stability is such that continued defence links with the US and Western arms contractors will be maintained.

The report examines the trends occurring in the country's current and future defence procurement and the order of battle across its armed forces. BMI's general conclusion is that Kuwait remains vulnerable to regional instability, both due to the civil war in Syria, recent eruption of sectarian tensions in Iraq and also the possible consequences of any US/Israeli attack on Iran.

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