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In an interview with CNN on Wednesday, the foreign minister of Iraqi Kurdistan issued a desperate plea for American and Western military intervention to halt the advance of ISIS extremists.

"We are left alone in the front to fight the terrorists of ISIS," Falah Mustafa Bakir told CNN's Fred Pleitgen.

"I believe the United States has a moral responsibility to support us, because this is a fight against terrorism, and we have proven to be pro-democracy, pro-West, and pro-secularism."

While much of the world's attention has recently been focused on Gaza, ISIS has been sweeping across northern Iraq. Over the weekend, the group captured a string of towns controlled by Kurdish Peshmerga fighters, who, after the near-collapse of the Iraqi army in June, have been seen as the only force capable of confronting ISIS.

Bakir said that Kurdish forces have started to reverse the defensive tack they were forced to take over the weekend.

"This is something way beyond the capacity of the Iraqi air forces. We need the United States and NATO to interfere because we are fighting on behalf of all those who are against terrorism."

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