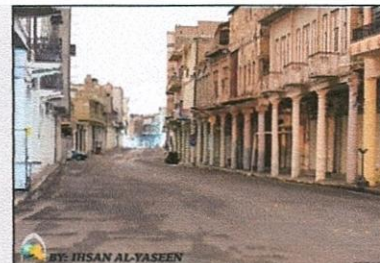


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FM AlHakim meets Cypriot counterpart at New York



On September 26th, FM AlHakim discussed with Cypriot Foreign Minister Nikos Christodoulides on the sidelines of the 74th UN General Assembly in New York the strengthening of joint cooperation. FM AlHakim stressed the need to accelerate the nomination of the Ambassador of Iraq to the Republic of Cyprus, calling for the convening of the four-party meeting of Foreign Ministers of Iraq, Jordan, Greece and

Cyprus in line with what was agreed at the tripartite summit held in Amman last April. FM AlHakim also stressed the importance of the World Conference on Reconstruction & Development in Iraq scheduled to be held in Nicosia on 6- 12 December 2019. In the framework of strengthening relations between the two countries, the Minister stressed the activation of mutual visits at the high level, and called on investment companies to work in Iraq.

President Saleh delivers speech to UN Assembly

On September 25th, President Saleh began his speech by reminding the UN Assembly that Iraq is one of the founding members of the UN. President Saleh condemned the September 14th attack on Saudi Aramco. "The tensions in the region give a space to terrorists to grow. We must close those vacant spaces", President Saleh said, making a reference to Syria and the need for a political solution there. President Saleh asked the UN member states to remember what Iraqis have been through and called on the international community to keep its attention on Iraq. Last but not least, President Saleh said that the region is in need of "a comprehensive agreement to halt external intervention in countries' affairs", adding that "Iraq will not be a place to attack any of the neighbouring countries". He stressed that the economic opportunities available in the region could create the interdependency needed to calm tensions.

PM Mahdi on official visit to China



As announced by PM Mahdi in a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping on 23rd September, during a 5- day official visit to China, Iraq will join China's "Belt and Road" infrastructure investment project. PM Mahdi was heading a delegation consisting of Iraqi ministers and provincial governors and held talks concerning the enhancement of

bilateral relations. In the meeting with the Chinese President Xi Jinping and the Premiere of the State Council Li Keqiang, the two sides signed agreements in a variety of fields, including finance, trade, security, construction, communications, culture, education, and foreign affairs.

Short News

■ President Saleh held a series of meetings with leaders during his visit in New York and discussed bilateral relations and the developments in the region. 27/9

■ President Saleh held a meeting with US President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York and discussed about the strengthening of bilateral relations and developments in the region. 25/9

■ PM Mahdi visited Saudi Arabia and held talks with King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman to discuss security in the Arabian Gulf and the broader Middle East region. 25/9

■ FM Alhakim participated in the meeting of Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey on the sidelines of the 74th UN General Assembly to discuss the best ways to help displaced Syrians and refugees. 24/9

■ President Saleh discussed with German Chancellor Angela Merkel the role of the E.U. in assisting Iraq for reconstruction and strengthening the capabilities of Iraqi security forces. 24/9

■ Ambassador Said met with the Head of A6 Directorate for Arab countries and the Middle East, Ambassador Theodoros Theodorou, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in preparation of the upcoming visit of the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nikos Dendias to Iraq in the near future. 17/9

President Saleh visits Kurdistan Region Parliament for first time



On September 18th, President Saleh and the Minister of Finance, Fuad Hussein, visited Kurdistan Region Parliament in Erbil. President Saleh is the first President of Iraq to visit the region's Parliament since its founding in 1990s. President Saleh and Finance Minister Hussein met the Presidency of the Parliament

committee and heads of parliamentary blocs to discuss a number of issues between the regional and the federal government. President Saleh also met the President of Kurdistan Region, Nechirvan Barzani and the President of the Government of the region, Masrur Barzani and his Deputy, Qubad Talabani.

Ambassador Said meets with President of Al-Karkh Science University



Ambassador Said met with Dr. Thamer Abdul Amir Al-Najafi, President of Al-Karkh University of Science at the Embassy on 6th September, during the latter's visit to Athens to participate in the conference of sustainable development held by the International Academy in coordination between the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Greek universities, looking into the prospects of establishing collaborations between Iraqi and Greek universities. Ambassador Said praised the participation of Iraqi authorities

in international conferences, especially in the field of education.

4th European-Iraqi Business and Investment Forum held in Athens



Ambassador Said participated in the 4th European-Iraqi Business and Investment Forum held in Athens on 11th and 12th July, along with the Iraqi delegation consisting of the Advisor to the President of the Republic Mr. Sherwan Al-Waeli and the President of the Reconstruction Fund for liberated areas Dr. Mustafa Al-Hifi, Chairman of

Baghdad Trade Chambers Mr. Jaafar Al-Hamdani and the wide participation of more than 50 businessmen from most of the Iraqi governorates and a large number of Greek and European companies. The Forum was organized by the Hellenic- Arab Chamber of Commerce and Development under the supervision and participation of the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Athens, aiming to increase the volume of Greek investments in Iraq.

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Short News

■ Ambassador Said met with H.E. Mr. Konstantinos Bitsios, Vice-Chairman of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises, in order to provide an insight into the Iraqi market and the opportunities for Greek businesses planning to visit Iraq in the near future. 12/9

■ The Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Athens held a minute's silence on the occasion of the 10th commemoration of the terrorist attack on the building of the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, paying respect to the martyrs of the Ministry and all the martyrs of Iraq. 19/8

■ Ambassador Said held a meeting with Mr. Constantinos Michalos, President of the Greek Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the headquarters of the Chamber in Athens. During the meeting they exchanged views and proposals that encourage Greek companies to invest in Iraq as well as their participation in the upcoming Baghdad International Fair. 29/7

Iraqis return to homeland

The Consular section of the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Athens issued 138 laissez-passer passports in July, August and September to the Iraqi community in Athens to voluntarily return to Iraq.

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