

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Speech

Iraq seeks to occupy the international position that it deserves, based on the principles of its constitution, its history, its civilizational contributions, and the aspirations of its people and their great sacrifices.

A creative and innovative people, and a country that possess all the component of progress, must have its diplomacy, its work on the external level, and its relations with the international community, strong and balanced in a way that contributes to enhancing its stability, preserving its sovereignty, and creating opportunities for development and prosperity for its people and citizens.

Iraq, with its launching of the first diplomatic treaty in history around 3100 BC, should be a leader among the international community, attain its distinguished position on the international scene, and have the best relations with its neighboring countries, its region, and the world in a way that guarantees its safety and security and the higher interests of its people.

Iraq is committed to the principles of its constitution in respecting the sovereignty of states, non-interference in their affairs, and dealing in accordance with common interests. At the same time, it defends human rights and dignity with a robust diplomacy, and seeks to protect the rights of its citizens abroad and preserve their dignity.

This strategy was formulated to be firm in terms of its rules, adaptable to any international change in terms of its work and application mechanisms, and its articles were built in accordance with the government's philosophy of building balanced, beneficial external relations that are compatible with the rapid changes in the world, and it places the higher interests of Iraq and serving its nationals abroad as a permanent essence. In order to ensure future success factors for Iraqi diplomacy, and the implementation of the government's programs and plans according to careful planning to strengthen relations with the countries of the world, it was necessary to broaden its diplomatic representation across the world continents, and fruitful openness to the countries of Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia, taking into consideration the importance of public diplomacy in its various cultural, tourism and sports fields, so that Iraq has a map of an effective diplomatic presence that benefits its people and the future of its generations.

Our ministry has formulated its strategy for the years (2023-2026) based on the ministerial curriculum of the government of the Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani, and the part related to the Foreign Ministry work, which is represented in strengthening Iraq's bilateral relations with countries on the base of the principle of mutual respect and common interests, adopting the principle of not allowing Iraq to be a pathway or a base for attacks on other countries, protecting Iraqi human rights, preserving his dignity outside Iraq as well as inside, and intensifying diplomatic work with countries to facilitate procedures of visa granting for nationals and the Iraqi passport to have prestige and respectability in the countries of the world, and it is worth noting that we keep in mind the importance of economic relations with countries of the world, optimal investment of energy, oil and gas, entering into effective economic partnerships, and strengthening Iraq's presence in OPEC. The strategy also dealt with activating Iraq's presence in Arab, regional and

international organizations within the principle of upholding the rule of law and strengthening it at the international level in accordance with the principles of the United Nations. The strategy emphasized strengthening Iraq's effective presence in supporting human rights issues at the regional and international levels. This strategy placed great importance on Iraqi nationals abroad and improving consular services, which the Prime Minister gave great importance to in his government program, so it was necessary for us to formulate procedures to achieve this goal.

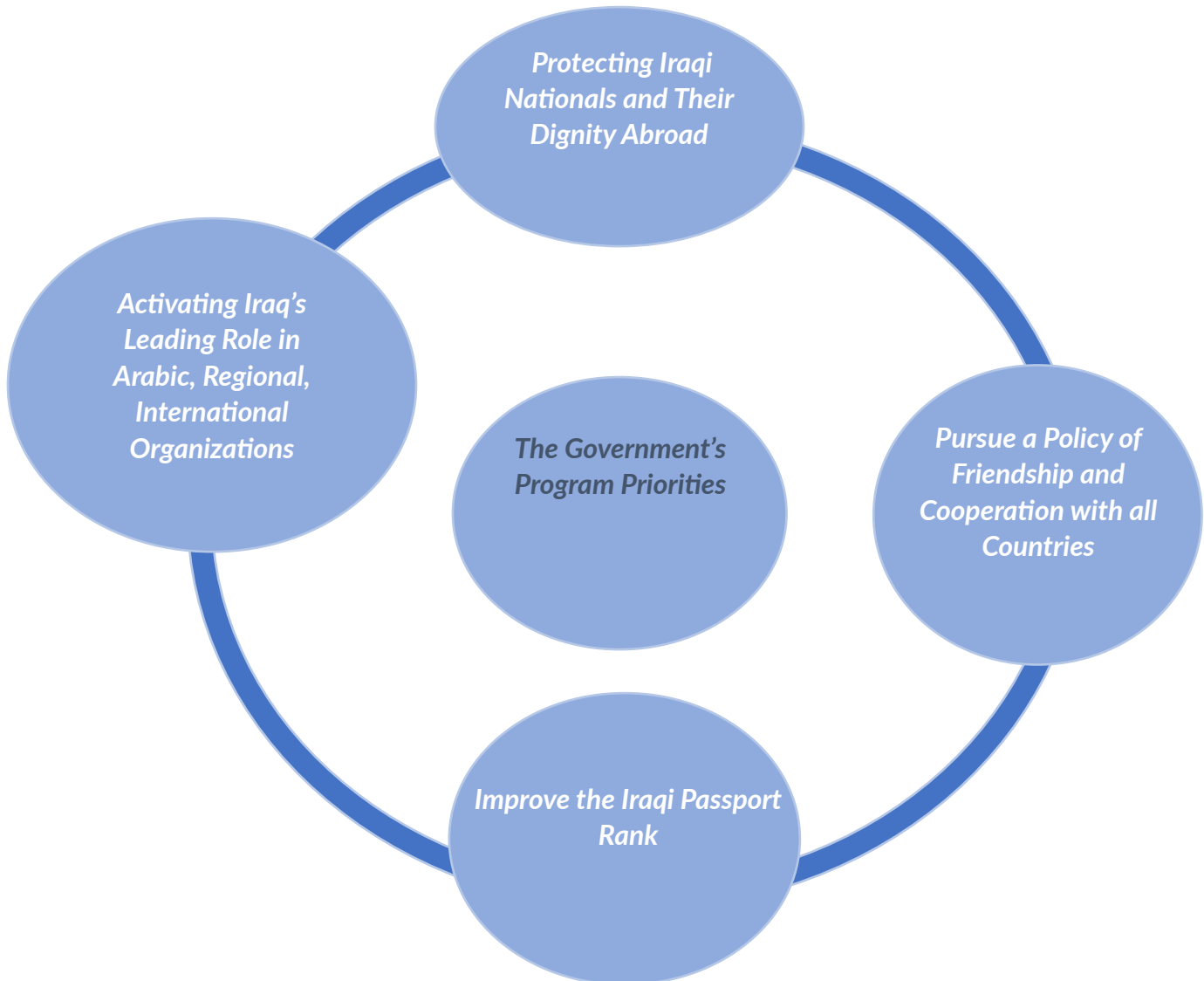
The hoped-for success in achieving the objectives of this strategy will, without a doubt, have a great positive impact on the Iraqi government's endeavors and the Foreign Ministry to ensure an effective and productive diplomacy, and Iraq to occupy its rightful place in the world.

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Dr. Fuad Hussein

Government's Program Priorities and Objectives

The Ministry worked on reviewing and formulating the objectives of the government's program in line with the guidelines of the government's priorities for the years 2023-2025, derived from directives of the Prime Minister, which are in line with Iraq's vision for 2025.



Strategic Plan Priorities for Iraqi Foreign Ministry

The Iraqi Foreign Ministry priorities, based on the items of the Government Program for the year 2023-2025, are represented by the following pillars:

First: Preserving Iraq's Sovereignty and Enhancing its Security and Stability

Second: water issues and climate change

Third: Arab and Regional Relations

Fourth: Bilateral Relations

A. Relations with Security Council Permanent Members.

B. Relations with Industrial Countries

C. Relations with the rest of world

Fifth: Multilateral Relations

Sixth: Iraqi Community Abroad and Consular Services

Seventh: Human Rights

Eighth: Administrative, Financial and Engineering Development