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Apr 16: PM-designate Al-Kadhimi’s Leaked Cabinet Favors Sectarian

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Unnamed sources revealed the ethnic-sectarian breakdownt of Mustafa al-Kadhimi’s proposed cabinet to Iraqi outlets. The breakdown identifies which parties secured the privilege to name cabinet appointees. The sources say that there are 22 cabinet positions, 11 of which will be allegedly reserved for Shia parties; three for nationalist cleric Moqtada al-Sadr’s New Law, three for cleric Hadi al-Amari’s Alliance of Iraqi Forces bloc, one for cleric Ammar al-Hakim’s Wisdom Trend, Toward Reform, three for Iranian proxy Hadi al-Amari’s Conquest Alliance, two for former PM Haider al-Abadi’s Victory Alliance, one for former PM Nouri al-Maliki’s State of Law, one for cleric Ammar al-Hakim’s Wisdom Trend, and one for the political wing of US-designated terrorist organization and Iranian proxy militia Kata'ib Ahl al-Haqq, al-Sadr. Six positions will go to Sunni parties, three to the Kurds, and two to other minorities. The sources provided no further details on which Sunni, Kurdish, and minority parties will receive positions.

Apr 16: US State Department Pledges $5.6 Million in Aid to Iraqi Security Forces to Fight COVID-19 Response. The US State Department pledged $5.6 million in aid to Iraq as part of the COVID-19 response. The US will be Iraq’s largest donor for COVID-19 assistance. $19.1 million will provide health and disaster humanitarian assistance and $6.5 million will help displaced communities in Iraq. The assistance is part of a larger $500 million global emergency assistance package distributed by the State Department and the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

Apr 17: 18 US-sanctioned Sunni Politician Reportedly Forms New Sunni Bloc in Parliament. Hoda Jarallah, a Sunni MP, announced that 25 Sunni MPs, including a new formed a new parliamentary Sunni bloc. The bloc consists of Sunni MPs from the Green Zone security offices. 18 MPs are currently under US sanctions by the US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control for corruption at the expense of the Iraqi people in December 2019.

Apr 18: Unidentified Militants Target Chinese Oil Facility East of Baghdad. Unidentified militants launched two Katyusha rockets that struck the East Baghdad Oil Field in the Nahrawan area, approximately 30 km east of Baghdad. Chinese oil exploration and production company operates at the field. An anonymous security source said the attack was launched by an unspecified militia group following a failed business proposal. The attack caused minimal damage. This is the second attack on foreign oil interests in Iraq this month; on April 9, unidentified militants launched three Katyusha rockets targeting Zubair oil field in the Abu Rasiya area of Basra, where American and Italian oil companies operate.

Apr 18: Likely Iraqi-backed Units Use COVID-19 Curfew to Trigger Abortions. Unspecified units of the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) arrested several activists in Nisariyah, Qadisiyyah Province, who were participating in activities in Nassiriya and Qae Qae Province. Likely Iraqi-backed units arrested Mortada Naim and Karar al-Hayesh, two prominent protesters, in Martyr’s Square, Diwaniyah. Protesters released a video from the same square threatening to take action if the activists were not released within one hour. The activists do not appear to have been released and protesters have not issued a statement thanking the Iraqi authorities and the CMC for their promptness in resolving the suspension.

Apr 19: Iraqi Communications and Media Commission Bows to Criticism and Presidential Pressure, Lifts Suspension of Reuters’ License. The Iraqi Communications and Media Commission, which had imposed a suspension on the media license of US news agency Reuters, lifted the suspension on April 18 after days of criticism from the White House and Iraqi government officials, as well as several Iraqi lawmakers. The suspension came after the US State Department’s Rewards for Justice program also tweeted a $5 million reward for information on Qurashi, using several of his aliases. Anonymous security sources frequently claimed that ISIS leader Abu Ibrahim al-Qurashi was in strategic locations” within the Green Zone to Iraq’s proxy militia groups. Mehdi’s office denied these reports and threatened prosecution if news media broadened the stories. Mehdi’s advisor on Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) affairs, Iranian proxy Takesen Abdul Majeer, would not comment on the reports.

Apr 19: Iraq Cuts Gas and Electricity Imports from Iran by 75 Percent ahead of US Sanctions Waiver Deadline. The Iraqi Ministry of Electricity announced it cut its gas and electricity imports from Iran by 75 percent as Iraq moves toward self-sufficiency in generating electric power. Fadel al-Dabbas, an Iraqi businessman and former head of the Iraqi Energy Importers Association, said that the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity had cut its imports to 25 percent, reflecting Iraq’s need to diversify its energy imports. Fadel al-Dabbas, an Iraqi businessman and former head of the Iraqi Energy Importers Association, said that the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity had cut its imports to 25 percent, reflecting Iraq’s need to diversify its energy imports.

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Apr 21: PM Adel Abdul Mehdi Calls on Parliament to Approve Formation under PM-designate Mustafa al-Kadhimi. In a letter to the Council of Representatives (CoR) in which he emphasized the need to accept compromises and stressed the importance of expediting the confirmation process. PM-designate Mustafa al-Kadhimi called out unspecified political blocs for demanding certain ministries in Kadhimi’s new government, writing that a unified government is currently the most important thing for Iraq and is necessary to hold elections.

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