

## **Baghdad Report Executive Summary (see full 27-page report for detail)**

Mission statement and goals for the visit: Week of 4-7-2017 through 4-15-2017

In April 2017, a mission by the War Victim's Group (WVG) spent 9 days in Iraq in early April. The three WVG representatives were Al Sanati and Juan Garcia, founders of WVG, and Ramiro Sandoval, MBA, a Health Systems Administration professor and WVG Health Care Projects Manager. The purpose of this mission was to request the cooperation of the Central Government of Iraq in securing and supporting the American Chaldean Indigenous Rights Claim, which represents nearly one million American citizens and resident aliens in the U.S. and throughout the world. The mission's goal was to present a request for restoring the rights of these Iraqi Americans who were forced to become refugees of the previous regime of Saddam Hussein for ethnic, political, and religious persecution.

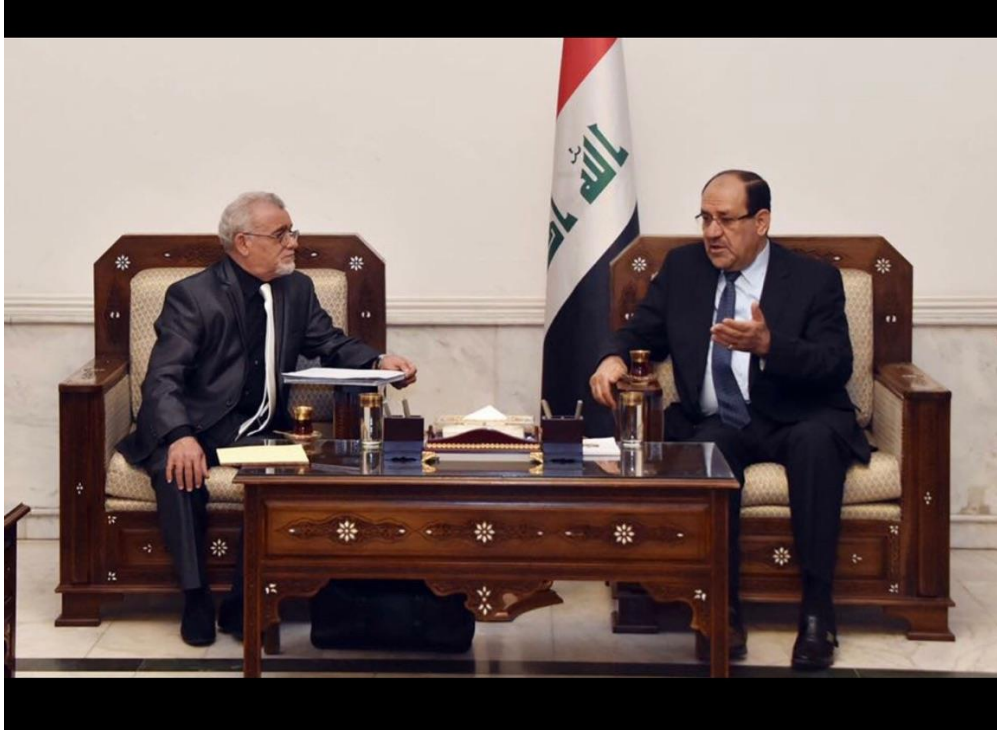
The WVG mission was housed at the Prime Minister's Guest House and was provided transportation, a security detail, and translator for meeting with the Iraqi dignitaries in various locations, including meetings at the PM Guesthouse, Iraqi Parliament, and outside the Green Zone in their private homes. All the scheduling and meeting locations were handled by Sargon Yalda, currently living in Canada, and Hayder Qasim al-Dajjar, from the Iraqi Prime Minister's office.

In presenting the American Chaldeans' claim, we were scheduled to meet with three groups; however, after the first meeting, we received requests from many groups to meet with them. Ultimately, we met with more than 24 government dignitaries of the various government ministries, including former Iraqi Prime Minister, Nuri Al-Maliki; the current vice-president, and many ministries and their representatives over a period of 8 days. The dignitaries reflected a broad full spectrum of Iraqis who also seek recognition of their rights through the current political and constitutional democracy. At the end, WVG was asked to organize a conference comprised of all ethnic, religious, tribal and political groups in Baghdad. The conference's focus will be to discuss how the constitution should be amended to be inclusive of all Iraqis regardless of ethnic, political, religious, and/or tribal affiliation, and we agreed to their request. The conference is being scheduled for September, 2017.

The following is a summary of our observations:

- Almost all dignitaries agreed on the level of corruption in government and expressed a deep desire to reduce corruption by government officials.
- Almost all dignitaries expressed the desire to change the Iraqi Constitution and make Iraq a more democratic nation. They feel the current Constitution is inadequate for their current social or economic needs, and their future development.
- The Obama Administration is viewed as a complete failure in foreign policy issues and specifically in Iraq. Almost all dignitaries, including the former Prime Minister Al-Maliki, expressed the desire for the USA to invigorate the Strategic Framework Agreement (SFA) signed in 2008 between the countries, and to collaborate and partner with American Government agencies, such as the FBI and Treasury departments, for developing their educational, financial, and healthcare systems to address their current social and economic issues.
- Almost all the dignitaries expressed a specific desire that American companies help them develop the Iraqi nation infrastructure, including their oil industry, health care, Basra port, civic infrastructures, and governmental functions. They also asked WVG to help build hospitals to address the mental health issues of former political prisoners, and people affected and traumatized by prison and the Iraqi wars.
- The SFA was a long-term agreement that has never been truly activated. The Iraqis feel that the SFA is the single most important issue for the new Trump Administration to engage with Iraq and the Middle East.

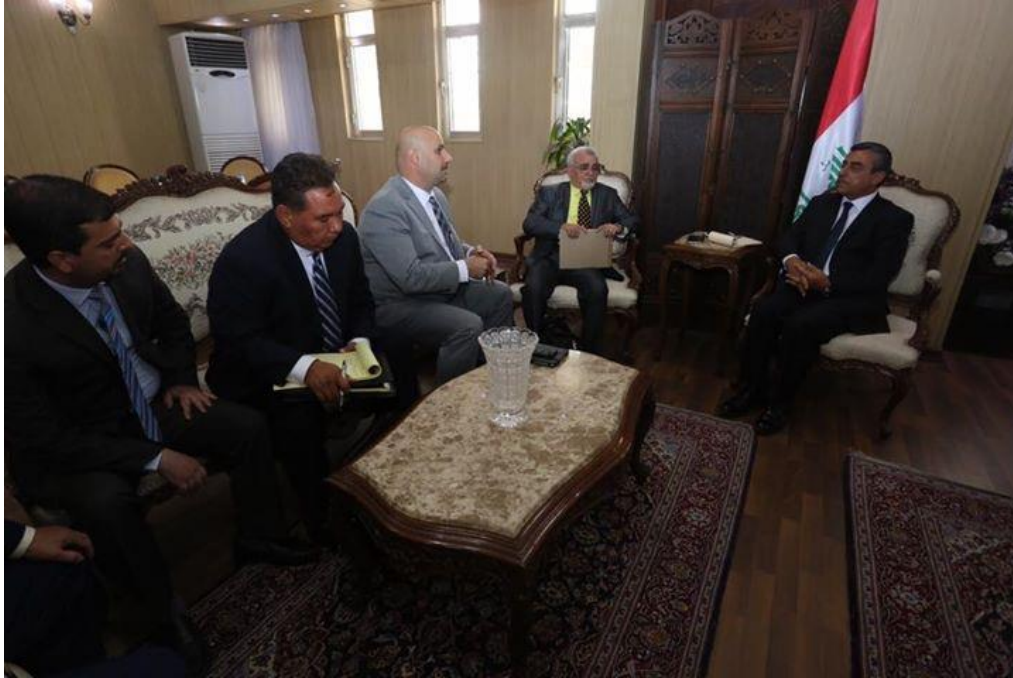
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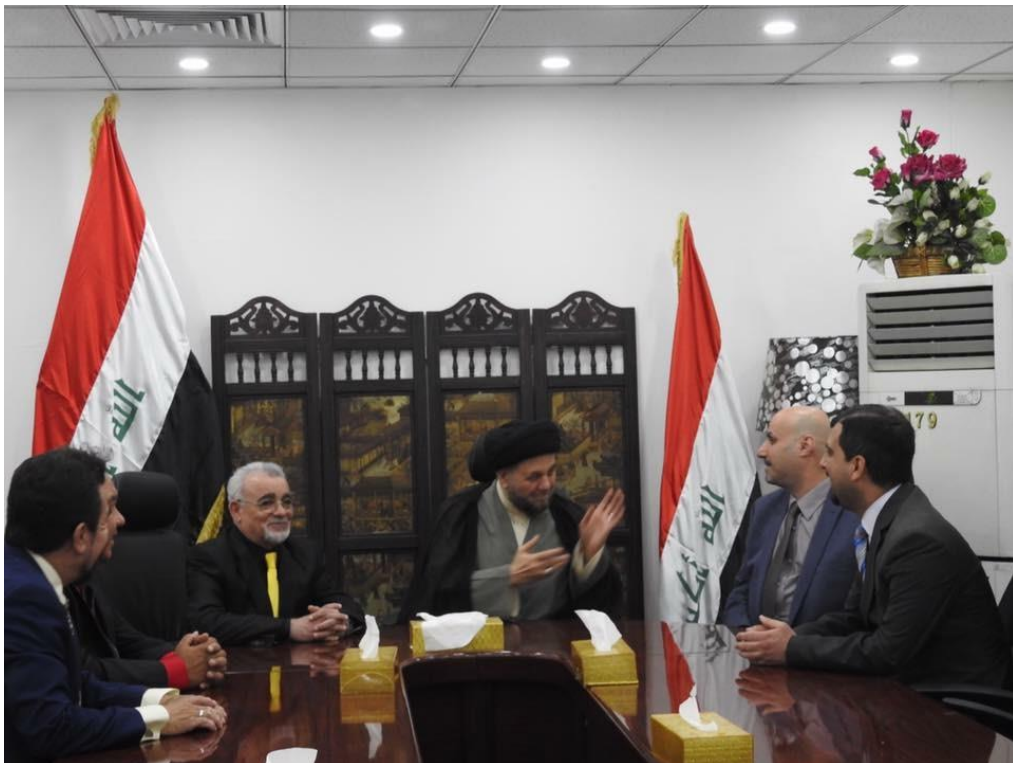
Noori Al-Maliki Vice president



Salim al-Jaboory, President of Parliament



Mahdi al Alak, secretary General for the Ministry Council



Ali Al Alk, the highest religious figure in Parliament



Ali al-Adeeb, leader of the Al-Daawa Party of Government



Opposition group from Sunni ministers and tribal leaders