

Press Release

## Electing a President for Iraq and the Formation of the Government do not end the suffering of the Iraqi People

(Translated)

After the Iraqi Council of Representatives failed, on Thursday, 13 October 2022, to elect a president for Iraq, it managed in its second session today, Friday, 14 October 2022, to elect the candidate Abdul Latif Rashid, who assigned the Shiite Coordination Framework candidate to form the next government.

This came after a year of political paralysis since the early elections on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October last year, during which the country witnessed political fluctuations due to the conflict between the Coordination Framework coalition, led by Nuri al-Maliki on one hand, and the Sadrist movement led by Muqtada al-Sadr on the other hand. Al-Sadr won the elections and his largest coalition was not able to form the government, due to the requirement that the candidate for the presidency must obtain the votes of two-thirds of the parliamentary seats, which the Coordination Framework was keen to prevent from achieving, and which prompted the leader of the Sadrist movement to announce the resignation of his deputies followed by the withdraw from the political process, this led his supporters to go out to the streets and the conflict between them and the supporters of the Coordination Framework began, resulting in armed confrontations sometimes, after which Muqtada al-Sadr announced the end of the demonstrations and left political life permanently.

Afterwards, the Coordination Framework moved insistently to hold the parliament session, and achieved what they wanted, and the head of state was elected, who approved the framework candidate to take over the ministerial portfolio, despite the fall of nine missiles before the session was held, targeting the Green Zone. The Security Media Cell confirmed its fall near Prime Minister's Office and Al-Muthanna Airport.

From the foregoing, it is clear that there isn't anything new, we still see the same people who have dominated the political scene since 2003 and who are covered by corruption, killing innocents and stealing the country's wealth, especially with the silence of the leader of the Sadrist movement, who was strongly against Muhammad Shia'a al-Sudani being a prime minister. So, now we are faced with three scenarios: Either to satisfy al-Sadr in exchange for major ministerial seats, or escalation and the return of his supporters to the street even without him declaring it, or al-Sadr's alliance with other coalitions in the opposition, which will weaken the role of the government, leading to another early election.

### O Muslims in Iraq:

Your suffering and tragedies cannot be terminated by the formation of a government from any party, as long as this corrupt democratic system that the head of state has sworn to maintain exists, and as long as you are governed by a constitution drafted by the occupier who has tied your neck with these scum politicians who do not observe toward you any pact of kinship or covenant of protection.

So leave them wrestling for power and biting each other. Strengthen your will and unify to work on radical change, uprooting the corrupt system and its masters and henchmen, and work on establishing the system that originates from your faith, the system that Allah has accepted for you and in which is your dignity and honor; the system of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood: ﷺ

“We have surely revealed to you a Book, in which there is glory for you. Will you not then understand?” [Al-Anbya: 21-10].

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