
IRAQ RELEASES 176 ACTIVISTS ARRESTED DURING PROTESTS

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The Independent High Commission for Human Rights in Iraq yesterday announced the release of 176 activists who were arrested during protests in the south of the country.

The judicial authorities in the province of Wasit have released all activists detained during protests in the province, the commission said in a statement.

The commission noted that 158 of the detainees were released after paying bails.

According to the statement, most of the detainees were held for less than 48 hours. It noted that complaints had been filed against some protesters for assaulting police vehicles and security personnel.

Last Friday, the commission announced the release of 336 activists arrested by the Iraqi authorities during protests in the provinces of Najaf, Muthana and Maysan.

Iraqi authorities were not immediately available for comment.

Iraqis launched popular protests in south of the country on 9 July demanding better living conditions and employment opportunities.

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