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## **MUQTADA AL-SADR TO IRAQ'S SUNNIS: STAY AWAY FROM DAGGER OF TREASON**

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In a statement directed at the Iraqi Sunnis and Sunni politicians, Sadrist movement leader Muqtada al-Sadr said that public interests should precede party interests, and that quotas should be avoided while forming the next government headed by newly elected Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi.

On his official Twitter account, Sadr called on Sunnis to provide independent qualified technocrats to live together safely away from the treasonous dagger and corruption.

Iraqi media had reported that Sunni parties have identified the ministries that they wanted to control with Abdul-Mahdi, which included the ministries of justice, higher education and labor.

Meanwhile, the number of nominees for the position of minister have reached 15,184 according to the prime ministers office.

According to a source, many nominees were eliminated, as they did not meet the legal and technical conditions, and that after preliminary assessments, only 600 candidates were selected after a thorough study of their applications.

The source added that the next step is for these candidates to be called in for interviews to discuss their qualifications further, and the top choices will then meet with Prime Minister-designate Abdul-Mahdi.

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