
IRAQ'S PRIME MINISTER UNDER FIRE FOR FAILURE TO FORM CABINET

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Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi is facing increasing pressure from politicians to complete the formation of his government to tackle corruption and address utility shortages.

Since he assumed office last October, independent candidate Mr Abdul Mahdi has failed to form the required 22-minister cabinet and assert his influence over the two major political parties who won seats at the last election.

The premier has only been able to freely choose a handful of ministers so far because of the dominance of the two parties, who both failed to get a majority. They insist that they should nominate their own candidates.

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