
IRAQI HEALTH MINISTER'S SECOND ATTEMPT TO RESIGN REJECTED BY GOVERNMENT

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Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi rejected on Tuesday the resignation of the countrys health minister who cited blackmail and corruption in his notice letter.

Ala Al Alwan, former regional director for the World Health Organisation, said he experienced excessive pressures that hindered the progress of his work in the ministry.

I have received support from officials who back my decision in rejecting your resignation, the premier told Mr Al Alwan in a letter.

The premier granted Mr Al Alwan an open period of leave to reassess his decision.

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