
IRAQI JUDICIAL INVESTIGATES CORRUPTION SUSPICIONS OF NEW GOVERNMENT

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Iraqs Supreme Judicial Council announced it has opened an investigation into corruption suspicions of the government formation to be announced Sunday (today) by prime minister-designate Mohammed Tawfiq Allawi.

Spokesman for the Supreme Judicial Council, Judge Abdul Sattar Bayrakdar, indicated that the head of the Council ordered the immediate summoning of any figure who appears in the media and bargains for positions in the new government. If the allegation proves to be false, the accuser will be punished according to the law, he warned.

Earlier, Iraqi politician Ibrahim al-Sumaidaie announced in a televised statement that he was offered millions of dollars by a certain political party in exchange for granting it one or more ministry in the new cabinet. The public prosecutor began investigating Sumaidaies allegations.

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