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**IRAQ'S TREASURY ALMOST EMPTY: PRIME MINISTER**

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Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi said Tuesday he has assumed power as the country's treasury was almost empty.

"When I assumed responsibility I found only an almost empty treasury and an unenviable situation after 17 years of change," al-Kadhimi said in an article published by Baghdad Today newspaper.

"Our sovereignty continued to be deficient, violated and doubted," he said.

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