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## **FINNISH FM VISITED IRAQ OVER BILATERAL TIES, EMBASSY'S REOPENING**

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Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto on Thursday held meetings with top Iraqi officials over means to boost bilateral relations and the reopening of his country's embassy in the Iraqi capital after 30 years of closure.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Fuad Hussein welcomed the reopening of the Finnish Embassy in Baghdad at a joint press conference.

"Finland has offered assistance to Iraq in its war against the Islamic State. It is helping us in rebuilding the war-ravaged areas and provides assistance to confront the pandemic," Hussein told reporters.

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