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**DESPITE MILITARY WINS AGAINST EXTREMISTS, IRAQ'S COMBAT AGAINST TERRORISM IS 'FAR FROM WON', SAYS PRESIDENT SALIH**

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If we have defeated the terrorists militarily, the war is far from won, the President told the Assembly's annual debate, being held virtually this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. Indeed, he said, Iraq's war against terrorism was continuing.

Mr. Salih warned against underestimating the danger of terrorism and stressed the all too real possibilities of its return and the reorganization of its ranks, and added that any complacency, or preoccupation with conflicts in the region, will be an outlet for the return of these deadly groups.

*Rampant corruption*

He went on to denounce the rampant corruption and interference that had harmed his country's national sovereignty. Such acts would also impede Iraq's efforts to combat terrorism and extremism.

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