
IRAQ'S AL SADR SAYS READY TO FORM NATIONAL MAJORITY GOVERNMENT

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Prominent Iraqi Shia politician Muqtada al-Sadr on Thursday voiced his intention to form a national majority government without foreign interference.

"Neither Eastern nor Western, a national majority government," al-Sadr posted on Twitter following a meeting with political actors rejecting the outcome of recent parliamentary polls that the Shia cleric's Sairoon Alliance dominated.

Al-Sadr's party won the Oct. 10 elections with 73 seats in the 329-member parliament, followed by the Taqaddum (progress) bloc of parliament speaker Mohamed al-Halbousi with 37 seats.

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