IRAQ ARRESTS OIL PIPELINE COMPANY CHIEF AMID FUEL SMUGGLING INVESTIGATION

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Iraqi authorities arrested the director general of the state-owned Oil Pipelines Company on Thursday in connection with an investigation into oil smuggling in central Babil province, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

INA, citing a senior source, said Ali Abdul Karim al-Mousawi was arrested after giving testimony to judicial authorities about smuggling operations in Jurf al-Nasr, formerly known as Jurf al-Sakhar.

The source did not provide further details about the allegations against Mousawi or specify whether formal charges had been filed.

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