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### **Economy**

**The exhibition of Export Gate to Iraq will launch in Turkey in May:**

The commercial attaché in the Iraqi embassy in Amman, Mr. Adeeb Fattah, recently revealed that the Iraqi Ministry of Trade in cooperation with the Turkish Forum Company will hold the exhibition of Export Gate to Iraq from 7-11 May in Gaziantep, the Turkish city. Mr. Adeeb said that exporters from 15 countries seek to participate in this event. The exhibition will be followed by a conference entitled “Iraq Business Partners.”

✉ Hala Al – Hadidi

**Al - Shareq Al - Awsat**

### **Privatization**

**Negotiations to convert Al –Kufa cement factory to a joint-stock company:**

A member in An-Najaf governorate council, Mr. Nazar Al – Malali, recently said that the governorate council approached the Iraqi Ministry of Finance to give the priority to An-Najaf citizens to invest in Al – Kufa cement factory when the ministry starts converting it to a joint-stock company. Al - Kufa cement factory is one of the two factories that the Ministry of Industry has selected to privatize in order to start the privatization experience in Iraq.

**Al - Mashreq**

### **Industry**

**Industry calls for investing in a fertilizer factory in Abi Al Kaseeb:**

The Ministry of Industry and Minerals called for specialized international companies to invest in a fertilizer factory in Abi Al Kaseeb in Al – Basra governorate. A source in the ministry recently said that the investor needs to submit assessments and proposals for the project, the cost of rehabilitating the factory, rehabilitation days, and a management plan. The source added that the project is in a good location on Shaat Al – Arab river, with low cost labor, and in a secure place.

**Al – Mada**

### **Trade**

**An ambitious plan to participate in reviving the national economy:**

The Ministry of Trade is currently implementing an ambitious plan to stimulate exporting Iraqi products to different countries in order to revive the Iraqi national economy. A source in the ministry recently announced that it issued 17 export licenses in the past few days for Iraqi exporters. These licenses included exporting agricultural & animal products and home

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furniture to Turkey, Syria, UAE and Jordan. The source added that the Ministry of Trade is cooperating with Iraqi merchants and businessmen to smooth the progress of exporting Iraqi products to make revenues that support the Iraqi national economy.

✉ Mahdi Kareem

**Al - Sabah**

**Three projects to increase international cooperation with Quality Control:**

The Central Organization of Standardization and Quality Control (COSQC) in the Iraqi Ministry of Planning recently announced three projects to increase international cooperation in the quality control sector. A source in the Center revealed that these three projects include joining the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), Lahai Agreement for international registration and fees, and Madrid Agreement for international registration of trade marks. The source added these three projects will assist in increasing international cooperation between COSQC and Arab and foreign organizations.

✉ Ghassan Hamid

**Al - Mashreq**

## Agricultural

**A mutual cooperation with Arab and foreign companies regarding agricultural products:**

The Ministry of Agriculture soon seeks to sign mutual cooperation agreements with Arab and foreign companies from countries who support Iraq in order to transfer modern technology to the agricultural sector. These new technologies will assist in increasing the production and development of the sector.

✉ Salah Al – Hasani

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