

## **R O U N D - U P**

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### **Economy**

**Iraqi delegation to Washington to discuss writing off Iraqi debts:**

The Iraqi Ministry of Finance recently announced that the minister, Mr. Ali Allawi, will head an Iraqi delegation to Washington to start the third stage concerning the Paris Club agreement about writing off Iraqi debts. In addition the Iraqi delegation will negotiate with the International Monetary Fund about writing off 30% of Iraqi debts.

✉ Mushtaq Ghalib

**Al – Mashreq**

**Iraqi economic cooperation with Nigeria and Azerbaijan:**

The external economic relations office in the Ministry of Trade recently announced the completion of the economic and commercial cooperation agreement draft among Iraq, Nigeria and Azerbaijan. The draft will be submitted to the Iraqi Council of Ministers to get their approval on it.

**Al – Sabah Al - Jadeed**

**Economic conference for businessmen in the US next September:**

The International Union for Businessmen is organizing an economic conference in Michigan, USA next September. The chairman of the Union in the US, Mr. Ameer Al – Atia, recently said that more than 400 Iraqis will participate in this event in addition to Iraqi and Arab businessmen in exile.

**Al – Sabah**

### **Trade**

**Free trade agreement with the United States:**

A source in the external economic relations office in the Ministry of Trade recently announced that the ministry received the minister's approval on a free trade agreement with the United States.

**Al – Sabah Al - Jadeed**

### **Reconstruction**

**The Rebuild Iraq events have to be held inside Iraq:**

Mr. Herish Al – Tayar, the chairman of the Kurdistan Businessmen's Union, said that the Rebuild Iraq exhibition and conference that will be held in Amman from 9-11<sup>th</sup> of May has to be inside Iraq not outside it because it is an Iraqi affair. Mr. Al – Tayar added that the

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security situation is not an excuse to not holding this event inside Iraq, because Iraq has many stabilized governorates like Irbil, Sulaimanya, Duhok, or Al – Basra.

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