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### **Economy**

**Agreement between Ukraine and the Wasit governorate:**

The Governor of Zaporizhzhya, Ukraine, recently invited the Governor of Wasit, Mr. Latif Hamed, to visit the region and to discuss expanding Ukraine's relations with Iraq. The two parties signed an agreement that covers economic, scientific, education, trade, tourism, sport, environment, arts, and technical fields.

✉ Hassan Al – Azawi

**Al - Sabah**

**First Lady of Iraq attends international women conference:**

The International Annual Conference for Women Entrepreneurs, recently held in London, was attended by more than 170 businesswomen from Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Bahrain, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Sudan, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Cyprus, Athens, Italy, US, and UK. Mrs. Talabani, the First Lady of Iraq, attended the gathering and addressed a speech which focused on unemployment crisis in Iraq.

**Al - Adala**

**The Iraqi Businessmen's Association participates in international events:**

A source in the Iraqi Businessmen's Association recently said that a delegation headed by the chairman of the association, Mr. Thamir Al – Sheikli will participate in the annual international economic forum in Spain in June. The forum will discuss the role that Spain can play in the rebuilding and development of the Iraqi economy, especially in the fields of technology, telecommunications, transportation, agriculture, electricity and chemicals. The source revealed that in June the association will also participate in other economic events in Turkey, Iran, Bahrain, UAE, Egypt and Tunisia.

✉ Mohammed Salah

**Al - Mashreq**

### **Tourism**

**Recommendation for a law to promote tourism investment:**

The University of Ahel Al Bait in the Kerbala governorate recently held a conference to discuss the religious tourism status in Kerbala. Representatives from Babil, Wasit and Kerbala universities attended this conference. Participants recommended the adoption of a law to promote tourism investment for Arab and foreign investors.

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### **WTO**

**Seminar discusses Iraq accession to the World Trade Organization:**

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The Investment Promotion Agency in the Kurdistan region, in cooperation with the Iraqi Economy Development Center, recently held a seminar in Al – Sulaimanya governorate to discuss Iraq accession to the WTO. The participants emphasized that the first step in joining the organization is to reform the economy and the legislation of Iraq according to international standards. The chairman of the Agency, Mr. Mohammed Kareem, said that the Kurdistan strategy is to develop the economy of the region, reform the banking system and benefit from Arab and foreign investors experience.

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