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Turkey's exports to Iraq are more than \$ 4 billion dollars. The Minister of Trade recently announced that the ministry is working to get Iraq to join the World Trade Organization (WTO). To that end, a National Committee of representatives of different related ministries and from the private sector was formed to ensure that Iraq's relevant legislation is in conformity with WTO requirements.

Al-Mutamer

The Director General of Rafedin Bank stated that the bank is waiting for regulations from higher authorities to start releasing real-estate loans to Iraqi citizens.

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A source in the Ministry of Industry and Minerals stated that the ministry has signed contacts with several Arabic manufacturers to supply detergents and soap for the public distribution system (ration cards).

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The Ministry of Health (MOH) announced a new set of rules to regulate the import of psychiatric medication and stated that all manufacturers and suppliers should be registered with MOH.

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The Iraqi Minister of Agriculture met with a Danish agriculture consultant in Baghdad to discuss Denmark's plans to assist in the development of field crops and food industry.

Al-Sabah & Al-Jadeed

The Government of Kurdistan is preparing to receive an American trade delegation to discuss the issue of opening a free trade area in Sulymania.

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Al-Mada, Azzaman**

BearingPoint has offered the Ministry of Labor and Social Security a new project (PILOT) to assist in the development of a social protection network. If accepted by the Ministry, the project will be implemented by BearingPoint under the supervision of World Bank.

Al-Adala & Al-Mashriq

The Government of Kurdistan invites Gulf businessmen to invest in the region.

Al-Adala

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The Minister of Electricity is discussing the prospect of cooperation with Italian companies and has asked for their assistance in rehabilitating power stations in Beji and Nassiryah.

Al-Mashriq

Iraq cooperates with Arabic and International companies to build new local gas stations.

Al-Mashriq

The Minister of Water Resources discussed with the Danish Ambassador in Baghdad the possibility of getting Danish assistance in rehabilitating the Iraqi Marshes.

Al-Mada

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