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Parliament forms financial and economic committee to revise budget

Sources in parliament said an economic and financial committee will be formed to revise the government's \$42 billion 2007 budget. The sources said the committee will address certain issues including earlier decisions to withdraw the funding from projects taken on by ministries and provincial authorities if they fail to complete 75% of the project. The sources added it is not possible to punish a whole ministry or province for the underperformance of a limited number of people.

Al-Dustoor

Zouba'i discusses unemployment with Anbar Delegation

Deputy PM Salam al-Zouba'i met Wednesday with a delegation from Anbar Province to discuss means to reduce unemployment as well as its effects on the security situation. The meeting took place in Baghdad, and was attended by representatives from the US Embassy, Marine Corps, and other American institutions specializing in economics and agriculture. Zouba'i said economic and agricultural projects slated to be carried out in Anbar will provide job opportunities and positively impact the security situation.

Al-Mashriq

Thirty-one water projects in Karbala

A statement released by the Karbala water department said 31 projects designed to provide potable water are scheduled for 2007; adding these projects include installing new water plants with a capacity of 200 lt³/h as well as extending new pipelines.

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