

Political

Basra Province

New US. Consul General appointed in Basra

Source: US. Consulate General Basra

Date: July 22, 2015

Consulate General in Basra welcomes Mr. Steve Walker. He assumed responsibilities as US Consul General at the US Consulate General in Basra. Mr. Walker is a career diplomat with over two decades of service to the US. Department of State, with numerous assignments in the region including US Embassy in Baghdad. "I'm honored to take up the position of Consul General in Basra. I look forward engaging with the people of southern Iraq and continuing the work of strengthening cooperation, economic ties, and people-to-people connections between the people of the United States and southern Iraq," Walker said. A native of the US state of Hawaii, he holds advanced degrees in international relations and national security strategy, and speaks Arabic and French.



US. Consul General in Basra

Kuwait Consul in Basra paid a first visit

Source: almirbad.com

Date: July 23, 2015

Basra's Governor Majid Naserwai and Kuwait Consul Yousef Ashur made an agreement to strengthen security and intelligence-sharing to fight ISIS. Ashur said that Kuwait Consulate would start working soon to grant visa to Iraqis and to offer facilitation for Iraqi-Kuwaiti business men. Naserwai looked forward to the work of strengthening cooperation, economic ties, and people-to-people connections between the people of the Kuwait and Basra.



Majid Naserwai and Yousef Ashur

Political rift widens between Bader Org and Citizens bloc at BPC

Source: almirbad.com

Date: July 23, 2015

There is tension between Head of Bader Org bloc at BPC Ahmed Suilit and Waleed Kaytan, the deputy chairman of BPC, and member of Citizens bloc at BPC. The tension escalated because the allocations of cleaning budget for Basra districts. Suilit rejected to allocate one-third of \$50 m for cleaning Basra districts, being requested by Basra municipality while Citizens bloc demanded to allocate \$ 53 m for National cleaning company in Kuwait to

complete its work in the center of province. Suilit called BPC to be fair in distributing the allocations to all of Basra districts.

The chair of local council in Al-Midaina District resigns

Source: almedapress

Date: July 22, 2015

The chair of Al-Midaina local council Basim Salha Gadban submitted his resignation to Basra Governor Majed Nasrawi just a few days after demonstration because of electricity shortage. Gadban justified his resignation that he did not received enough support from Basra Gov. to fulfil his duties.

Iraq's Electoral Commission received new Basra autonomy bid

Source: Alghadpress

Date: July 26, 2015

Iraq's Independent High Electoral Commission in Basra received new a request demanding a referendum be held to recognize Basra as an autonomous region, after rejecting the first request because it did not complete the legal procedures. The Commission office in Basra pointed out that it had received an official request from Basra city that included the signatures and names of 56,619 citizens. According to the Commission, the matching signatories' names represented only 1.2 per cent of the eligible voters' lists which is less than the two per cent ratio demanded by Iraqi law to accept the request. It was worthy to mention that Weal Abdul Latif and Muhammad Al-Tai led and supervised the collection of the signatures. Additionally, the callers for Basra region will start demonstration in front of Basra local government building to demands for services.

Economic

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BGO plans to meet international oil companies

Source: majednasrawi

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Basra's Governor Majid Nasrawi decided to meet international oil companies, subcontractors and community Outreach committees in the West of Qurna oilfields to determine procedures which may help to provide jobs for Qurna district's people. In this regards, Nasrawi send an official letter to SOC encouraged them to coordinate with international oil companies in order to attend the meeting and announcing of its results. On the electricity file, Nasrawi assured that all areas in the north of Basra will supply with 20 hours a day in case of completing Hartha-Quran line next month based on agreement with the Ministry of Electricity.

Basra awarded new contacts to rehabilitate Sewage network

Source: Iraqi directory

Date: July22, 2015

Basra Local Gov. concluded a contract with a Lebanese company to rehabilitate sewage network system in Hay AL-Hussain and Hay AL- khaleej in the center of Basra city with a value of IQD 22 billion. The project extends to three years including rehabilitation ,operatation and maintain of the sewage and the rainwater network.

Security

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Demonstrations increase in Basra

Souece,: Alsumaria, almirbad.com

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Basra police Chief Major General Faisal stated that SF had arrested seven terrorists who had been hiding inside a container truck (Trailer) at the Rumaila entrance checkpoints, west of Basra. Rather, Crisis Cell at Zubair district west of Basra decided to force public park owner's to install CCTV to deter crimes and enhance security.

Moreover, Umm Qser, South West of Basra city witnessed demonstration demanding for jobs, services and dismissal of the head of Um Qaser local council and strengthen the security. Further, Basra Intelligence Agency

announced that they arrested an ISIS member in Abo-Akhaseeb district south of Basra city. Hartha district north of Basra witnessed assassination incident targeting civilian close to Majdya gas station.

Tribes' conflicts led to stop Basra water Project

Source: Almedapress, talos-im.com

Date: July 25, 2015

Head of Development and Reconstruction Committee at BPC Zahera Bachari said that tribal conflicts were the main reason to stop the work activities of Basra Water Project. In this regards, Bachari added that Head of Security Committee Jabber Al-s'adi, the Chair of BPC Sabah Al-Bazooni, and Head of Development and Reconstruction Committee at BPC would pay a visit to the site of the project to assist in keeping the project ongoing. However, possible oil fire in Azubair oil fields and Shatt Al-arab and Mofaqya area in the center of Basra witnessed controlled demonstration.

Muthanna Province

US drone crashes in Al-Muthanna desert

Source: rt.com

Date: July 21, 2015

The MC-1Q Gray Eagle drone crashed near the government-controlled city of Samawah, Iraq, Defense Department spokesman Army Major Roger Cabiness said in a statement. The unmanned aircraft was returning from a surveillance mission when "technical complications" caused a loss of communication, he added. "There were no weapons on board the aircraft. We are working with Iraqi authorities to recover the aircraft", he said.