

## Political

### Basra Province

#### **SRSG visits Basra Governorate**

Source: majednasrawi

Date: Nov03, 2015

Majed al-Nasrawi the Governor of Basra met with the United Nations Secretary General's envoy to Iraq, Mr. Jan Kubis. During the meeting al-Nasrawi and Mr. Kubis discussed the latest developments in political, economic, and security situation and IDPs in Basra and the fiscal crisis which Iraqi institutions faced. Al-Nasrawi announced its readiness to support UN activities and its agencies which work in Basra. Kubis expressed his understanding for Basra's challenges and he assured that UN will work to assist Basra to overcome all its problems. Kubis said "I trust Basra Governor that he could deliver stability and prosperity for the citizens"

#### **BPC threatens to declare Basra as an autonomous region**

Source: BPC media office

Date: Nov05, 2015

The deputy chairman of the BPC Waeeld Hameed Qaytan said that efforts which have been taken by Basra region advocates toward making Basra as an autonomous region required strong solidarity and supports. We as local government and personally have not hesitated to announce our support because their demand was in accordance with the Iraqi constitution not a trump card against the central government.

Qaytan announced his readiness to resend the previous petition of Basra as a region to the cabinet and he will personally work to collect 12 signatures of the BPC's members which is equivalent to 10% of voters to hold referendum. Qaytan pointed out that Basra is often considered as Iraq's lifeline, thanks to its rich oil wealth and other natural resources.

But, the province has fully marginalized and suffered from lack of services, environment problems and unemployment level which reached to 70-80%, Housing problems and the authorities which have recently granted by central Govt. to the local governments did not active. Qaytan is pessimistic because the prime minister, Hayder Ebadhi respected constitution and laws which will lead finally to announce Basra as an autonomous region.

#### **Basra provincial leaders claim rights to contract oil fields independently of the Oil Ministry**

Source: iraqoilreport.com, Masla, al-mada

Date: Nov9th, 2015

Provincial leaders and Basra PMs are threatening to seize authority over several oil fields were not invested by ICOs in Basra as a way to pay bills and fund investment in Basra. Last week in Istanbul, the chairman of the council's energy committee, Ali Shaddad al-Faris, held meetings with international lawyers to map out a legal strategy for claiming and contracting fields, according to an official familiar with the discussions. Moreover, on Nov 03, 72 Khalaf Abdul-Samad, a member of the State of Law Coalition, said in a press statement made available to Anadolu that 72 members of parliament signed a petition to "restore Basra's rights" and end the discrimination exercised between the province and northern Iraq.

The petition demanded that Basra's quota be guaranteed in the budget in line with the agreed quotas. The MPs representing Basra in parliament "are the provinces legitimate representatives in negotiations with the government," he said, reminding the government of its obligation to pay Basra's financial dues, which have been outstanding since 2010. He called for a timetable to be drawn up for the government to repay its debts. If our demands are not met, we will export oil domestically and take all its revenues till the government repays all the money it owes Basra," he said Basra possesses the country's largest oil wells and produces 80 per cent of Iraq's oil.

#### **MP of Basra threatens to announce Basra as "Amira"**

Source: PUKmedia

Date: Nov10, 2015

Fatima al-Zaerqani from SLA said that they plan to declare Basra as Amira like Kuwait. Al-Zaerqani announced her objection towards the lack of Basra allocation within Federal Budget and she added " Federal Govt. must increase the allocation of Basra within 2016 Budget otherwise PMs of Basra will declare Basra as Amira.

### **Head of ISCI office resigned**

Source: almirbad.com

Date: Nov13, 2015

Jawad al-Bazooni head of ISCI office in Basra announced that he decided to leave his position back to his work as an instructor in Basra Medical College. He emphasized that Basra cannot get away with individualism or partisan and abhorrent quota system domination to handcuff state institution and fight against mafias of corruption, nepotism required intensive efforts and the political parties did not have tangible desire to serve the interests of people.

### **Basra Governor: ministries are not committed to transfer of powers to the provinces**

Source: majednasrawi

Date: Nov 15, 2015

On the sideline of the ninth meeting of the Supreme Commission for coordination between the provinces which hold in Babal, Majid al-Nasrawi Basra's governor said that most of the ministries were not committed to accelerate the transfer of powers to the provinces, stressing the ministers were not attended the meeting but they have sent their deputies. Al-Nasrawi added that the governor and the chairman of the PC played the role of minister because he was too close to the citizens to deliver the best services.

### **Ammar Al-Hakem arrives to Basra**

Source: Buratha news agency

Date: Nov 16, 2015

Head of ISCI Ammar Al-Hakem arrived to Basra and met with al-Sistani's assistants in Basra Sayeed Ali Abedalhakeem al-Safai. During the meeting, they discussed the last development in political, economic and other issues in Basra.

### **U.S Ambassador visits Basra**

Source: almirbad.com, Governor Media office, majednasrawi

Date: Nov26, 2015

On November 25-26, Ambassador Stuart E. Jones visited Basra to meet with provincial officials, tribal leaders, and energy sector executives. The Ambassador was joined by the U.S. Consul General to Basra. During his visit, Ambassador Jones met with Basra Governor Majid Al-Nasrawi for a wide-ranging discussion of security, economic, and humanitarian assistance challenges facing Iraq. Ambassador Jones emphasized ironclad U.S. support for Iraqis in their fight against ISIL, as well as U.S. efforts to bolster business and investment in southern Iraq.

The Ambassador also noted the leading role that the U.S. plays in providing humanitarian relief to Iraqis affected by violence. Since June 2014, the U.S. has provided more than \$600 million in humanitarian aid to Iraqis. Ambassador Jones also met with a group of prominent tribal leaders from southern Iraq to listen to their concerns, reaffirm U.S. resolve in the fight against ISIL, and voice support for efforts toward national reconciliation in Iraq.

On other hand, Basra Governor Majid Al-Nasrawi said that he discussed with Ambassador Stuart E. Jones decentralization and the sister city agreement between Basra and Huston city. Al-Nasrawi expressed his readiness to provide supporting to U.S companies especially the companies which entered to work in the port business. Al-Nasrawi noted that we encourage all U.S companies to invest in Basra because the new investment law which has passed recently created good environment of investment to foreigners.

### **Political map in Basra about to change**

Source: almirbad.com, ara.shafaaq.com

Date: Nov 22, 2015

The governor of Basra Majid AL-Nasrawi has recently taken administrative reforms to reorganize structures of governorate's departments which also led to freeze the power of the deputies' governor. For this reason, Ahrar (Liberal) and Fadila blocs in the BPC have set up formal talks to create new political front in Basra. Mohammed Al-Mansorui head of Ahrar bloc in the BPC said that the blocs would be made their decision after evaluating the performance of the governor and the BPC. He added that the talks and its results would not be targeted anyone but it aimed to improve the quality of services and anti-corruption. Al-Mansorui also commented that the reforms were made without consulting with political partners in the local government and it could be classified as a Dictatorship.

### **U.S GC visit Imam Ali's Mosque**

Source: basrah.usconsulate

Date: Nov 29, 2015

Consul General Steve Walker and members of the consulate staff visited the historic Imam Ali Mosque to pay their respects during Arbaeen, a spiritually significant time of year for so many Basrawis. They were generously welcomed by the Shia Endowment; representatives from the Sunni Endowment also joined them for the visit.

### **Thi-Qar Province**

#### **U.S CG visits to Thi-Qar**

Source: basrah.usconsulate

Date: Nov 22, 2015

US Consul General Steve Walker visited Thi-Qar and met Thi-Qar Governor, Yahia Al-Naseri— the second visit of a Consulate General official to Thi-Qar since the Consulate General was established. The visit effectively was focused on a wide-ranging discussion of ways to build partnerships, bolster business ties and foster people-to-people connections between the people of Thi-Qar and the United States. Steve Walker also toured the ancient city of Ur and climbed to the top of the famous ziggurat.

### **Economy**

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#### **BIWATER visits Basra**

Source: majednasrawi

Date: Nov 01, 2015

Biwater team met the governor of Basra Majid al-Nasrawi to discuss Basra water crisis and how Biwater Co. could assist Basra to build desalination water plants. The two sides were agreed to prepare a study and designs for constructing desalination water plants and sewages systems. Al-Nasrawi expressed his readiness to support foreigners' companies and he presented detail explanation about the strategic projects which might implement in Basra to the team of the company. AL-Nasrawi praised the company's intention to implement the projects in Basra based on deferred payment. The company have built, extended and refurbished some of the largest water and sewage treatment plants in the world; some in excess of 1,000 mld., for the capital cities of the UK, Malaysia, Panama, Nigeria, Sudan, Abu Dhabi, Iraq, Hong Kong, Ghana, South Africa, Nicaragua and Vietnam, in addition to thousands of other projects worldwide. Today the key words for water are sustainability and viability and these are being achieved through ethical operating and management, with an expertise and discipline that calls for the input of a professional, specialized Biwater team.

#### **BPC welcomed Japanese Mitsubishi Company's delegation**

Source: BPC Media Center

Date: Nov 02, 2014

Chairman of the BPC Sabah al-Bazooni received Director of Mitsubishi Co. in Iraq Youki Sakoyama. The two sides also spoke of possible contributions of Mitsubishi Co. to achieve strategic projects in the province. Al-Bazooni said, "We called the company to construct water plants and electricity to solve the problems in these sectors, which are important to the Basra citizens. The head of the delegation said," the company can bid for new water project which announced recently by BPC in coordination with Iraqi Cabinet to construct

desalination plants in Basra. At the end of meeting, al-Bazooni invited Director of Mitsubishi Co. to attend a meeting which will hold in Basra next period to study infrastructures projects and water crisis.

### **South Customs Directorate faces corruption charges**

Source: almirbad.com

Date: Nov03, 2015

Murtadha al-Shahmani chairman of borders points Committee in the BPC accused South Customs Directorate and HQ in Baghdad because of endemic corruption and increasing bribes dealers' level in their offices. Al-Shahmani added that Basra SF checkpoint in Azbuair seized a truck affiliated to Chinses Co. operated in Thi-Qar, carried out Alcohol and drugs existed from Um Qaser port with no action has taken by port authority. Al-Shahmani followed that the main corrupters were in Basra Costumes office and its employees who were from Governorates occupied by IS. Al-Shahmani pointed out that he will send detail report to the BPC. South Customs Director Ahmed Noori commented that corruption and bribes were found in Basra Costumes Directorate but it was not much like media reported.

### **Basra to create regional development company**

Source: BPC media office

Date: Nov04, 2015

The Basra Oil, Gas & Infrastructure Conference, organized by the CWC Group Limited has taken place from 2nd November to the 3rd November 2015 at the InterContinental Hotel, Istanbul in Istanbul, Turkey. The conference covered areas like Under the High Patronage of Basra Governorate and Basra Council, the strategic forum for Basra's oil, gas & infrastructure industries. The conference witnessed the establishing of Basra Oil Firm which will facilitate development of oil fields in Basra and its funding will be from Petro Dollar budget which reached to 5bl\$. The firm will be supervised by Basra Local Government.

The announcement of the establishing of the firm received warmly welcomed from the participants Ali Shadad alfaris; chairman of oil & Gas Committee in the BPC said. He added that Basra local Govt. will invite all the participated Companies to visit Basra to have a look on investments opportunities.

### **Malaysian cleaning Co. plans to enter Basra**

Source: sotaliraq.com

Date: Nov05, 2015

Chairman of Planning and following Committee of the BPC Na'ashat al-Mansouri announced that Malaysian cleaning Co. announced its readiness to clean Basra's districts with no charges. AL-Mansouri added that the company might plan to win additional contracts and other purposes. AL-Mansouri underlined the BPC will discuss the offer of the company at the next session of the BPC.

### **Cabinet Approves New Hotel at Basra Airport**

Source: al-Mada, Office of the Prime Minister

Date: Nov10, 2015

The Iraqi Cabinet has approved the allocation of a plot of land in Basra International Airport to the Ministry of Transport for the purpose of establishing a hotel complex and integrated services facilities. The decision on the 61-acre site was made at the Council of Ministers meeting, which was chaired by Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi.

### **Occidental to sell Zubair stake to Iraq's South Oil**

Source: Reuters

Date: Nov11, 2015

Occidental Petroleum intends to sell its stake in the Zubair oilfield to Iraq's state-run South Oil Company (SOC). The news agency quotes ministry spokesman Asim Jihad stated "Occidental asked the ministry for permission to sell its stake in Zubair field and the ministry is in the process of approving the request. SOC will acquire Occidental's stake. "Occidental holds 29.69 percent of the field, with Italy's Eni holding 41.56 percent and operating the field, while South Korea's KOGAS has 23.75 percent and Iraq's state-run Maysan Oil Company owns 5 percent.

### **U.S. Consulate General Conducted a series of workshops for English language teaching professionals**

Source: basrah.usconsulate

Date: Nov12, 2015

The U.S. Consulate General Basra is hosted English Language Specialist, Elizabeth Tannenbaum who is conducting a series of workshops for English language teaching professionals throughout southern Iraq. Ms. Tannenbaum's 10-day visit is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and includes sessions in Basra, Baghdad and Erbil. Her recent workshops included participants from throughout southern Iraq: Muthanna, Maysan, Thi -Qar, and Basra provinces.

### **BPC receive new offers to build water plants**

Source: BPC Media Center

Date: Nov13, 2015

Chairman of the BPC Sabah al-Bazooni announced that they received multi offers which presented by the coalition of Mitsubishi, Dana ,and Metito and other companies such as Aqua Swiss and Veolia to construct purification water plants with a capacity of million meter cubic per day .Al-Bazooni added that he will discuss with the minister of MoP the mechanism of choosing the best offers.Further,head of Development and Construction Committee of the BPC Zahera al-Bachair pointed out that the offer which presented by the coalition was the best one because the coalition has a bank in Japan which can fund the coalition' projects. Moreover, the representative of the coalition Mustafa al-Sheik said that the specialists of the coalition will discuss the needs of Basra Governorate concerning water projects and then they will present the offer.

### **Fraud gangs arrested in Umm Qser port**

Source: iq.shafaqna.com

Date: Nov11, 2015

The Commission of Integrity in Basra announced that they arrested head and members of Customs Detected Committee at the northern of Umm Qaser port carried out 100,000\$ and fraud stamps and documents.

### **Rumaila early power plant project's corner stone lay**

Source: Al-Masala, almirbad.com

Date: Nov 15, 2015

Rumaila's operations Organization held groundbreaking ceremony for the Rumaila early power plant project with a capacity of 150 MW and at a cost of m\$ 423 to feed all stations and equipment working in the Rumaila oil filed in addition to supply 23 000 residential house with power. .Basra Local Government welcomed BP's projects and called on BP to construct other projects to increase and improve services which provided to the citizens. The plant will be carried out by CPECC and achieved at the beginning of 2017 and operated by acid gas from DS1, DS3 station within Rumaila's oil filed.

### **National Card starts in Basra**

Source: Iraqpress

Date: Nov19, 2015

The Unified National ID directorate announced that they will be started to issue The National ID in Seba district south of Basra city. The official of the ID directorate added that the citizens of Seba can access to the website of the directorate for registration starting from December 06, 2015.

### **MoWR agrees on establishing giant Dam on Al Faw**

Source: Iraqpress

Date: Nov22, 2015

The MP for Basra Adil AL-Mansouri said in a press conference that a number of MPs visited the Minister of Water Resources to discuss establishing a giant dam over Shat AL-Arab River in Basra. The MP refers to the importance of this dam in providing potable water to Basra instead of wasting it to the Gulf. The minster expressed his approval to the project and asked the delegation to approach the Council of Representatives for approval and allocate required fund.

### **MoIM to establish Industrial City in Basra**

Source: Iraqpress

Date: Nov20, 2015

The Spokesperson of the Ministry of Industry said that the Ministry is working on establishing a giant industrial city at AL-Zubair in Basra. The city will be built on a plot of 295 Acres, and the total budget of the project IQD 61.7 billion (about \$52 mIn) with 2 year timeline for the project. The city will include factories, site for companies, and commercial offices affiliated to producing companies.

### **Iraqi Foreign invited JICA to setup Technical Training Center in Basra**

Source: mofa.gov.iq, ara.shafaaq.com

Date: Nov24, 2015

During Iraqi foreign Minister Ibrahim Al-Jaafari visit to Japan, he met his Japanese counterpart Mr. Fumio Kishida on 24 November 2015, al-Jaafari emphasized the importance of accelerating the opening of the Japanese Consulate in Basra to support the economy and to open up new possibilities of mutual collaboration. On other hand, al-Jaafari during his meeting on Nov 25, 2015 with Keita Oka, head of (JICA) called him to establish Technical Training Center in Basra for JICA in Basra to build the capacity of Iraq institution's Staff.

### **Japan to extend tens of billions of yen in loans for Iraq water project**

Source: japantoday.com, iraqnews.net, almedapress

Date: Nov 23, 2015

Japan is seeking to extend tens of billions of yen in new loans to Iraq for building a water purification plant in Samawah, the first large-scale aid offered by Tokyo to the southern Iraqi city in about seven years. The new assistance to the city, where Japanese troops were stationed from 2004 to 2006 to help rebuild the war-torn country, is expected to help Iraq improve infrastructure despite its financial difficulties due to the rising costs of fighting the Islamic State and a steep decline in oil prices, government sources said. The Japanese government plans to step up talks with the Iraqi government with the aim of reaching a broad agreement on the project by the end of March. The security situation in Samawah is stable and expected to remain so, whereas some projects funded by Japan's official development assistance in northern Iraq and other parts of the country have been effectively suspended due to advancing Islamic extremists, the sources said.

The last large-scale Japanese assistance offered to the city was a thermal power plant completed in 2008. Samawah, the capital of Muthanna province, remains less developed, and the sources say demand for a water treatment plant is high because it is the only provincial capital in the country with no full-fledged water purification facility. Under the plan, the plant is expected to use Japan's leading water filtration technology to treat salty water taken from the Euphrates River. The plant will be capable of supplying more than 100,000 tons of drinking water daily, benefiting some 300,000 people living in the Samawah area, the sources said.

### **Bride' tower in Basra to be 3,162 feet high –the tallest in the world**

Source: metro.co.uk, almedapress

Date: Nov 24, 2015

Basra is planning to build a monstrous tower which would dwarf even the Burj Khalifa in Dubai. The structure – called 'The Bride' – would be 3,162 feet tall, with 241 floors – the Burj Khalifa is a mere 2,722ft. Saudi Arabia's Kingdom Tower, due for completion in 2019, will also be higher than the Burj, although its exact final height is being kept secret. The Bride, though, is meant to be an antidote to super-tall towers, a 'vertical city' which would also require no electricity – drawing heat and power from the sun. Marcos De Andres, a director of AMBS Architects, who are working with Mott MacDonald consultancy on the project, said: 'In contrast to a conventional tower, The Bride will be a place that may be enjoyed by all, not only for the ones that live and work there, but also the rest of the public. 'Super tall towers are perceived as an object in the distance. An alien planted in the city, disconnected from the urban scale at ground level. 'The Bride, on the other hand, will be conceived as a city itself both vertically but also horizontally from the ground. 'It will be enjoyed by thousands of people in endless ways, within it, on it or under it. 'From walking in the vast shaded parks and promenades at ground level, to having lunch or shopping in a sky-square hundreds of metres above sea level.'

### **Malaysian cleaning Co. about to enter Basra**

Source: sotaliraq.com, BPC Media office

Date: Nov26, 2015

BPC has discussed the Malaysian cleaning Company's offer which summarized in cleaning Basra's districts with no charges in turn the company would be implemented waste-recycling projects in the future. BPC stressed that the contract must be determined a percentage of labor force for Basra. On other hand BPC voted on setting up E-Government to ease Basra's institutions work and improve the quality of the services which deliver for Basra's citizen. The project has presented by the Governance Strengthening Project (GSP) which funded by USAID and commonly known as Taqadum.

## **Thi-Qar Province**

### **Thi-Qar PC receive Koran and Chinese companies**

Source: Independent Press Agency

Date: Nov04, 2015

The delegations of Koran and Chinese companies met with Chairman of Thi-Qar PC Hameed Naeem al-Ghazi .They discussed the main investment opportunities in the province such as Tourism, Infrastructures, Thi-Qar industry city, Housing complex and the project of Thi-Qar new city. AL-Ghazi pointed out that the Thi-Qar local Govt. agreed to allow the Koran and Chinese companies to work in the province and provide them with all supports. AL-Ghazi added that he addressed an official invitation to the companies to visit the province.

### **Thi-Qar PC meets Iranian Cos' delegation**

Source: Thi-Qar PC Media office, hakaek.net

Date: Nov 16, 2015

Chairman of Thi-Qar PC Hameed al-Ghazi discussed with the delegation of Iranian's companies the possibilities of constructing solar power plant via investment in the province. The delegation presented the offers of construing power plants which will be discussed by specialized committees in the Thi-Qar PC.

### **Thi-Qar Signs MoU with Korean Firms for Infrastructures**

Source: Shafaq

Date: Nov 17, 2015

Chairman of Thi-Qar PC Hamid Naeem Gizi said that Thi-Qar Local govt.and Investment Authority were signed a MoU with Korean companies(KCs) to implement investment projects such as housing complex and industry areas, roads, bridges and other infrastructures *He* added that the Mou will be a good starting to sign additional contracts .Al-Ghazi pointed out that KCs were well known and have experience in the reconstruction areas and have made multiple agreements with theGC.Al-Gizi expressed that the *KCs* could transfer its experience to maintain investment and infrastructure development.

### **Petronas allocates 75miqd to build Tourism Institute**

Source: nasiriyah.org

Date: Nov 23, 2015

Head of Heritage &Tourism Committee in the Thi-Qar PC Ajyal Kareem announced that Petronas which operated al Graff oil field allocated 75miqd from social benefit to build new office for Tourism Institute in the province.

## **Maysan Province**

### **Ministry of Electricity opened electricity Gas station in Maysan**

Source: almirbad.com, Shafaq

Date: Nov12, 2015

Minister of Electricity Mohammad Qasim Fahdawi opened an electricity gas station in Maysan with capacity of 500 MW. Mohammed Fathi, spokesman for the Minister of Electricity said that the station been constructed by South Korea's STX Heavy in the cost of **a \$149-ml** and with 4 turbines were equipped by General Electric U.S Co. Moreover, the station will be operated by receiving acid gas through a pipeline from al- Halfaya field oil field.

### **Maysan about to loan from domestic Banks**

Source: almirbad.com

Date: Nov19, 2015

The governor of Maysan Ali Dawai Lazim announced that GC was authorized him to make loans agreement with domestic banks to fund the infrastructure's projects for 2013.

## **Al-Muthanna Province**

### **AL-Muthanna about to open new bridge**

Source: almedapress

Date: Nov 23, 2015

The governor of Al-Muthanna Falah Abedalhussan Siker said that al-Halal Bridge which has length of 240km and width of 16m. The Bridge was one of three brigades funded by Japanese ODA Loan for Iraq Reconstruction at a total cost of 27 \$mil. The governor added that the bridge would be opened at the end of 2015 .

## **Security**

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### **Security operation starts in north of Basra**

Source: almirbad.com

Date: Nov01, 2015

Citizens of Qarmat Ali suburb in north of Basra complained that tribesmen formed checkpoints to check IDs of citizens. Tribesmen aimed to search about other tribesmen that have conflicts with them. The citizens added that Basra SF was too close to the checkpoints which formed by tribesmen but they have taken no action. On other hand, the chief of Basra Police Maj.Gen.Abedal Kareem Mustafa announced that security forces launched military campaign against tribe's conflicts sponsors and criminal's gangs especially in Hartha district in north of Basra to prevent a consequence of disputes between the Qaramsha and Halaif tribes.

### **Anti-Corruption Protests going ahead in Basra**

Source: almirbad.com

Date: Nov08, 2015

Hundreds of demonstrators gathered in front of Basra Governorate building protestors called for real reforms and an end to political corruption, basic services, construct water declinations plants and dam on Shat Al-Arab, resolving environment problems and putting end to threaten against the journalists. Likewise, huge protesters filled main streets of Maysan, Thi-Qar and al-Muthanna provinces of the south, demanding for real actions to put reforms into effect.

### **Tribal Violent threaten Basra's stability**

Source: almirbad.com

Date: Nov09, 2015

Gunmen targeted Baraq for electricity equipment Co. which located at Khora St. crossing point and belonged to deputy chairman of the BPC's brother. The attack come as a result of business's problems led to utilize tribesmen to win the dispute .On other hand, chairman of Security Committee of the BPC Jabber al-Sa'adi said that Basra SF have been taken high security measurements in north of Basra to stop the disputes of the tribes. Al-Sa'adi assured that Popular Mobilization Forces will contribute to settle the tension between tribes and play as a third party role to reach agreement between Charamsha and Halaif tribal.

### **Two officers from National Security Escape from assassination**

Source: almirbad.com, ww.iraqpressagency.com

Date: Nov11, 2015

Chairman of Security Committee of the BPC Jabber al-Sa'adi said that a Brigadier and colonel served at Basra Ports with Basra National Security office have been shot by gunmen while they drove at the road linked between Basra city and Azubiar. During his visit to the injured officers in al-Sadr Teaching Hospital, Chairman of the BPC Sabah al-Bazooni called security authorities to deter gangs ,militias and mafias in ports and border crossings and he stressed that Basra SF must take severe actions to stop gangs and militias in the ports. Al-



Bazooni added that gangs and militias would like Basra to go back to the era of 2005 and 2006 .When militias completely controlled on all the activities of the ports. On other hand, Tribesmen attacked the director of Basra Investment Commission Ali Chaisb's house .Sources said that there was business's problem between the director and local investor which developed to utilize tribesmen to attack Chaisb's house .

### **Demonstration continue in Basra**

Source: almirbad.com

Date: Nov 17, 2015

Civil activists gathered in front of Iraqi Parliament office in Basra to call Federal Govt. to increase the financial allocation of Basra within 2016 budget. The protests additionally called for fighting corruption and partisan which dominated Basra's institutions, and turn Basra into region. On other hand, Friday demonstration which started on Nov 20, 2015 in Basra demanded to dismiss the governor of Basra, fighting corruption, Basra region and real reforms in addition to that the protestors called on cancelling oil's contracts which made with ICOs in Basra.

### **Basra Governor holds a meeting to discuss Security issues**

Source: majednasrawi

Date: Nov 15, 2015

Majid al-Nasrawi Basra's governor chaired coordination meeting to review security procedures in Basra .The meeting was witnessed by Sameer Abedal Kareem, Commander of BoC,Head of Security Committee of the BPC Jabber al-Sa'adi , and the Inspector General of the Popular Mobilization for Basra Ammer Faris Ma'atuik and Chief of Basra Police Maj.Gen. Abedal Kareem Mustafa .They discussed Basra's security situation and the problems which obstacle the development of security measurements. Additionally, the governor stressed that the security forces must coordinate with each other by conducting field surveys, using sonars, dogs, temporary and sudden checkpoints, and develops security plans to decrease criminal's incidents. He added the security forces must build bridges of confidence with community in order to keep Basra secure and stable.

### **Al-Zamili arrives to Basra**

Source: almirbad.com

Date: Nov, 21, 2015

Chairman of Security and Defense Committee in the Iraqi Parliament Hakim al-Zamili visited Umm Qaser Navy Base accompanied with officers to assess the needs of the Base .On other hand, al-Zamili met with Sameer Abedalkreem Basra Operation Commander, Sheikh Yarib al-Muhammdawi head of Tribal Disputes Settlement Committee to discuss the latest development of security in the province especially tribal clashes in north of Basra .Al-zamili pointed out that his committee received many negative reports indicated that the level of drug dealers, tribal clashes and gangs and criminals' incidents have recently increased. He added that he will recommend all security agencies to take server action against those who use the properties of the government or Popular Mobilization Forces 'guns in the tribal clashes. Sheikh Yarib stated that Tribal Disputes Settlement Committee made intensive efforts to reach successful lull between tribal who has disputes each other.

### **BPC calls to adopt new security plans in Basra**

Source: almirbad.com

Date: Nov26, 2015

During security meeting which witnessed by Sameer Abedal kreeem Commander of BOC and Jabaer Al-sa'di Head of Security Committee in the BPC to discuss the latest development of security in Basra .Sameer Abedal kreeem Commander of BOC stated that they have prepared Intelligence and military plans would be covered all parts of Basra. Abedal kreeem added that BOC have a lot of information about gang's men and have made many successful attempts arrest a lot of them and free the victims.

On the other side, Al-sa'di said that we have got Frequencies for Surveillance Camera Project but it has been stopped by CG. Members of BPC called for adopting new security plans in the light of increasing kidnappings and robberies activities in the province. Recently many of local medias reported that Kidnappings, robberies, assassination and gangs and criminal's activities were increased in Basra especially in center and north of Basra

city such as Hartha,al-Jaz'aer, Jubayla, al-Shamshomya, and other parts of Basra. Most of those crimes were classified as financial in nature and no one could deny some of crimes could be classified as political. For this reason, BPC has recently decided to host BSF's leaders to discuss the decline of the security level in Basra.

Further, the Inspector General of the Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) for Basra Ammer Faris Ma'atuik said the units of PMF would be cooperated with BSF in field of sharing intelligence information and participating in implement of security plans which would be prepared by BOC in Basra.

## **Al-Muthanna Province**

### **IS Funders arrested in al- Muthanna**

Source: almirbad.com, almedapress

Date: Nov03, 2015

In cooperation with Intelligence agencies and Anti-Terrorism team and Karbla SF, Muthanna SF arrested 2 from Karbala and 1 from Baghdad worked to fund IS.