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# THE GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE FILES

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Iraqi Kurdish press highlights 28 Jul 10

Midya, Arbil, weekly newspaper in Sorani Kurdish published by Kurdistan National

Democratic Party ( 27 July)

1. Feature: Legal experts say Iraq will be operating in a constitutional vacuum until the government is formed; Iraqi Kurdish MP Mahmud Uthman says they do not pay much attention to the constitution as Iraqi parties interpret constitution according to their wishes; former Iraqi Kurdish MP Ra'uf Uthman says Iraqi Federal Court is ?dominated by the Iraqi government. (450 words, p 1)

2. Interview with KDP Political Bureau member Muhammad Mala Qadir: Says his party will hold its conference in November; adds his party will not impose a quota system to bring youth and women to the party's leadership committee; adds they do not intend to make any reforms inside the party; adds Mas'ud Barzani will be re-elected as the party leader. (1,000 words, pp 1, 9)

3. Report: In Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan Reporters without Borders marks the second anniversary of the murder of Kurdish journalist Soran Mama Hama, who was shot dead outside his home in Kirkuk; his brother and several journalists complain about the Kurdish authorities' alleged indifference investigate the case. (650 words, pp 1, 2)

4. Report: Spokesman for Kurdistan Region Protection Forces Jabbar Yawar says he is unaware of a reported plan to relocate Iranian opposition group Mojahedin-e Khalq from central Iraq to Qandil Mountain in

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Kurdistan Region; former head of Kurdistan Democratic Solution Party (PCDK) Fa'iq Gulpi rules out such a move; adds if the group is relocated to Qandil, clashes will occur with Turkey's Kurdish rebel group PKK. (600 words, pp 1, 3)

5. Commentary by Abdallah Agrin entitled "In order not to lose this opportunity": Urges Kurdish leaders and representatives not to compromise on Kurds' national demands in front of Arab nationalists; adds Kurds should openly ask for protection of their national rights in Iraq without hesitation since, he believes, this is the most suitable time ever to meet Kurds' national demands. (180 words, p 2)

6. Feature: Says all Kurdish parties except opposition Change Movement ask for re-election of Jalal Talabani as president of Iraq; political observer Mamosta Goran says the Iraqi president's position is not as significant as before for Kurds and holding that position by a Kurd will not serve Kurds' key issues; adding that re-election of Talabani will weaken PUK and worsen its internal conflicts. (600 words, p 3)

7. Analysis by Hawre Bakhawan: Says Kurdish leaders and representatives have not could played a skilful political role in the past four years; adds none of the four main Iraqi political parties is a friend of Kurds although Kurdish leaders are not ready to admit this; adds Kurds' major concern in Baghdad is to regain the president's position, from which Kurds did not gain anything in the past four years; ascribes the reasons behind Kurds' insistence on that position to discords among Kurdish parties in Kurdistan Region. (450 words, p 6)

8. Interview with Kurdish academic figure Uthman Dashti: Says according to the constitution, current Iraqi government is a caretaker government; adds Iraqi parties working to gain senior positions in the new government made them disregard the constitution; this has led to growing concerns about the democratic system of Iraq; adds Kurds have no other choice except for remaining as part of Iraq, since they have not worked on preparing the ground for independence. (550 words, p 7)

9. Interview with former MP Ra'uf Uthman: Says Iraq is in a constitutional vacuum and the Federal Court breached the constitution; adds whoever is powerful in Iraq can interpret the constitutional articles in its favour, therefore, he says, Iraq is ruled by power, not law. (550 words, p 7)

10. Analysis by Amanj Mahmud: Says KDP is not ready to take risks in asking for the Iraqi president's position for Kurds and particularly for Jalal Talabani; adds regional opposition forces Kurdistan Islamic Group (KIG), Kurdistan Islamic Union (KIU) and Change Movement do not prefer the position to be given to the Kurds, and if it is given to Kurds, Talabani is not their favourite candidate for the post; the position serves the territorial integrity of Iraq rather than the Kurdish question. (1,100 words, p 8)

Aso, Kirkuk, Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) funded daily newspaper in Sorani Kurdish (28 July)

1. Feature: Arabs and Turkomans purchase land in Kirkuk, while Kurds buy illegally built houses in the city. (400 words, pp 1, 4)

2. Report: Some villagers from the Qandil Mountain, near the Iranian border, return home after evacuating their villages due to Iranian bombardment. (50 words, p 1)

3. Report: Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Premier Barham Salih receives US Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources Jacob Lew; Iraqi political situation, opening of US consulate in Arbil discussed; Salih separately receives senior Egyptian delegation headed by Assistant Investment Minister Ibrahim Ashmawi; Salih says KRG pays great attention to strengthening bilateral relations; Ashmawi says his country has decided to open its consulate in Arbil. (700 words, p 2)

4. Article by editor-in-chief Arif Qurbani entitled "A year after 25

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July election": Says Kurdistan Region parliamentary election's results shocked Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) and Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) as a huge number of people did not vote for them; PUK and KDP formulated a programme to restore their popularity; government is now committed to implementing the programme, but some corrupt people stand against it as this is against their interests. (250 words, p 3)

5. Report: Iraqi parliamentary session has been delayed again as Iraqi winning lists have not reached an agreement on candidates for Iraqi parliament Speaker, PM and president's positions. (500 words, p 6)

6. Interview with Austrian MP of Kurdish descent Aziz Miran: Says Austrian people consider themselves friend of Kurds; they have supported Kurds whenever they needed this; many countries eye the oil of Kirkuk and Kurdistan Region oil. (400 words, p 8)

7. Commentary by editor-in-chief of Wala Press magazine Adalat Abdallah entitled "About political power and independent journalism": Says the authorities and independent media have not fully understood the concept of press freedom; independent media understand it to mean using aggressive language and sullyng Kurds' image, while the authorities understand it as a means to serve politics and the region's security. (250 words, p 10)

8. Commentary by Mashkhal Kawlosi: Wonders how Kurdish leadership defend Kurds' rights if Iraqi government is formed through an international agreement; adds in a situation like this, Arabs have more supporters than Kurds. (500 words, p 10)

9. Commentary by Majid Salih entitled "Kurds and theory of five monkeys": Wonders why Kurds are not allowed to talk about the independence of Kurdistan Region; adds independence of the region has not been mentioned in political parties' mission statement and educational material. (300 words, pp 10, 11)

Hawlati, Sulaymaniyah, privately-owned twice-weekly newspaper in Sorani Kurdish (28 July)

1. Report: Anonymous source close to PUK Political Bureau says the party is seriously concerned about KDP's political behaviour in Arbil; the source accuses the KDP ministers of not abiding by the PUK-led government decisions. (230 words, p 1)

2. Report: Iraqi National Platform for Women begins collecting signatures among Iraqi political leaders to fix 25 per cent quota for women in the new Iraqi government; Iraqi President Jalal Talabani's wife and PUK Political Bureau member Hero Ibrahim does not support the campaign. (130 words, p 1)

3. Report: Sulaymaniyah public prosecutor calls on Sulaymaniyah Finance Auditing Office to provide it with data about alleged government funds allocated to the media. (120 words, p 1)

4. Report: Kurdistan Region President Mas'ud Barzani has not visited Garmiyah area for five years. (400 words, pp 1, 5)

6. Report: According to information obtained by Hawlati, the alleged embezzled money in Parwezkhah border crossing, Sulaymaniyah Governorate, is bigger than the figure that was initially reported, 1bn dinars (around 850m dollars) . (350 words, p 2)

7. Report: Several families from Kirkuk and Khanaqin town in Diyala Governorate ask for transferring their official registered residency documents to Kurdistan Region, as they have not received compensation cheques provided by the committee set up to implement Article 140 on disputed areas. (120 words, p 2)

8. Report: Court in the town of Kifri releases two successive heads Kalar municipality chiefs on bail after nine months of imprisonment over corruption charges. (70 words, p 2)

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9. Interview with opposition Change Movement senior official Safin Mala Qara: Says Change Movement is reorganizing itself; adds people are enthusiastic to work for it voluntarily and that is a sign of its popularity; praises Change List's role in bringing up the issue of smuggling Kurdistan Region's oil to Iran; attributes "silence" of Change List to non-existence of issues that need immediate attention. (450 words, p 4)

10. Analysis: Says rate of participation of women in key posts of Kurdistan Region's Islamic parties is very low, none of them has set a quota for women in powerful organs of the parties to ensure minimum representation; adds women members of these parties are dissatisfied and call on their parties' leadership to make changes and pave the way for women's participation in influential positions inside their parties. (600 words, p 4)

11. Interview with head of Public Relations of Turkey's Kurdish rebel group Kurdistan Confederation Council (KCK) Bryar Gabar: Says Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)'s unilateral announcement of ceasefire was after a thorough study of the situation in Kurdish areas of Turkey; believes Turkish government's "democratic opening" towards Kurdish issue aims to mislead Kurds in the country, otherwise the Turkish government has never intended to solve the Kurdish issue peacefully. (700 words, p 5)

12. Report: Member of delegation comprising representatives of Kurdistan Region's winning lists to Baghdad Muhammad Hakim says political equations in Iraq have changed and Kurds should take the role of an observer before forging an alliance with any political party. (300 words, p 6)

13. Commentary by Kamaran Wirya Qani entitled "The middle road": Comments on recent rise in war of words and severe criticism between intellectuals, saying this is not healthy, and that real intellectuals should keep away from this. (700 words, p 16)

14. Commentary by Sitara Arif: Believes that Kurdistan Region's authorities do not take local criticism and comments into consideration, adding that it will not make any move or react to anything until a well-known Western newspaper reports the issue. (400 words, p 16)

Alay Azadi, Sulaymaniyah, weekly newspaper in Sorani Kurdish published by Independent-Kurdistan Toilers' Party (IKTP)

1. Report: Kirkuk Governor Abd-al-Rahman Mustafa raises doubt over the ability of Iraqi security forces to protect the city after US troop withdrawal from Iraq; believes that commander of US forces in Iraq Gen Raymond Odierno's suggestion - deployment of UN peacekeeping force in disputed areas - should be taken into studied; Kurds generally welcome the suggestion, but Arabs reject it. (900 words, pp 1, 3)

2. Editorial by IKTP leader Qadir Aziz entitled "The census process": Believes the results of the upcoming census in Iraq will not be in Kurds' favour as long as Kurdish displaced people from Kirkuk and Kirkuk-based Arab settlers do not return to their original areas. (140 words, p 1)

3. Report: A Kurdish delegation from Turkey headed by the former leader of banned pro-Kurds Democratic Society Party (DTP) Ahmet Turk arrives in Arbil; unnamed source says the delegation will stay for four days, will meet Kurdistan Region President Mas'ud Barzani; they discuss arrangement for expected Kurdish national conference. (200 words, p 1)

4. Report: Kurdistan Region parliament has not decided on the mechanisms for and the ways the budget is to the political parties. (350 words, p 1)

5. Report: A number of Arab intellectual figures form a group called Arab Rally issue statement expressing their support for Kurdish question; they call on international community and organizations to

intensify their efforts to stop bloodshed and suppression of Kurds in Turkey. (550 words, p 3)

6. Commentary by Eido entitled "More than disagreement": Believes Kurds' acceptance of Odierno's suggestion implies Kurds would compromise on the disputed areas; adds the move also raises doubts over the Kurdish identity of the areas which is against Kurds' will; adds those areas, especially Kirkuk, are Kurdish; Kurds should not make further compromises to avoid worsening the situation of the disputed areas. (400 words, p 16)

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