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## 9/5/13 Al Iraqiya nightly news

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*Today's evening news covers Al Maliki's speech encouraging unity, the parliamentary elections in the Kurdistan region and the Finance Committee along with the CBI confirm the deletion of 3 zeros from the IQD by early 2014.*

- Local news: With the Haj season coming up next month Al Maliki addressed leading clerics and senior government figures and called for all Iraqi Muslims to display unity and create forums to display "the true message of Islam"; the unspeakable atrocities committed by terrorist groups in Iraq and elsewhere in the region displayed suicide bombings, indiscriminate killing of Muslims (of all sects) and non-Muslims have wrongly portrayed the great religion as brutal and unforgiving - he suggested that in addition to pursuing the terrorists wherever they are more educational programs should be created as means of peaceful methods to counter terrorism.

21 suspected terrorists were arrested north of Tikrit; two car blasts in Kirkuk killed one person and injured at least 19 others - several MPs asked authorities to expand operation "Martyrs' revenge" to include their areas as terrorists are fleeing to such regions where security forces have less presence.

Female social activists are calling on all Iraq's women to participate in creating town meetings to debate ways as to how women can become

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more active in "educating" their young sons and relatives to respect life and promote peaceful ways to combat violence.

Monetary rewards are offered to anyone that has information of possible rigged cars and IEDs - In Muthanna province a conference included tribal leaders that voiced their support to security forces in their efforts to combat terrorism.

An Arab League delegation is visiting Irbil in Kurdistan to observe the parliamentary elections in the province; six seats are assigned for Christians.

- Regional news: Syria - The whole world is watching and waiting for the expected U.S led military strike against the regime for its use of chemical weapons; the Chinese foreign minister said that a military strike will be counter productive and may embroil the region in a sectarian strife, that's in addition to anticipated sharp increase in crude oil prices - Several participating countries voiced their support for convening of a Geneva 2 peace conference; the agenda of the G20 meeting in St. Petersburg will be overshadowed by the Syrian crisis - The U.S said that 10 countries including France and some Arab countries expressed readiness to participate militarily - Russia and China will take the opposite viewpoint and push for talks instead of military action.

Egypt: An attempt to assassinate the interim interior minister Mohammed Ibrahim resulted in one death and 73 injuries; Mr. Ibrahim survived the attack that was carried out by remotely detonating a parked car; the government said that the Muslim Brotherhood was behind it and it shows that the group is becoming a terrorist group; the MB denies the

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allegations - a high ranking government official accused some regional powers of interfering in Egyptian affairs.

- Financial news: Japan offered Iraq a long-term soft loan for rebuilding/modernizing Iraqi ports and other transportation related projects.

An additional \$120 million are considered for electricity generation and distribution projects; such projects are considered top priority in the Iraqi reconstruction efforts.

The agriculture ministry announced that wheat production is expected to reach about 3.3 million tons, which represents a 57% increase over last year.

22 international companies will be invited to bid on the \$18 billion Iraq to Aqaba, Jordan oil pipeline.

Al Maliki inaugurates a medical center in Babel where he said that the government spent at least \$60 million towards sending Iraqi patients abroad; he proposed the creation of a model "Medical City" supplied with the latest medical equipment and staffed by the best Iraqi and foreign doctors and support staff.

The Finance Committee confirms the deletion of 3 zeros from the IQD by early 2014; the project will be in coordination with the central bank; that will appreciate the value of the Dinar in addition to reducing trading in the Dinar by one quarter - The CBI said that the project was meant to be implemented earlier this year but was delayed under pressure of the

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government citing the possible emergence of counterfeit currency during the switching period.

Economists voiced the need to create a favorable atmosphere to attract local and international investment needed to assist the country's efforts in this reconstruction phase, that is in addition to convince well-to-do Iraqis to keep their wealth and invest it in Iraq.

- Sports: The Lions of Mesopotamia are set to face Bahrain, Lebanon, Kuwait and Jordan this month for the Asian Cup Qualifiers - the match against Bahrain is set for Sept. 9.

**\* Scrolling banner: The majority in the U.S and the world are against the expected strike against Syria as the danger of Islamist extremists filling the void grows.**

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