

# Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting With Iraqi Kurdistan Region's (IKR) Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani

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On October 15, Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan, accompanied by U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Doug Silliman, met in Erbil with Kurdistan Regional Government's Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani. The Deputy Secretary congratulated the Prime Minister on the recent parliamentary election in the IKR and for their continued leadership on the D-ISIS campaign.

Deputy Secretary Sullivan reaffirmed the United States' support for the IKR as part of a unified Iraq and called for continued engagement between Erbil and Baghdad on key issues, including security and economic cooperation.

Finally, the Deputy Secretary commended recent progress and encouraged continued advancement by all Iraqi leaders in forming a new and sovereign government pursuant to the timeline established in the Iraqi constitution.

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