

In the name of Allah, the Entirely, the Especially Merciful

((The month of Ramadan in which the Qur'an was revealed, guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion.))

Respected Attaches, Respected Eminence, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Al-Salam Alaykom.

The blessed month of Ramadan has arrived. It is a time full of worshipping and becoming closer to God almighty. It is the month of forgiveness and great blessings. And it is a time in which we reflect and reset our priorities.

As you all know, today Iraq is facing a fierce attack like it has not seen since the establishment of the Iraqi state; an attack led by the powers of darkness and backwardness which aim to diminish democracy in Iraq. This matter requires us to stand patriotically and gather our efforts, each the way they can, to stand against this unjust aggression.

By following a democratic, civilized and legal way, Iraqis everywhere can provide support and reinforcement to their brothers and sisters in Iraq who joined the army to defend our country's pride and dignity. Today, Iraq needs your voices, your courage and your boldness here in the United States and around the world. Let us make our voices like thunder against this reign of terror. Also, let us call on the international community, especially the United States to support Iraq.

The embassy is exerting efforts to gain the international and American support that will boost the Iraqi army's capabilities to defeat those who want to harm Iraq and bring it back to an era of tyranny.

This phase require us to show patience and discipline and hold true to the values of Islam, the virtues of humanity, and respect for human rights so that we may defeat the common enemy and set Iraq on a path to building a community which enjoys social harmony, economic prosperity and political stability.

The enemy that Iraq faces today has no mercy nor humanity; the danger that it poses has no limits. No country in the region, nor the whole world, is immune from

it. It is malignant and has the potential to spread like cancer among humanity. Therefore, it is our responsibility to combat this threat.

The current situation requires the new parliament to take on a renewed role in resolving pending difficulties and building political stability, because of its great impact on the country's social reality. Today, the importance of overstepping all differences, living in harmony between all Iraqi communities- regardless of their different ethnicities- and spreading the concept of tolerance to unite the community are essential. Iraq is a beautiful country -- rich in its factions, diversity, and doctrines. Let us use this as a tool for unity, not division, and a weapon to stand against the threat that is targeting Iraq and its people.