

Sadr bloc hails drop of Sunni death case

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BAGHDAD -- A spokesman for the political party of Moqtada Sadr praised the decision by the Iraqi courts to acquit two ministers accused of backing Sunni death squads. The Iraqi high court dropped its case against former Iraqi Deputy Health Minister Hakim al-Zamili and Brig. Gen. Hamid al-Shamari. The ministers were alleged to have organized Baghdad hospitals into death zones for Iraqi Sunnis. The trial experienced complications from its sectarian nature -- both men are Shiite -- and from alleged witness tampering. A spokesman for the Sadrist Party formally thanked the Supreme Judicial Council and the Federal Court for its decision, AlSumaria said Wednesday. Fallah Hassan Chanchal with the Sadrist Party also called on the Iraqi government to implement the recently passed amnesty law to free prisoners from U.S.-run prisons.

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