

Warrant issued for Iraqi culture minister

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BAGHDAD - The Iraqi culture minister has been accused of assassinating two sons of a parliament member.

Officials have issued a warrant for the arrest of Asaad Al-Hashimi, sources told the Kuwait News Agency, KUNA.

Iraqi and U.S. forces arrested several of Hashimi's bodyguards Monday at the Culture Ministry buildings in Baghdad but Hashimi wasn't there, sources told KUNA.

KUNA reported that government sources said the warrants for Hashimi and his bodyguards were based on detainees' confessions.

Hashimi's appointment to the culture ministry was criticized because he hadn't previously been active in the field, KUNA reported.

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