

British MP recommended for suspension

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LONDON -- A British parliamentary watchdog recommended suspending a member of parliament over alleged infractions involving an Iraqi aid charity. After a four-year investigation by the commissioner for parliamentary standards, Philip Mawer, it was recommended MP George Galloway be suspended for 18 days without pay or privileges when Parliament reconvenes Oct. 8, The Guardian reported Tuesday. The recommendation alleges Galloway, a member of the Respect Party, didn't register his interest in the Mariam Appeal or the individual donations it received above the registration threshold, the report said. Among the other allegations are that Galloway used his parliamentary office and staff in support of the Mariam Appeal to an "excessive extent." At a news conference outside Parliament, Galloway denied any wrongdoing and was sarcastic about an 18-day suspension. "To be deprived of the company for 18 days of the honorable ladies and gentleman behind me (in Parliament) will be painful ... but I'm intending to struggle on regardless," he told reporters.

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