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(according to the Iraqi press)

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SUMMARY

1. AS WAS ACCURATELY SUMMARISED BY THE BBC WORLD SERVICE THIS MORNING, THE SPEAKER OF THE IRAQI NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS SAID (ACCORDKING TO TODAY'S PRESS, THOUGH THERE IS NO MENTION IN THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BAGHDAD OBSERVER) THAT NATIONALS OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES DESCRIBED AS INTENDING AGGRESSION AGAINST IRAQ ARE TO BE INTERNED.

DETAIL

2. SA'DI MAHDI SALIH SAID (PRESUMABLY YESTERDAY) THAT CERTAIN WESTERN GOVERNMENTS THAT INTENDED TO TAKE HOSTILE ACTIONS AGAINST IRAQ, PARTICULARLY THE US, HAD RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TAKEN TO KEEP THE CITIZENS OF THOSE OGVERNMENTS IN IRAQ AAND ON THE BASIS OF IT HAD STIRRED UP A CAMPAIGN FULL OF FABRICATIONS.

3. THE WHOLE WORLD KNEW THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS, WHICH HAD ASSEMBLED FORCES IN THE REGION IN AN UNPRECEDENTED WAY, WERE INTENDING TO COMMIT AGGRESSION AGAINST THE IRAQI PEOPLE AND WERE BEHAVING WITH AN ARROGANCE THAT BROKE ALL THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMANITARIAN DEALINGS. SIMILARLY THEY INTENDED A WAR OF STARVATION AGAINST THE IRAQI PEOPLE.

4. A PRIMARY DUTY WAS TO PROTECT PEOPLES FROM AGGRESSION AND TO ENSURE PEACE: ANYTHING THAT IN THE END SERVED THIS NOBLE AIM ACQUIRED A FUNDAMENTAL LEGALITY THAT WAS THE ESSENCE OF HEAVENLY AND EARTHLY LAWS AND OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

5. ACCORDKINGLY THE IRAQI PEOPLE HAD DECIDED TO KEEP AS THEIR

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GUESTS THE CITIZENS IN IRAQ OF THE HOSTILE COUNTRIES IN QUESTION SO LONG AS IRAQ WAS THREATENED WITH AGGRESSIVE WAR. THE MEASURE WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL TANGIBLE AND ADEQUATE GUARANTEES WERE SUBMITTED TO THE IRAQI PEOPLE THAT THE DANGER OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THEM HAD PASSED.

6. THE IRAQI PEOPLE CONSIDERED THAT THIS MEASURE WOULD KEEP WAR AWAY AND SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE. ALL GOOD PEOPLE IN THE WORLD SHOULD USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US AND THOSE OF ITS ALLIES THAT WERE PARTICIPATING WITH IT IN PLANNING AGGRESSION TO ABANDON THEIR AGGRESSIVE POLICY AND LEAVE THE REGION IN PEACE.

7. THE SPEAKER SAID THAT THE ASSEMBLY WAS COORDINATING WITH A NUMBER OF MINISTRIES AND STATE ORGANISATIONS THAT HAD THE CAPACITY TO KEEP THE FOREIGNERS AS THEIR GUESTS IN ESTABLISHMENTS ANYWHERE IN IRAQ FROM ZAKHO TO AL-NIDA-, FOR EXAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS BELONGING TO THE MINISTRY OF OIL AND THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND MILITARY MANUFACTURE AND THE ARMED FORCES, SUCH AS AIR BASES AND THE REFINERY COMPLEX IN KUWAIT.

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