
**WHAT ARE WASHINGTON'S OPTIONS IF MALIKI RETURNS AS IRAQ'S PREMIER:
SANCTIONS OR WORSE?**

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US President Donald Trump has warned that Washington would no longer provide diplomatic, economic, or military support to Iraq if former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is selected as the country's next leader.

Trump described Maliki's potential return as a very bad choice, citing his past tenure as having led Iraq into poverty and chaos due to what he referred to as insane policies and ideologies.

He stated that the US would cease all assistance if Maliki is elected, leaving Iraq with zero chance of success, prosperity, or freedom.

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