
FIRST TURKMEN GOVERNOR OF KIRKUK IN 102 YEARS MEETS ERDOGAN, EYES BAGHDAD MINISTRY

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Kirkuk Governor and Iraqi Turkmen Front (ITC) President Mehmet Seman Aga told a gathering of Turkmen diaspora organizations in Istanbul that the appointment of a Turkmen governor in Kirkuk for the first time in 102 years was the result of a promise kept.

He said the next goal is to secure a ministerial post in Iraq's newly forming central government and in the Kurdish Regional Government (KRG).

'We broke the chain'

Welcomed by the crowd with chants of "Kirkuk is Turkish and will remain Turkish," Aga referenced a pledge he had made in Istanbul the previous year.

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Erdogan received the Kirkuk governor in Istanbul

On June 6, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan received Aga at the Dolmabahçe Working Office in Istanbul, with Türkiye's ruling Justice and Development Party (AK Party) Deputy Chairman Kursad Zorlu, and Presidential Chief Foreign Policy and Security Adviser Akif Cagatay Kilic were also present.

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