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The former regime in Iraq left the legacy of the huge mass sepecially in the economic sphere which is the topic of our conversation now .The regime neglected totally the service system in Iraq because of its military policies and Iraq lost contact with the outside world for more than twenty years which prevented Iraq from the opportunity to get acquantied with the developments in the world in the field of science and technology as well as the destruction caused by wars and neglect together the infrastructure in general. The reconstruction and rehabilitation of the oil industry in Iraq as the backbone of the Iraqi economy now which needs tremendous efforts to rebuild the old and the damaged oil refineries as well as the urgent need to repair the wells and its delivery to the maximum in the production and rehabilitation of the export ports.

The new Iraqi government put general lines and priorities for the process of reconstruction in Iraq. It has paid the first importance for service projects due to itsdirect connecion with the necessities and needs of the daily life of the citizens. It was mostly allocated from the state budget which depends mainly on the crude oil exports as well as the amounts which had been allocated by the donor countries for the construction and rehabilitation of drinking water and sewages and the production of electric power stations.The Iraqi government in its recent plans organized also programes for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the oil refineries for the purpose of providing oil derivatives and not to rely on import derivatives which caused strain to the state treasury.

The state also adopted a policy of building small refineries in all of the Iraqi provinces in order to achieve self-sufficiency for cities in line with the new federal administration system.

The economic policy for the new Iraqi government after the huge democratic transformations in Iraq moved from the policy of the central economy which was controlled by the state to the policy of the free market. Iraq now depends on the policy of openness in its economic dealings with all countries in the world to achieve the best in quality and value to create new economy based on the propriate scientific planning because the economic policies of the former regime were random and unpredictable as well as the lack of planning for the country's real needs which resulting in wasting huge amounts of money for trivial projects and it has not achieved any positive returns in building a solid industrial base in the country. The Iraqi government also adopted special policy in which it gave its important priority to the foreign

investments and it adopted special laws to protect and encourage them as provided by these investment opportunities to jump great leaps in building strong economy and achieving accumulation of experiences and providing opportunities for the millions of unemployed people.

As you know, my dear audiences, that to achieve the economic development and investment need secure and stable political situation and the efforts which have been exerted in Iraq in this field are very clear to all of you from the fall of the dictatorial regime till now many electoral processes which happened in Iraq indicated the marking of the new state ,the selection of the permanent government ,the writing of the permanent constitution and its referendum .The political process in Iraq is moving actively building state institutions and the rule of law .The challenge of the Iraqi people against terrorism in all their courage which was obvious when they went to the ballot boxes to confirm their determination for building and stability ,this confirms that the process of democratic building in Iraq is a real process stems from the will of the people and not an allegation or a slogan .

I assure you that the political situation in Iraq is moving towards its firm and unwavering stability and the democratic system which we seek to build will prevail so as to achieve justice and equality for all .The reconstruction process will witness in the near future its largest beginning which needs your support and you efforts .

The terrorist attacks that you hear about now have been done by a few dark groups aiming at making the wheel of time back to restore its control all over the country as in the past but the reality is the otherwise and the media exaggerate things and show the sense of reality of the interests of other external forces which do not want Iraq to be democratic and prosperous .

Terrorism exists now in limited and narrow areas ,most of the Iraqi cities especially the main ones in the north and in the south have good and stable security situation and alot of foreign companies among them the Czech companies which visited these cities and implemented some important projects and they also perform surveys and studies for the strategic projects in future .

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