

The Monthly Report of the Iraqi Parliament Monitor for:

December 2013

Number of sessions	2
Number of items	11
Number of non-executed items	3
Number of laws (first reading)	2
Number of laws (second reading)	3
Number of passed laws	4
Number of hosting	0
Number of read statements	4
Number of voting times	1
Number of read speeches	0
Number of hearings	0
Number of reports	0

On 17/12/2013, the Iraqi Council of Representatives (CoR) held its 1st session of the 2nd term of the 4th legislative period chaired by the First Deputy Speaker H.E. Qusay al-Suhail:

- 200 MPs attended the session;
- The CoR voted on the legislative proposal for the 3rd amendment to the University Service Law No. 23 for 2008 submitted by the Committee on Higher Education and Scientific research;
- H.E. al-Suhail decided to delay voting on the legislative proposal for the 1st amendment to the Archeology and Heritage Law No. 55 for 2002 submitted by the Committee on Archeology and Heritage due to the objection raised by the Committee on Endowments and Religious Affairs against the legislative proposal, provided that a meeting is to be held between the Speaker's Council and the Committee concerned to set a date for voting on the proposal;
- The CoR voted on the legislative proposal for the 8th amendment to the Law of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research No. 40 for 1988 submitted by the Committee on Higher Education and Scientific Research;
- The Committee on Endowments and Religious Affairs denounced the terrorist acts that targeted marchers commemorating Arbaeeniya of Imam Husain (PBUH) in Yousifiya and Tal Afar and the bombings in Beiji and Tikrit, calling on the security services to take more precautions, and calling on the CoR to speed up the legislation of a law compensating the victims of these terrorist acts;
- The CoR finished the 1st reading of the legislative proposal for the Law of Delegation of Authorities submitted by the Committee on Regions and Governorates, especially that Article 123 of the Constitution allowed the federal government institutions to delegate some of their authorities to the governorates, and the other way round, pending on the agreement of the two parties. The aim is to regulate the course of actions in these governorates and to set up a mechanism for this delegation;
- The CoR finished the 2nd reading of the legislative proposal for ratifying the Agreement on Investment Support and Protection between the Republic of Iraq and the Republic of Armenia submitted by the two Committees on Foreign Affairs and Economy and Investment;
- The CoR voted on the formation of a committee to investigate the displacement suffered by some families in Makhmoor District;

- The CoR finished the 2nd reading of the legislative proposal for the Martyrs Institution Law submitted by the two Committees on Martyrs, Victims and Political Prisoners and Human Rights.

On 19/12/2013, the Iraqi Council of Representatives (CoR) held its 2nd session of the 2nd term of the 4th legislative period chaired by the Speaker H.E. Osama al-Nujaifi:

- 222 MPs attended the session;
- The two Committees on Human Rights and Culture and Media read out a joint statement denouncing the increase in the number of attacks targeting journalists and their assassination in a number of Iraq governorates among which is Ninevah and Sulaimaniya, pleading the local government in Ninevah and the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) to bring the perpetrators to justice and to activate the Law of Journalists Protection;
- The Committee on Endowments and Religious Affairs read out a statement congratulating the Iraqi people in general and the Yazidees in particular on the occasion of Yazeed's Fast starting from tomorrow Friday for three days, wishing peace, security, tolerance and brotherly coexistence for all the people of Iraq;
- H.E. al-Nujaifi called on the parliamentary committees to speed up submitting the laws on political parties, the unified pension, the federation council and the federal court, giving these laws the priority on the agendas of the coming sessions. The Speaker also pointed out that the CoR has finished the 2nd reading for 46 laws and the 1st reading for 50 laws, in addition to voting on 208 laws;
- The Committee on Security and Defense commended the heroic move by the martyr soldier Ayyob al-Khalisi, who embraced a terrorist trying to attack marchers of Arbaeeniya of Imam Husain (PBUH) in Al-Khalis District, pointing out that the sacrifice of this martyr sheds light on noble attitudes from which lessons should be learned by all. The statement also called on the government to honor the martyr financially and morally and to name one of the streets of Al-Khalis after his name;
- The CoR voted on the legislative proposal for the law of accession of the Republic of Iraq to the agreement on banning or limiting the use of certain traditional weapons that can be considered of excessive damage or random effect, as well as the protocols attached to this agreement. The proposal is submitted by the three Committees on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense and Legal Affairs;

- The CoR voted on the legislative proposal for the payment of study grants to the primary schools pupils, submitted by the two Committees on Education and Finance. The proposal aims to increase the number of pupils joining schools, decrease the number of drop-outs and improve family income;
- The CoR deliberated on the issue of targeting the Turkmen component of Tuz Khormato District and areas in the north of Baghdad, following a request submitted by MP Hasan Ozmen. Mr. Ozmen stressed that Turkmen areas in general have been hit by terrorist attacks that continued despite many parties stressing the importance of intervention to prevent what is happening in that city;
- H.E. al-Nujaifi also called on the Committees on Security and Defense, Legal Affairs, Human Rights and Governorates Affairs to expedite drafting a number of recommendations and solutions related to Turkmen victims in Tuz Khormato to be approved by the CoR. The Speaker also announced that the CoR intends to hold a meeting with the federal government and the KRG to find a solution;
- The CoR finished the 2nd reading of legislative proposal for the Iraqi Scientific Academy submitted by the two Committees on Higher Education and Legal Affairs;
- The CoR finished the 1st reading of the legislative proposal for the 1st amendment to the Compensation Law to Victims of War Actions, Military Mistakes and Terrorist Acts No. 20 for 2009 submitted by the two Committees on Martyrs and Political Victims and Prisoners and Legal Affairs.