

# *Iraqi Lawmakers Reach Impasse on New Government in Opening Day of Talks*

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Baghdad, July 2 (RHC)-- Iraqi lawmakers have broken off talks to form a new government on the opening day of negotiations. Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds are all pushing different candidates for the key posts of prime minister, speaker of the parliament and president.

This comes as new violence in Iraq has killed dozens, including 25 today in clashes between Shiites and police in the city of Karbala.

In other news, the United Nations confirmed on Tuesday that June was Iraq's deadliest month since 2007, with more than 2,400 killed.

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