

# *Iraqi Lawmakers Postpone Key Talks; General Killed Near Baghdad*

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Baghdad, July 7 (RHC)-- The Iraqi parliament has postponed critical talks on choosing a new government amid a deadlock over filling top posts. The session began last week, but quickly broke down in an impasse over choosing the prime minister, speaker of parliament and president. The negotiations will be postponed until August 12th.

In other news, the Iraqi government says a top general has been killed in fighting near Baghdad. Over the weekend, video footage emerged of Sunni militant leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi openly delivering a sermon at a mosque in Mosul.

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