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QUBAD TALABANI TO SPEAK AT NYC LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 9

Talabani offers firsthand insight into U.S. influence in post-Saddam Iraq

September 17, 2007—Qubad Talabani will speak at the November luncheon of the New York City chapter of ASIS International. Mr. Talabani, who serves as Representative of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) to the United States, will share a firsthand account of the U.S. influence in post-Saddam Iraq.

The event will take place at the University Club on Friday, November 9, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The luncheon is open to ASIS International members and guests, as well as to members of the media.

Mr. Talabani provides the U.S. government, the media and research institutions with critical analysis and up-to-date information about the situation in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region. He appears frequently in national print and broadcast media as an expert on Kurdish and Iraqi issues.

Following Operation Iraqi Freedom in spring 2003, he served for one year as a Senior Foreign Relations officer for the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), a leading Kurdish political party in Iraq. In that position, he worked with the U.S.-led Coalition Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance (ORHA), and was the PUK's top liaison to the Coalition after it became the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA). In addition, Mr. Talabani was a key PUK negotiator during the drafting of the Transitional Administrative Law (TAL), Iraq's first post-Saddam constitution. He also acted as a liaison officer between the PUK and U.S. forces in Iraq.

Mr. Talabani's family has been involved in Kurdish politics for decades. His father, Jalal Talabani, is President of the Republic of Iraq and Secretary General of the PUK.

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