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## **SADR WARNS AGAINST SECTARIAN STRIFE IN IRAQ'S DIYALA**

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Political and popular reactions continued to pour in in wake of the terrorist attack in Iraq's Diyala last week that killed and injured 30 people, the majority of whom were from the Shiite Bani Tamim tribe. Meanwhile, militias have been forcibly displacing locals from the area in wake of the attack.

The Ministry of Migration and Displaced said some 227 families have fled the Muqdadia city, while a rights group said on Tuesday that some 480 have fled to safety out of fear of reprisals by militias believed to be linked to some Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) factions.

Sadr movement leader, cleric Moqtada al-Sadr warned of impending sectarian strife in Diyala.

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