
CAN ERBIL RESIST COURT RULING TO HAND OVER OIL REVENUES TO BAGHDAD?

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The Iraqi judiciary has resurrected an old dispute between Baghdad and northern Iraqs Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) regarding the powers granted by the constitution to each party in managing oil revenues.

Last week, the Federal Supreme Court, based in Baghdad, ruled the unconstitutionality of the oil and gas law, which was legislated by the KRG Parliament, and ordered Erbil to allow Iraqs Ministry of Oil and the Federal Office of Financial Supervision to follow up on the conclusion of contracts for the sale of oil and gas in the region, and to deliver crude oil to Baghdad.

Rulings issued by the Federal Supreme Court are final and cant be appealed.

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