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## 44 CANDIDATES APPLY TO RUN FOR IRAQ'S PRESIDENCY: PARLIAMENT SPEAKER

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*Iraq's members of parliament are responsible for electing president, granting confidence to government*

Iraqi Parliament Speaker Haibat al-Halbousi said Monday that 44 candidates have applied to run for the countrys presidency.

The number of candidates for the position of president has reached 44, Halbousi said in statements carried by the state news agency INA.

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