
IRAQ'S POST-ELECTION LANDSCAPE: WHO WILL FORM THE NEXT GOVERNMENT?

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Iraq has entered a delicate phase following parliamentary elections on Nov. 11, with political factions racing to form a new government amid deep divisions within major blocs, unresolved disputes between parties and growing regional and international scrutiny.

Preliminary results produced a fragmented 329-seat parliament, making coalition-building unavoidable. The Shiite Coordination Framework, which secured more than 175 seats, has declared itself the largest parliamentary bloc, granting it the constitutional right to nominate a prime minister but not guaranteeing political consensus.

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