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Iraq's economy on the rise

Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki visited Germany

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H.E. Nouri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq

After long years of stalled bilateral relations the Prime Minister of Iraq finally visited Germany. On July 22, **H.E. Nouri Al-Maliki**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, was received by **H.E. Dr. Angela Merkel**, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, in Berlin. Both sides emphasized the significance of this visit, marking a new stage in bilateral relations between the two

countries. After the war of 2003 in Iraq, Germany did not commit itself substantially within the borders of the country, and German business has not played a big role in the rebuilding of the crisis-ridden economy until now.

The visit of H.E. Al-Maliki marked the most important in a series of bilateral visits within the last

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