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On behalf of Iraqi Ambassador Fareed Yasseen, I request a call or in-person meeting with you as soon as able this week or next.

Given the escalating tensions and incidents, the Ambassador is available to confer on Iraq's priorities including our dual commitment to a sovereign and independent Iraq.

Like President Trump, Iraqi President Barham Salih issued a statement today following the Iranian attack on U.S.-Iraqi airbases. See below.

Ambassador Yasseen would greatly appreciate your time and counsel. Please let us know what time works best for you.

Sincerely,
Bob Livingston

Statement from Presidency of Iraq:

The Presidency of the Republic is following with great concern the dangerous developments taking place in the region,

Condemns the Iranian missile bombardment of military sites on Iraqi soil, and reaffirms its rejection of these repeated breaches of national sovereignty, and asserts that Iraq must not be turned into a battleground for the conflicting parties.

The Presidency of the Republic affirms that Iraq has previously declared its refusal to be a launching territory for aggression against any country, as it refuses to be a source of threat to any of its neighbors, but rather a pillar of stability and space for convergence of interests between the peoples of the region, and that its security and sovereignty must be maintained in accordance with international covenants and bilateral agreements.

In this regard, the Presidency of the Republic stresses that the presence of the international coalition forces in Iraq is based on the agreements concluded between the Iraqi government and the countries from which the coalition is formed due to the necessities of fighting terrorism, and in that context, the status and fate of the presence of these forces is an internal Iraqi matter that can only be addressed by the Iraqi government and the Iraqi parliament, in accordance with the legal, constitutional and diplomatic frameworks, and on the basis of national consensus and Iraqi national security priorities.

The Presidency of the Republic calls on all parties to exercise self-restraint and wisdom, and to give precedence to the language of dialogue and not to be drawn into an open war that threatens the security and peace of the region and the world, just as everyone demanded to spare their people and the people of the region damages of any military clash in light of its own security and political situation.

In these difficult times, and in light of the serious challenges we face in Iraq, we affirm the unity and cohesion of our people to protect the sovereignty of the country and prevent it from being drawn into a new war.

Media Office of Presidency of Iraq

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