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Iraq's Future – Independent or an Iranian Sphere of Influence?

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Main questions:

- 1. Is Iraq heading for a period of non-governability due to expected difficulties in building coalition?
- 2. Can Shii politicians attract Sunni voters? Does Allawi have any chance?
- 3. Would the economic situation weigh over Iraq's future?
- 4. Will the new government be able/ready to spend enough resources on reconstruction and jobs to keep the Sunnis reasonably happy?
- 5. Can ISIS rise again from the ashes?
- 6. Are the tribes-Sunni and Shii still relevant?
- 7. Is Iraq anticipating a political change when the old generation of politicians disappears and a younger generation of native Iraqis take over?
- 8. How will Iraq be 10 years from now?
- 9. Can Iraq be a normal state in the sense of a functioning parliamentary democracy based on a civil pact and a sound national identity, providing security and wellbeing to its population?
- 10. What are the goals of Iranian policy in Iraq? If they have goals...