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## **MEP Ana Gomes visits Iraq**

MEP Ana Gomes is visiting Iraq. The programme includes several meetings with the Iraqi authorities and civil society organisations and aims at preparing Ms. Gomes to draft a European Parliament report with recommendations to the Council on the role of the EU in Iraq. The socialist Member of the European Parliament is accompanied by her colleague Baroness Emma Nicholson, who leads an NGO with humanitarian programmes established in Iraq since 1991.

On Friday, Ana Gomes met with the Iraqi President and Prime-Minister and also with Mr. al-Hakim, leader of the Shi'ite party Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI). During a dinner organised by the Iraqi government, she met several Iraqi Ministers and European Ambassadors.

On Saturday, Ms. Gomes was received at the Iraqi Parliament. The programme also included meetings with the UN representatives and several NGOs and visit to hospitals and schools outside Bagdad. Today, the Portuguese MEP will meet with General David Petraeus, head of US forces in Iraq.

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