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(U) Reuters reported Iraq's parliament elected Sunni lawmaker Osama al-Nujaifi, a senior leader of the Sunni-backed, cross-sectarian Iraqiya alliance, as speaker, a key step toward the formation of a new government. Iraqi politicians reached agreement late on a power-sharing deal that divides the three top government posts among Shiite, Kurdish, and Sunni factions, a major breakthrough in an eight-month political impasse that followed an inconclusive March election.

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