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(U) Iraqi lawmakers have elected and sworn-in Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani as president despite a dramatic walkout by a Sunni-backed bloc, media report. Talabani's election was part of a deal hammered out by Iraqi lawmakers to end an eight-month deadlock over who would lead the new government.

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