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BAGHDAD (AP) - Iraq's prime minister is accusing WikiLeaks of releasing documents that detail prisoner abuse by Iraqi security forces to sabotage his re-election hopes.

A statement released October 23 by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's office said the timing of the documents' release raises questions about whether it was motivated by politics.

The statement said the documents show no proof of any improper treatment of detainees while al-Maliki has been at the helm of the Iraqi government.

It said he has taken a tough stance against terrorists but offered no details.