

On Tuesday morning 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008, BSA President, Dr. Abdul Basit Turki Saeed, inaugurated training courses for newly employed personnel who have passed through written tests & interviews held formerly. These new personnel have been extracted out of 2000 applicants from all Iraqi governorates underwent tests.

BSA President welcomed the participants, who are to be part of BSA's staff, wishing them success. Then, his Excellency reviewed the history of the Iraqi Board of Supreme Audit that extends over 81 years, noting that the employment of such a number in such special conditions is considered as an unprecedented achievement.

Also, his Excellency has stated that, through the last four year of his tenure, BSA has fulfilled many of its tasks professionally and seriously in comparison to other SAIs; and he wished that the new comers would bring better achievements to BSA, as they are the sons and daughters whose parent hopes that they will excel him.

Then, the President clearly stated that BSA is entrusted with protecting public funds. Therefore, he who works in such an institution must have two qualities: firstly, such a person must be honest and above suspicions since he represents a controlling authority, and the second quality is professional competence.

His Excellency wished the participants success in the careers and urged them to benefit from the lecturers as they are elite group comprises academicians and experienced professional employees of BSA.

The two-month course started by dividing the participants into six classes at BSA headquarters in Baghdad. The course includes subjects related to BSA tasks, with 25 hours of lecturing per week scheduled as follows:

Control and Audit	5 hours
Unified Accounting System	4 hours
Government Accounting System	4 hours
Cost Accounting	2 hours
Financial laws	2 hours
Administrative laws	2 hours
BSA Law & Code of Conduct	2 hours
Economics	2 hours
Management	2 hours