

## Over 581 billion IQD Improperly Disbursed By Ministry of Agriculture

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The BSA's Financial Audit Council discussed the financial statements of a number of ministries including the Ministry of Agriculture's financial statements for 2009. The report made in this respect ascertained the Ministry's receiving of 271 billion IQ dinars in appropriation for farmers' subsidization expenses, though the Ministry obtained more than 126 billion IQ dinars carried forward from previous years yet improperly disbursed.

The Ministry received also over 110 billion IQD in appropriation for investment projects, of which only 39 billion IQD was disbursed. In addition, the funds allocated for farmers in compensation for the 2007-2008 drought season have not been distributed by the Ministry. Out of the total sum received by the Ministry amounting to 200 hundred billion IQ dinars, only 34 billion IQ dinars was disbursed in subsidy for the farmers of Ninawa and Kirkuk governorates, whereas 109 billion IQ dinars was found as outstanding advances to which, as well as to other advances still outstanding for 3 years, the Ministry has not taken any legal action for their settlement. The remaining 41 billion IQD out of the total compensation fund has not been returned to the Ministry of Finance, also in terms of reviving the Marshes area no amount has been disbursed from the 1 billion IQ dinars financial provision received.

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