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**Joint Statement by
Ambassador James Jeffrey and Commanding General Lloyd Austin
on the Occasion of Eid al-Fitr**

On behalf of the men and women of the United States Embassy and U.S. Forces – Iraq, we extend our best wishes to the people of Iraq, from Zakho to Faw, on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr. Both of us have celebrated Eid Al-Fitr in Iraq on more than one occasion, and have come to cherish it as a time when families and communities come together in a spirit of unity, healing, and reconciliation. Eid reminds everyone of the values we all share, even across cultures and religions: values such as self-sacrifice, generosity, and forgiveness. May the spirit of this special time extend to all of Iraq's citizens. Eid Mubarak.

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