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**IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO GIVE LECTURE AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY**

With the fear that violence in Iraq might spread, officials in Baghdad and around the world continue to search for ways to ease tensions and prevent civil war. In addition to the future of Iraq itself, the political and security interests of other countries, including the United States, are at stake.

These issues will take center stage on Tuesday, April 3, when Iraqi Ambassador to the United Nations Feisal Istrabadi is scheduled to deliver a lecture at Indiana University entitled, "Implications of Failure in Iraq for U.S. Security." Hosted by the Student Alliance for National Security (SANS) the event will take place at 7:30 pm in the Whittenberger Auditorium of the Indiana Memorial Union. The program is being co-sponsored by AIESEC.

To attend the brief press conference beforehand, please contact SANS Communication Director Eva d'Ambrosio at (317) 966-9763.

Ambassador Istrabadi was born in Virginia but spent his childhood living in Baghdad with his family. In 1970, he returned to the United States, later attending Indiana University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a law degree at the Indiana University School of Law. Living in Chesterton, he worked as a trial lawyer for 15 years, specializing in civil litigation and constitutional torts.

In 2002, Istrabadi joined the State Department's Future of Iraq Project that focused on post-war planning for Iraq. In September 2003, he returned to Iraq to serve as an adviser to a member of the country's Governing Council. In that capacity, he was the principal legal drafter of Iraq's interim constitution.

Istrabadi was appointed ambassador in the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2004. That same year, he was appointed to his current position of deputy permanent representative of Iraq to the United Nations.

*The Student Alliance for National Security (SANS) is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to promoting awareness of national security issues, engaging students in discussion on security-related topics, and presenting student opinions on security issues to policymakers. SANS was founded at Indiana University in 2006.*

*AIESEC is the world's largest student-run organization and boasts a highly active chapter at Indiana University. AIESEC was established 50 years ago in the aftermath of World War II by seven European students seeking to increase understanding between peoples and nations. It has since expanded to over 90 countries and 700 universities and has developed a well-recognized international exchange program.*

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