

**RECOVERY DIRECTORATE**

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Pursuant to Article 7 of the **COI** Law 30/2011, the Directorate of Recovery was created and headed by a Director General holding a law degree minimum.

This Directorate collects information, pursues corruption suspects wanted by the **COI** and recovers assets smuggled overseas in cooperation and coordination with the competent authorities. This Directorate consists of two departments, one for recovering assets and the second for receiving suspects. Pursuant to administrative order 4776/2012, the appointed Director General began the process of developing the necessary structure and plan in order for this Directorate to commence its work and also proposing work mechanisms in line with its tasks.

### Directorate Vision

To pin down fugitives, create unsafe environment for them and arrest them and restitute the embezzled assets.

### Directorate Mission

To recover fugitives and assets smuggled overseas through highly-trained and highly-qualified personnel capable of perfectly fulfilling their national duties.

### Objectives

- 1- To recover fugitives accused of corruption and sue them in accordance with international agreements and laws in force.
  - 2- To recover assets smuggled by fugitives accused of corruption wherever the location or form of these assets through highly-trained and highly-qualified investigators and auditors in accordance with the international agreements and laws in force.
  - 3- To collect information and data to locate the whereabouts of fugitives accused of corruption and locate assets smuggled overseas and create a database which contains all the necessary indicators related to confirmed or possible locations.
- The Recovery Directorate fulfills its tasks and duties through its 13 employees who hold various academic qualifications and specializations as follows:

#### Personnel by Academic Qualification

Postgraduates	Bachelor Degree	Below Bachelor Degree	Total
1	10	2	13

#### Personnel by Specialization

Investigators	Legists	Administrators	Accountants and Financial Experts	Others	Total
5	2	3	0	3	13

The Recovery Directorate consists of two departments, one in charge of recovering assets and the second in charge of recovering suspects as follows:

**First:** Suspects Recovery Department

This Department collects information, recovers fugitives accused of corruption and develops the necessary mechanisms for its work. It consists of three sections:

- A- International Coordination Section: this Section receives all recovery files related to fugitives and implements the necessary procedures accordingly.
- B- Information Section: this Section creates a database for all data received by the Suspects Recovery Department.
- C- Internal Coordination Section: this Section contacts with and follows up the mail sent to the Department with the Recovery Directorate sections or with **COI** directorates and departments.

**Second:** Assets Recovery Department: this Department collects data and recovers assets smuggled overseas generated from financial and administrative corruption crimes and designs the suitable mechanisms. It consists of three sections:

- A- International Coordination Section: this Section receives all assets recovery files and implements the necessary procedures accordingly.
- B- Information and Financial Analysis Section: this Section collects information from all relevant sources related to assets smuggled overseas.
- C- Internal Coordination Section: this Section coordinates with the relevant local authorities regarding the whereabouts of smuggled assets and receives all related information.

In addition to the above, the Directorate comprises four other sections as follows:

**First:** Planning and Follow-up Section: this Section proposes future plans designed to develop its work and determines the necessary training courses to boost its personnel capacities.

**Second:** Administrative Section: this Section organizes all the Directorate administrative and financial affairs and provides logistic support for all its departments, departments and sections.

**Third:** Agreements Section: this Section creates database for all international agreements and judicial treaties signed by Iraq in the field of anticorruption and assets and suspects recovery, proposes new agreements and gives legal advice regarding those agreements.

**Fourth:** Judicial Cooperation Section: this Section follows up all matters related to recovery files with the judicial authorities in order to be completed properly.

Despite that the Recovery Directorate has been recently established, it has managed in a short time to gain the Commissioner's approval on its proposed administrative structure, as well as approval on the future work plan designed to enable it to perform its work perfectly. The mechanisms established to boost the Directorate performance are as follows:

**First:** The Directorate received 55 recovery files from the Investigation Directorate and these files were electronically classified and archived through the database created by the Recovery Directorate. These files are already scrutinized, thoroughly studied and analyzed in order to be activated after contacting the competent authorities.

## Completed Recovery Files

Received files	Audited files	Resolved files			Retained from last year
55	55	Ended	Returned to complete requirements	Extradited	38
		7	10	None	

## Persons Accused in Recovery Files According to Job Title

Minister or Ranked Minister	DG, Ranked DG or Higher	Below DG	Total
3	9	26	38

**Second:** The Directorate held consultation, organizational and technical meetings with local, national and international bodies as follows:

## Meetings Held with the Presence of the Director of Recovery or One of his Employees

International	COI Directorates and offices	Internal	Total
9	17	14	40

**Third:** Contacting the competent authorities and interested parties in regard to the Directorate work to implement the measures related to recovery files. The implementation of these measures was monitored onsite to expedite work.

## The Directorate Correspondences

International	COI Directorates and offices	Internal	Total
0	51	245	296