

# Iraq's New Regime Change: How Tehran-Backed Terrorist Organizations and Militias Captured the Iraqi State

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