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Son of Iraq's President to Give 'A Kurdish Perspective on Iraq'

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ORLANDO, March 20, 2006 -- Qubad Talabani, the son of Iraq's president and a representative of the Kurdistan Regional Government in Iraq, will speak Tuesday, March 21, at the University of Central Florida.

Talabani, who works closely with the U.S. government, news media and research institutes, will speak about "A Kurdish Perspective on Iraq" at 3 p.m. in the Pegasus Ballroom of the Student Union. The forum, which is sponsored by the UCF Global Perspectives Office, is free and open to the public.

Following Operation Iraqi Freedom, Talabani, the son of Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, served in 2003 as a senior foreign relations officer for the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, a leading Kurdish political party known as PUK. He became the PUK's top liaison to the Coalition Provisional Authority, the transitional authority in Iraq.

Talabani was a key PUK negotiator during the drafting of the Transitional Administrative Law, Iraq's first post-Saddam Hussein constitution. He also served as a liaison officer between the PUK and U.S. forces in Iraq.

Talabani frequently discusses Kurdish and Iraqi issues with major television networks, including CNN, BBC and FOX News.

In addition to the UCF Global Perspectives Office, sponsors of the forum include UCF's Middle Eastern Studies Program and Political Science Department, the Global Connections Foundation and the Orlando Sentinel.

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