

## **Iraqi PM: Iraq is not Iraq without Christians**



**Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al Kadhimi this month told members of the Council of Christian Communities in the strife-plagued country that “...Iraq is not Iraq without Christians”.**

He added that Iraqis are strong in their cultural and religious plurality, stating that “...we will remain a symbol of co-existence, tolerance and true citizenship, despite all the pitfalls of obscure groups, which failed in their plans to destroy our wonderful country”.

The presence of indigenous Christian communities in Iraq since apostolic times –al Kadhimi underlined – confirms the capacity for openness that characterizes the civilizations that have flourished since ancient times in Mesopotamia.

