

New Iraqi cabinet

One-time Pentagon favourite **Ahmad Chalabi** has captured a key position in Iraq's new government – deputy prime minister and acting oil minister, with control over the world's second-largest proven crude reserves. With his nephew also installed as finance minister, the Chalabi family now has a firm grip on the country's purse strings



Ahmad Chalabi



Ali Allawi

Breakdown of 37-member cabinet

Prime minister: **Ibrahim al-Jaafari**, Shiite Arab

Deputy prime ministers:
Rowsh Nouri Shaways, Kurd;
Ahmad Chalabi, Shiite
Two deputy PM posts remain unfilled

Finance minister: **Ali Allawi**, Shiite

Total Shiite members: 16

Kurdish members: 9

Sunni Arab members: 4

Christian members: 1

Positions to be appointed: 7