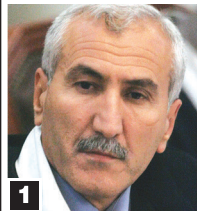


Iraqi judges face government pressure

The latest chief judge in the twin trials of Saddam Hussein is the fourth appointed by the U.S.-backed Iraqi High Criminal Court. The prime minister abruptly sacked his predecessor saying he had abandoned his neutrality, while two others resigned alleging government interference

CHIEF JUDGES



1

Rizgar Amin,
48, *Ethnic Kurd*

**Oct 19, 2005 –
Jan 14, 2006:**

Resigned citing
government
interference
undermined
court's neutrality
and objectivity

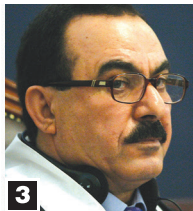


2

**Rauf Rashid
Abdel-Rahman,**
64, *Kurdish*

Jan 23 – Aug 14

Resigned after
being criticised for
being “**too soft**”
on defendants by
tolerating their
outbursts in court

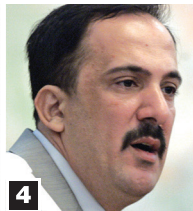


3

**Abdullah
al-Amiri,** 54,
Shiite Arab

Aug 21 – Sep 19

Sacked by
government for
being **bias** after recent
statement that
Saddam was
“**not a dictator**”



4

**Mohammed
al-Uraibiy,**
Shiite Arab

Sep 20 –

New judge
ejects Saddam
from genocide
trial – defence
team storms out
in protest