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**Telegram of the Holy Father, signed by the Cardinal Secretary of State, to the Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi, on the attack in Baghdad**

The following is the telegram sent on behalf of the Holy Father Francis by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin to the Prime Minister of Iraq, Mustafa Al-Kadhimi, on the attack that took place in Baghdad:

**Telegram**

HIS EXCELLENCY MUSTAFA AL-KADHIMI

PRIME MINISTER OF IRAQ

FOLLOWING THE ATTACK ON YOUR RESIDENCE IN BAGHDAD, HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS WISHES ME TO CONVEY HIS PRAYERFUL CLOSENESS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, AND TO THOSE INJURED. IN CONDEMNING THIS VILE ACT OF TERRORISM, HIS HOLINESS ONCE MORE EXPRESSES HIS CONFIDENCE THAT WITH THE BLESSING OF THE MOST HIGH GOD THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ WILL BE CONFIRMED IN WISDOM AND STRENGTH IN PURSUING THE PATH OF PEACE THROUGH DIALOGUE AND FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN

SECRETARY OF STATE