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***IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. DISCUSSES REFORM AND THE FUTURE OF IRAQ  
H.E. Lukman Faily Interviewed on “Iraq Matters” Podcast***

WASHINGTON – Iraqi Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Lukman Faily, answered questions about the needs of displaced persons in Iraq, government reforms to counter corruption, the role of Americans and the next U.S. President, and the future of Iraqi society in an interview with Erik Gustafson, Executive Director of the Education for Peace in Iraq Center (EPIC). The interview, released today, is part of EPIC’s podcast show “Iraq Matters.”

On the podcast, Ambassador Faily suggested that “[Americans] need to view Iraq not just as a security problem with ISIS, but as a revived society trying to discover a new identity based on liberal markets, social welfare, and democracy as our core values.” The Ambassador also commented on new economic limitations based on the recent fall in global oil prices, expanding the private sector, showing zero tolerance for corruption, and his hopes for a long-view approach to Iraq on the part of the United States.

“Ambassador Faily has been particularly close to the American public since becoming Iraq’s ambassador here in 2013,” Gustafson said. “We are pleased to have his unique perspective on the future of Iraq and what comes next for the youth of his country.”

The Education for Peace in Iraq Center (EPIC) works one-on-one with young people in Iraq to carry out impactful programs, monitor the crisis and inform public policy, enhance understanding of Iraq’s story, and advocate on their behalf. EPIC was founded in 1998 by veterans of the Gulf War seeking to make Iraq safe and prosperous again by encouraging a human security approach and empowering youth for peace.

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For the full podcast, [click here](#).

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