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Iraqi Ambassador pays courtesy visit to Deputy Speaker

Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq Safia Taleb Ali Al Souhail paid a courtesy visit to Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Claudette Buttigieg.

The Deputy Speaker welcomed the new Iraqi ambassador who recalled the friendly relations between Malta and Iraq, established in September 1972.

Deputy Speaker Buttigieg and Ambassador Al Souhail discussed the current situation in Iraq given the elections to be held in Iraq this coming Sunday. They referred to the role of women in politics, with the Deputy Speaker mentioning the recent amendments to the Constitution of Malta vis-à-vis gender balance and the Iraqi Ambassador referring to the 25% constitutional quota reserved for women representation.

The two dignitaries spoke about the collaboration between Malta and Iraq at various levels, including cooperation between the respective Parliaments and Chambers of Commerce. Tourism and culture were also mentioned.

Ms Safia Taleb Ali Al Souhail was accompanied by Zaid Tarik Al-ani, First Secretary, and Ziyad Khalid Al Khikani, Third Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Iraq, Rome.