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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Russian Embassy in Baghdad Employees Taken Hostage**

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On June 3 at 13:45 unknown persons made an attack on a car of the Russian Embassy in Baghdad in which there were its employees on duty, killing one person and kidnapping four others.

At this moment the Russian Foreign Ministry and our Embassy in Baghdad are taking exhaustive measures, inter alia in contact with the Iraqi authorities, the multinational force command and other partners who can help with the earliest freeing of the Russian citizens.

We extend condolences to the relatives and friends of the killed employee of the Russian Embassy in Iraq.

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