

## **Frameworks for the news processing of the Iraqi issue on the websites of the international Iraqi newspapers: Analytical study on Al-Zaman International newspaper website for the period from 1/1/2021 to 30/6/2021 AD**

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### **Abstract**

The research dealt with the news processing frameworks used by the website of Al-Zaman International newspaper regarding the Iraqi issue and knowing the levels of knowledge of the Iraqi public, the research stems from a main question that is, what is the nature of the topics of news processing of the Iraqi issue on the site, and what is the nature of the news processing frameworks in it? This topic is of great importance on the scientific level because it is modern and has not been studied by anyone, and on the social level it has an importance that stems from the interests of the Iraqi society by knowing the nature of local issues that are published on world public opinion, the research aims to identify the nature of the news processing frameworks for the Iraqi issue on the website of the international newspaper Al-Zaman, the subject of the research, and to determine how the website deals with the issues of the Iraqi issue, and the political developments that occur to it. This research is a descriptive study, The researcher used the survey method, both descriptive and analytical, and also used the content analysis method, both quantitative and qualitative, to analyze the media content on the subject of Iraqi affairs, the research community is represented by the websites of the Iraqi newspapers of an international nature in the temporal limits of the search within the period from 1/1/2021 AD to 30/6/2021 AD, the inspection was conducted in a comprehensive inventory of the topics of Al-Zaman website, which amounted to (452) press articles dealing with the Iraqi issue on the website, the researcher's choice of the topic came against the background of the volume of media interest in what Al Zaman International website transmits and the proposals it presents by political and public figures, the research reached a number of results, the most important of which is that political issues came at the forefront of the website of Al-Zaman International newspaper.

**Keywords:** Media frameworks, Correlational relationships, Audience, analytical studies, explanatory models.

### **Introduction**

The framing process is one of the solutions to the problem of measuring content, and it also provides a theoretical framework on how to form public attitudes towards a specific issue, as well as a systematic explanation of the role of the media in shaping public opinion perceptions towards specific issues by analyzing the frameworks of media handling of events and issues raised in the media, which contributes to providing an understanding of the role of

the media in building social reality, and the topic of the research deals with the nature of the news treatment frameworks for the Iraqi issue on the websites of the international Iraqi newspapers, the researcher chose Al-Zaman International website, for reasons related to the readability and follow-up of the site, as well as the diversity of its interests in the Iraqi issue, the researcher found that most of the site's topics related to the Iraqi issue are subject to framing in a way that is accepted by the public at the level of the Arab world and the world, due to some sensitivities regarding the media's handling of specific Iraqi issues, and the site's keenness to achieve the obligations imposed by the media policy of the independent Al-Zaman foundation, and this research is an analytical study to identify the frameworks in which the site dealt with the topic of the Iraqi issue, because there is a major shift in Arab relations after the protest demonstrations in Iraq. Is this transformation a product of an Iraqi media discourse that contributed to Arab interest in the Iraqi issue or is it the result of political transformations that the region witnessed with the growing popular rejection of Iran and Turkey existence in Iraq, and its implications for the Arab position and the stability of the region.

## Topic One

### Research Methodology

**First: research problem:** the research problem is the basis on which the structure of the research is built, and the stages of its completion in all its requirements, the research problem is embodied when the researcher realizes, through his observations, experiences, or knowledge, that a certain thing is shrouded in ambiguity and needs further clarification, interpretation and analysis, or that it is not true (Al-Mashhadani, 2019.p80). The researcher has identified the problem of research in the nature of the news treatment frameworks for the topics of the Iraqi issue on the Al-Zaman newspaper website, the research includes an analysis of those contents to identify the frameworks in which the relevant newspaper websites dealt with the Iraqi issue. The research problem stems from a main question around which the research problem revolves, which is the nature of the news treatment frameworks for Iraqi issues on the Al-Zaman International newspaper website? and how does the website deal with Iraqi issues?

**Second: The importance of the research:** The importance of this research is embodied by highlighting the justifications for doing the research and the nature of the necessary considerations related to the theory or application of the results of the research (Abdel Aziz,2019, p.86), and specifically the importance of this research includes three basic aspects represented by scientific importance: that is, the research provides a scientific conception of the frameworks Al-Zaman's news processing of the Iraqi issue, which is a new topic and constitutes a scientific addition, in addition to the scarcity of studies on this topic, as no one has ever written about it, and there is a societal importance: it is represented in identifying and knowing the orientations of Al-Zaman newspaper's website regarding the Iraqi issue, and in identifying the mechanisms of ignoring and adding that it practiced regarding specific issues of the Iraqi issue, because knowing the treatment frameworks adopted by the website makes the community aware of the purposes of the texts dealing with the Iraqi issue, as for the practical importance of the institutions: it stems from the great importance for the Iraqi media and political institutions alike to the nature of the appropriate frameworks for the issues of the Iraqi issue, because it contributes to our institutions adopting a clear scientific vision in dealing with the topics of the Iraqi issue, or employing the same mechanisms in addressing important political issues that receives media and popular attention.

**Third: Research objectives:** The research should seek to achieve specific goals, which

can be formulated in the form of specific questions that the research seeks to find clear answers about it (Melhem,2010,p 89), and thus the goals are the aims that the researcher seeks to achieve through his study of the problem, and they should not go out on the general objectives of scientific research within the framework of the theoretical and applied dimension of the problem, as the objectives of the research constitute the main axis in the methodology of scientific research, and the main objective may be one and specific, or a group of main objectives and sub-goals are derived from them (Abboud.2009. p108), and this research seeks to identify the nature of the frameworks for the news treatment of Iraqi issues on Al-Zaman newspaper website, and the definition of the contents of those frameworks in which the Al-Zaman International website dealt with the Iraqi issue and Learning how the site deals with Iraqi issues.

**Fourth: The limits of research and its fields:** The process of setting limits for research is useful in directing the researcher's attention to the main areas in his research and not addressing unimportant sub-issues (Al-Saadani et al,2012.p 149), and any research must define its fields or the limits of its study, after which a methodological step is to proceed in the research process according to coordinated and organized steps (Abboud.2009. p113), and the limits of the research and its fields are represented in the spatial domain represented by the website of Al-Zaman International newspaper; being a site that deals with issues of Iraqi affairs, it is one of the sober and well-read websites and is distinguished by its strong popular presence in Iraqi society, It was chosen to know the frameworks for the news treatment of the issues of Iraqi affairs. As for the temporal domain, it is represented in the specific period of the research, which starts from (1/1/2021 AD) until (30/6/2021 AD), and the researcher chose this period because it coincided with the major shift in the international position in support of Iraq, and the objective field is determined by the frameworks of the news treatment of the issue of Iraqi affairs, on the website of Al-Zaman newspaper.

**Fifth: The research community:**

The research community is defined as: "It is all the units that the researcher wishes to study (Zughaib,2015, p 240), and the research community is represented by the contents of the websites of international newspapers that dealt with the news treatment of the Iraqi issue. the researcher chose the website of Al-Zaman International newspaper, in which the issues of Iraqi affairs were dealt with within the specified period of the research, the researcher worked on collecting data from all of the research vocabulary, by means of a comprehensive inventory method for all the bulletins that were issued within the specified period, and they were limited to (452) content on the site.

**Sixth: Type, method and tools of research:** This research is a descriptive study, the concept of which is related to the explanation of events and the clarification of the different positions that express a phenomenon or a group of important phenomena, and an attempt to analyze the reality on which those events and facts revolve, through a reported description of that reality and an attempt to interpret and analyze the apparent reasons for these events, in order to reach useful logical conclusions that contribute to solving problems or removing obstacles and ambiguity surrounding some phenomena.( Al-Tai, Abu Bakr, 2007, p 95) This is because descriptive research aims to portray, analyze, evaluate and study the current facts related to the nature of the phenomenon, and the ideal approach to answering research questions is the survey method, both descriptive and analytical aspect ; The survey method is defined as "one of the methods of analysis based on sufficient and accurate information or a specific subject for a known period of time, in order to obtain scientific results that are interpreted in an objective manner consistent with the actual data of the phenomenon.( Mazhera,2014. P,

308) As for the research tools, the researcher used the content analysis tool of analysis form.

## **TOPIC TWO**

### ***The concept of news processing***

**Media processing**, including journalism, seeks to focus on current events affecting individuals and countries, such as important events and issues of major countries, the formation of readers' attitudes, whether positive or negative, is a result of the frameworks chosen by journalists in advance, as it gives the news another direction, news that seeks to influence readers is often placed in the framework of sympathy, in general, the news processing presents a bias in its coverage, which is called the process of (frame building), and framed news is among the modern methods used in conflict processes because of its effects on public opinion. (Abdel Wahab,2019.p486), and there is an overlap between news processing and press coverage, because the processing is part of the coverage, when the media mean decides to adopt the event and its coverage, comprehensive press coverage, it seeks to obtain real-time and distinct information about the event from its various sources, and then the institution subject the raw media material to processing according to the media's policy, arts and techniques (Khaddour , 2011, p,41-42).

There is a discrepancy between media institutions in the methods of processing according to the nature of the events they deal with, in crises tend to exaggerate and take the side of excitement and end with the end of the crisis. It is truncated and leads to misleading and distortion of awareness among the public, it is a response to marketing functions without regard to the educational and cultural functions towards society(Abu Al-Regal,2018,p 67-68), however, this ruling is not absolute, as media institutions may adopt the theory of social responsibility in dealing with crises, and the processing is integrated and works to create deep awareness among the recipient by providing a history and context for the raised issue and to give a clear and comprehensive picture of the various aspects of the event, and it usually uses in-depth processing that is based on analyzing the elements of the event, researching its roots and causes, and comparing it with similar events

The importance of news processing comes from the importance of the media, which is the first cognitive and intellectual device that engages with reality, and therefore the main feature of the media is that it is the first cognitive and intellectual contact with reality, and it is required according to its previous characteristics (speed, instantaneous, periodic, normal recipient and the wide audience), not only that diagnoses, understands and evaluates what happened, but also conveys all of that to the recipient amid difficult and complex working conditions that witness pressures from different sources and destinations, and in a manner that does not conflict with multiple considerations (political, social, security, etc.) and according to a sophisticated, elaborate, attractive and convincing media **art** (Rashid,1990.p152) , within the framework of this processing , ideas and information are transferred from one party to another, according to the media outlet's position on the event or issue, the extent of its interest in it and the way it is presented in terms of using technical methods and editorial templates and the objectives of the medium that it seeks to achieve in accordance with its policy and agenda.( Abdel Nabi,1991,p 37) The processing is the first step in building the journalistic subject, as the journalist begins by defining the idea that starts from a central piece of information or a starting point that is in its depth a news formula that comes from the note of the journalistic editor, who starts researching the angles of processing or possible processing as soon as that information stops him, i.e. in other words ,he thinks of the news processing, which is one of the possible processing through the preliminary survey of the news subject that the editor

conducts in order to prove the validity of this processing or deny it, and then allows him to know whether the processing helps in crystallizing an idea worth presenting through a press text (Zain Al-Din, 2008, p53) and news processing is the decisions made by the source of communication about the way in which he will present his message, i.e. what he chooses with regard to both code and content and in terms of the method of presenting the code and content((Zain Al-Din, 2008, p152)

It is also defined as: the process of analyzing the idea and developing its elements through academic research, field research, and making use of the available and available media and archival materials (Abdel Wahab,2013, p 244)

As for news processing, it is defined as: “the way the press deals with an issue, topic, or idea in accordance with a specific editorial policy based on the newspaper’s policy and ownership (Amer, 2010. P29-30)

News processing is also defined as: the distinctive way in which writers and editors process their topics and which determines the editorial character of the newspaper” (Sharaf, 2000, p 45). Thus, it is the media work practiced by the press in its coverage of various political, cultural, social and economic news, or the way in which its news is addressed, or facts or events are presented.

The researcher agrees with the definition of news processing as: “a set of technical methods used in press coverage of a specific issue, through editorial templates and sources that were relied on or methods of production and highlighting, persuasive arguments, methods of drafting and used linguistic expressions used (Abdel Ghafour, 2017.p16), a definition that corresponds to the nature of the research topic.

### *Types of news processing*

#### *Processing in terms of information depth 1*

**A. Superficial** processing: This processing answers the main questions and uses simple information without issuing a judgment or comment, It is characterized by providing incomplete and truncated information and ends with the end of the event or topic, and tends to intimidate and mislead the public’s consciousness, and this processing is considered a response to the authority and the needs of the media market (Sebaei, 2018.p 42)

**B. In-depth processing:** This type of processing provides in-depth data and information, and accurate details about events, issues and crises, by presenting all opinions, suggestions and interpretations about the event. this processing is characterized by analyzing the details of the event and its causes and comparing it with previous similar events, as well as seeking the assistance of experts and stakeholders, to clarify the facts (Mustafa,2000, p 43)

It is characterized by depth, comprehensiveness and accurate follow-up, and seeks to form a deep awareness and an integrated position. In-depth processing uses two methods to achieve this depth, namely, the first: the mental pattern that is based on providing correct and documented information, starting from the realistic level of awareness of the masses, and linking it to their interests and benefits, and the second: the critical style that is based on providing information with an attempt to involve the public and start from the realistic level of public awareness and give a complete image characterized by clarity, consistency and comprehensiveness of the various aspects of the event or issue (Khaddour,1999, p 72).

### *Processing in terms of content direction 2*

**A. Hostile (offensive) treatment:** It is processing that provides false and misleading information about a phenomenon, event or issue with the intent to offend and question, and to achieve specific goals that the media organization or organization seeks to achieve, and this **processing** appears in major events that receive great public interest (Tayyib,2010, p123)

**B. Neutral Processing:** it is objective processing that is free of bias and subjectivity, through which the journalist presents information and facts without interference with opinion or mixing facts with points of view (Al-Khaza'leh et al,2018,p 54), and referring to sources of information, and it is characterized by balance in presenting different points of view and avoiding the use of supporting or opposing vocabulary and phrases of the issue or topic in question(Baghdadi, 2009,p 26-27)

**C. Biased processing:** It is the processing that tends to show things from one point of view directly or indirectly, and is done by focusing on specific details and facts, presenting facts in a certain sequence, and using specific words, and includes two features: lack of balance between opposing viewpoints, and distortion of facts in an intend way ((Baghdadi, 2009,p 28) ), and this type of processing appears in the news and political events, as it is the most content subject to bias and distortion in the interest of the party supported by the medium.

### *Processing in terms of objectives 3*

**A. Propaganda processing:** This type of processing is characterized by concealment, distortion or falsification of the truth, and for the purpose of reaching its desired propaganda goal, propaganda processing seeks to influence and control the audience's attitudes by providing false information or withholding information completely. It also resorts to the method of seduction, simulation, imitation, gesturing, exploiting situations in which the largest number of people participate, and using familiar and flashy words and phrases, memorized formulas and common information among the public. (Tayyib,2010, p123-124)

**B- Critical processing:** It is intended to highlight negative topics, attitudes and trends in the case or event from the journalist's point of view with the aim of evaluating, reviewing and correcting them in front of the public. This type of processing requires a realistic view of the issue and the event in all its aspects and finding appropriate solutions to avoid its recurrence in the future and inform the public of its background. This processing aims to achieve a preventive role by revealing the causes of the event or issue and seeking to evaluate them and limit the negative aspects and know how to deal with similar events and issues, and critical processing during international events may contribute to increasing the discrepancy between the official political position of the state and the basic position of the event or issue. (Shafiq, 2014.p 19)

**C. Interpretive processing** which is based on collecting auxiliary and explanatory information as well as basic facts of events, for the purpose of explaining and interpreting them according to their temporal and objective context, describing the general atmosphere, people and places, and mentioning historical, geographic, economic and political information about the country or place in which the case or events took place, as well as the link between the similar facts and events, comparisons, analysis of causes and results, revealing the dimensions of the case and its various implications(Shafiq,2014.p 19)

### *Topic Three*

*News processing frameworks on Al-Zaman International newspaper website*

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The first axis: Categories (What was said): It deals with the content of the news processing of the Al-Zaman International website regarding the Iraqi issue, which is classified as follows.

***First: Classifying the topics of the news processing of the Iraqi issue on Al-Zaman International newspaper website.***

Analysis of the topics of news processing of the Iraqi issue on the Al-Zaman International newspaper website revealed that political topics ranked first and scored (180) recurrences at a rate of (%29.85). The security and military subjects ranked second and scored (164) recurrences, at a rate of (%27.2), while the economic issues came in the third rank and got (153) recurrences, at a rate of (%25.37), while social issues ranked fourth and got (73) recurrences with a percentage of (%12.11), and religious issues ranked fifth and scored (33) recurrences at a rate of (%5.47), as shown in Table (1)

***News processing of the Iraqi issue on the Al-Zaman International newspaper website***

**Table (1) shows the main categories of topics**

S/N	Main Categories	Recurrence	Percentage	Rank
1	Political topics	180	%29.85	First
2	Security and military issues	164	%27.20	Second
3	Economic Topics	153	%25.37	Third
4	Social themes	73	%12.11	Fourth
5	Religious themes	33	%5.47	Fifth
	The total	603	%100	

***1-The category of political topics related to the Iraqi issue in the news processing of Al-Zaman International newspaper website.***

Al-Zaman International newspaper website showed great interest in political issues related to the Iraqi issue, and this interest varied according to the nature of Iraqi issues, the category (emphasis on the integrity of elections and international supervision) ranked first and received (55) recurrences with a rate of (%30.56), and the category (renewed protests in Iraq) came in second rank and received (40) recurrences with a rate of (%22.22). the category( Distancing Iraq from foreign interventions), as it ranked third and scored (36) recurrences at a rate of (%20), while the category (call for national and regional dialogue) ranked fourth and received (27) recurrence at a rate of (%15), and the category (discussions between Baghdad and Erbil) ranked fifth and got (12) recurrences at a rate of (%6.67), and finally came a category, (expanding the scope of cooperation with the international coalition) ranked sixth and got (10) recurrences at a rate of (%5.55), and as shown in Table (2)

**Table (2) shows the categories of political topics mentioned in the news processing of Al-Zaman International newspaper's website regarding the Iraqi issue**

S/N	Subcategories	Recurrence	Percentage	Rank
1	Attention to the political rejection of international supervision	55	%30.56	First
2	Renewed protests in Iraq	40	%22.22	Second
3	Keeping Iraq away from foreign interference	36	%20.00	Third
4	An invitation to national and regional dialogue	27	%15.00	Fourth
5	Negotiations between Baghdad and Erbil	12	%6.67	Fifth
6	Expanding the scope of cooperation with the international coalition	10	%5.55	Sixth
	The total	180	%100	

***1-Attention to the political rejection of international supervision***

The issue of the Iraqi elections has received special attention from the website,

especially the emphasis on the integrity of the elections and international supervision. The Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this issue in news **processing** in a report published by the website, it stated: "The Iraqi political forces were keen to confirm their categorical rejection of the issue of international supervision over the Iraqi early elections., as this issue affects the sovereignty of the country and the integrity of the electoral process,... also, international supervision can open the door to manipulation of the election results, for the benefit of some political parties., the report indicated that the international and global role should only be for the purpose of observation without any interference in the electoral affairs, and this is what should be worked on, ... and it is not permissible to allow any supervision of any international and external party, regardless of its title and justifications" (Al-Zaman International newspaper website, 3/2/ 2021 AD) (31), and it appears clear the extent of the site's interest in the political forces' rejection of international supervision and linking this to national sovereignty.

### ***2-Renewed protests in Iraq***

The topics of the protests in Iraq have received great media attention, and Al-Zaman International newspaper website has dealt with this issue extensively, in a report published by the site, it stated: "Angry protests renewed in the capital, Baghdad and the southern provinces, at a time when the Prime Minister ordered the opening of an investigation to uncover the circumstances of the violence that accompanied the renewed protest demonstrations in Iraq... and Al Tahrir Square in central Baghdad witnessed the continued influx of school and university students. , confirming the continuation of the strike until the demands of the demonstrators are fulfilled" (Al-Zaman International newspaper website, 13/1/2021 AD), and the analysis shows the extent of the website's interest in addressing the issue of renewed protests as part of the website's keenness to gain the satisfaction of the demonstrators and confirm its adoption of the people's demands.

### ***3-Keeping Iraq away from foreign interference.***

The website showed great interest in the issue of keeping Iraq away from foreign interventions, and the interventions received great media attention, as the Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this topic repeatedly, in a report published by the site, it stated: "The neighboring countries of Iraq play a major role (negative and positive) both in stabilizing the situation and rebuilding the new Iraq, and specialized observers can assess the seriousness of these interventions according to the achieved interests, the extent of influence of these countries, and the extent of their impact. On the internal situation and on Iraq's bilateral relations with the great powers and the United States of America in particular" (Al-Zaman International newspaper website, 14/3/2021 AD), and this can be diagnosed within the social responsibility of the media in adopting national and fateful issues.

### ***2-Categories of security and military topics related to the Iraqi issue in the news processing of the Al-Zaman International newspaper website.***

Analysis of the security and military issues related to the Iraqi issue in the news coverage of Al-Zaman International newspaper revealed that the category (activities of the security forces of all kinds) ranked first and scored (30) recurrences with a rate of (%18.29), and the category (American strikes on the Popular Mobilization and its leaders) came. , ranked second and scored (25) recurrences with a rate of (%15.24), while the category (drug trade and the prosecution of security forces) came in third place and scored (21) recurrences with a rate of (%12.80), while the category (Iran's relationship with the crowd and resistance factions) came in the fourth rank and scored (18) recurrences with a rate of (%10.98), and the category (assassinations, kidnapping and deterioration of the security situation) ranked fifth and scored



(16) recurrences with a rate of (%9.76), and the category (targeting American bases and embassies) ranked sixth and scored (15) recurrences at a rate of (%9.15), while the category (precautionary measures against terrorist attacks by ISIS) ranked seventh and received (12) recurrences with a rate of (%7.32), while the category (achieving victories against the terrorist ISIS) ranked eighth and obtained (10) recurring at a rate of (%6.10), and the category ( The coalition's support to confront ISIS )ranked ninth and received (7) recurrences at a rate of (%4.27%), while the category (The role of militias in destabilizing security) ranked tenth and received (6) recurrences with a rate of (%3.66), and finally the category (arrests and prisoners) ranked eleventh and got (4) recurrences at a rate of (%2.44%), as shown in Table (3)

***Iraqi issue in the news processing of Al-Zaman International newspaper website.***

**Table (3)** shows the categories of security and military subjects related to the

S/N	Subcategories	Recurrence	Percentage	Rank
1	The activities of the security forces of all kinds	30	%18.29	First
2	US strikes on the Popular Mobilization and its leaders	25	%15.24	Second
3	Drug trafficking and the prosecution of the security forces	21	%12.80	Third
4	Iran's relationship with the Popular Mobilization Forces and the resistance factions	18	%10.98	Fourth
5	Assassinations, kidnappings, and the deteriorating security situation	16	%9.76	Fifth
6	Targeting US bases and embassies	15	%9.15	Sixth
7	Precautionary measures against ISIS terrorist attacks	12	%7.32	Seventh
8	Achieving victories against ISIS	10	%6.10	Eighth
9	Coalition support to meet ISIS	7	%4.27	Ninth
10	The role of militias in destabilizing security	6	%3.66	Tenth
11	Arrests and prisoners	4	%2.44	Tenth
	The total	164	%100.00	

***Activities of the security forces of all kinds 1***

The activities of the security forces of all kinds in Iraq have received great media attention, as Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this issue extensively. In a news story published by the site, stated: "The Iraqi military and security establishment faces challenges on strategic and tactical levels, and this calls for reconsidering the comprehensive strategy for Iraqi national security, and this interest comes at a critical period in which the Iraqi state seeks to upgrade all types of security forces in order to enable it to extension of security, achieving the prestige of the state and monopolizing the power of arms, in the face of the threat of terrorist organizations, and the increasing influence of militias at the expense of the official security services, and the interest is linked to the diversity of the activities of the security forces, the nature of the challenges facing the Iraqi military and security institutions, and the development of the capabilities of the Iraqi armed forces (Al-Zaman International newspaper website). May 19, 2021, AD).

***2-The US strikes on the Popular Mobilization Forces and its leaders***

The issue of the American strikes on the Popular Mobilization and its leaders has received great media attention. Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with the subject of the strikes and their repercussions greatly. In a news story published by the site, it stated: "The Arab media discussed the American strikes that targeted sites belonging to some of the Iranian-backed Iraqi Popular Mobilization factions. On the Iraqi-Syrian border, it criticized the American position and the position of the American President, Joe Biden, and considered the strike a major mistake made by America and would be "counterproductive",

stressing that these strikes would enhance the legitimacy and presence of the Popular Mobilization Forces in Iraq... and that the American aggression would backfire definitely, because it will embarrass the government, and will unite the majority of the Iraqi people behind the popular crowd." (Al-Zaman International newspaper website, March 23, 2021, AD)

### ***Drug trafficking and the prosecution of security forces 3***

The website showed great interest in the issue of drug trafficking and the prosecution of the security forces, and the subject received great media attention, as Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this issue repeatedly, In a report published by the site, it stated: "Despite the strict security measures and deterrent legal penalties, crime gangs continue to promote drugs and spread their poison among young people in particular, on the other hand, officials and those concerned with security and legal affairs, and social researchers present a number of proposals to curb the phenomenon that threatens society and exploit its crises... and that the security services succeeded in their procedures by arresting many traffickers and those involved, and that they continue to combat smuggling operations at the borders to curb the phenomenon and pursue, follow up and arrest the accused and referred them to the judiciary in accordance with the legal articles stipulated in the anti-drug law, (Al-Zaman International newspaper website, 17/4/2021 AD)

### ***3-Economic issues related to the Iraqi issue in the news processing of Al-Zaman International newspaper website***

Analysis of the topics of the economic news processing of the Iraqi issue on the Al-Zaman International newspaper website revealed that the category (fighting financial and administrative corruption) ranked first and scored (36) recurrences with a rate of (%23.53), and the category (unemployment and job opportunities) ranked second and got (32) recurrences at a rate of (%20.92), while the category (oil contracts and agreements) ranked third and scored (31) recurrences with a rate of (%20.26), while the category (improving electrical energy) ranked fourth and scored (24) recurrences with a percentage of (%18.3), and the category (investment relations with Arab countries) ranked fifth and received (16) recurrences, at a rate of (%9.15), and finally, the category (revenues of border crossings and ports) ranked sixth and received (12) recurrences at a rate of (%7.84%). , as shown in Table (4)

**Table (4) shows the categories of special economic subjects of the Iraqi issue in the news processing of Al-Zaman International newspaper website.**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Subcategories</b>	<b>Recurrence</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Rank</b>
1	Fighting financial and administrative corruption	36	%23.53	First
2	Unemployment and job opportunities	32	%20.92	Second
3	Oil contracts and agreements	31	%20.26	Third
4	improve electrical energy	28	%18.30	Fourth
5	Investment relations with Arab countries	14	%9.15	Fifth
6	Revenues of border ports and ports	12	%7.84	Sixth
	The total	153	%100	

### ***Fighting financial and administrative corruption 1***

The issue of fighting financial and administrative corruption in Iraq received attention and was addressed by Al-Zaman International newspaper website , as the topic was extensively addressed, in a report published by the site, which stated: "The phenomenon of administrative corruption is one of the most dangerous phenomena facing countries, especially developing countries, which results in paralysis in the process of construction and economic development, including the destruction of the economy and the financial and administrative capacity, and consequently the state's inability to meet the challenges of construction or reconstruction and

the necessary infrastructure for that, ... and that this type of corruption is the most dangerous, as it is destructive to the development process due to the depletion of resources and capabilities and disruption in the infrastructure on which the development process is based and leads to a threat to the sovereignty of the state due to the large debts that it will suffer from, due to its inability to achieve sufficient outputs to pay those debts and achieve an acceptable level of growth in its presence. (Al-Zaman International newspaper website, 23/3/2021 AD)

### ***2-Optimizing electric power***

The site showed great interest in the topic of improving electric power, and the topic received great media attention, as Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this topic repeatedly. In a report published by the site, it stated: "The economic model that Iraq must adopt is to produce the highest rate of energy at the lowest costs, and access to relatively cheap energy is necessary to operate modern economies, and thus achieve economic security and great financial benefits for the country... The realization of energy security lies in the establishment of renewable energy projects by relying on solar and other energy, and also by substituting gas for oil, in order to produce cheap and diversified electric energy from sources" (Al-Zaman International Newspaper website, 19/3/2021).

### ***Oil contracts and agreements 3***

The topic of oil contracts and agreements has received great media attention, and Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this subject extensively. In a report published by the site, stated: "The nationalization decision and licensing rounds differ in form and agree in content. The first abolished the existence of monopolistic foreign companies and nullified concession contracts, withdrawing their shares and assets from them, and no longer having a presence on Iraqi soil. As for the second, it attracts foreign companies specialized in the oil industry to work within service contracts on the Iraqi land under terms and conditions determined by the Iraqi Ministry of Oil and the legislation and laws in force. In terms of content, the two are in agreement that the oil wealth should return to the good of all the Iraqi people, and that the country benefit from the great financial returns achieved by oil sales in the global market in all fields and life activities, and black gold will remain the first source of Iraq's imports and it is the secret of its renaissance if It has been properly, beneficially and profitably exploited, away from the hands of the corrupt and the traffickers of the country's wealth, to eliminate unemployment and provide job opportunities." (Al-Zaman International newspaper website, 16/3/2021 AD)

### ***4-Categories of social issues related to the Iraqi issue in the news processing of Al-Zaman International newspaper website.***

An analysis of the social issues related to the Iraqi issue in the news processing of Al-Zaman International newspaper website revealed that the category (the impact of price hikes on society and the multiplicity of crises) ranked first and got (15) recurrences at a rate of (%20.55), the category (granting subsidies, salaries and aid) also ranked first and scored (14) recurrences at a rate of (%19.18), while the category (domestic and social violence) came in second rank and received (13) recurrences at a rate of (%17.81), while the category (family and social violence) came in the second rank and received (13) recurrences at a rate of %17.81 (displaced persons, families of martyrs, wounded and mass graves) ranked third and received (12) recurrences at a rate of (%16.44), and the category (suffering of segments of Iraqi society with all its components and categories) ranked fourth and received (10) recurrences at a rate of (%13.70), and finally came the category (Human Rights and Freedoms) ranked fifth and got (9) recurrences with a rate of (%12.33), as shown in Table (5).

**Table (5)** shows the categories of special social topics of the Iraqi issue in the news processing of Al-Zaman International newspaper website.

S/N	Subcategories	Recurrence	Percentage	Rank
1	The impact of high prices on society and the multiplicity of crises	15	%20.55	First
2	Granting subsidies, salaries and assistance	14	%19.18	First
3	family and social violence	13	%17.81	Second
4	The displaced, the families of the martyrs, the wounded, and the mass graves	12	%16.44	Third
5	The suffering of the segments of Iraqi society with all its components and categories	10	%13.70	Fourth
6	Human rights and freedoms	9	%12.33	Fifth
	The total	73	%100	

### ***The effect of high prices on society and the multiplicity of crises 1***

The site showed great interest in the topic of the impact of high prices on society and the multiplicity of security crises, and the topic received great media attention, as Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this topic repeatedly. In a news story published by the site, it stated: “What matters to the poor is the extent of local price volatility, changes in international prices are only one of the factors affecting the change in local prices, in fact, in countries that do not import much, the conditions of the crop are usually the local price, the cost of supplies, and policy measures are much more important than international prices in their impact, because the impact of a rise affects society and exacerbates crises” (Al-Zaman International Newspaper website, 28/4/ 2021 AD).

### ***Granting subsidies, salaries, and aid 2***

The issue of granting subsidies, salaries and aid has received great media attention, and Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this issue extensively, in a report published by the site, it stated: “Granting subsidies, salaries and aid to the affected segments is a mainstay for confronting the effects of poverty in a very rich country such as Iraq with its human resources and various natural capabilities. ... Granting subsidies, salaries and aid is one of the ways to confront a phenomenon that is no longer a temporary economic problem or a fleeting social, but rather turned into a dilemma facing the political, economic and social decision-maker in the country” (Al-Zaman International newspaper website, 19/3/2021AD).

### ***Family and social violence 3***

Topics of domestic and social violence in Iraq have received great media attention, and Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this issue extensively, in a report published by the site, it stated: “The number of domestic violence cases in Iraq may be much greater than the official statistics, due to societal disintegration, lawlessness, and widespread possession of unlicensed weapons, and violent crimes occur in often for trivial reasons, reinforced by a lack of awareness, mental illness and male authority, and the phenomenon of domestic violence against children in schools is not new, as it has existed since ancient times, but it has recently aggravated and spread significantly due to a set of circumstances and factors that contributed to its occurrence, including the high rates of divorce among married couples, and the emergence of one or both parents in a family and an environment that makes violence a normal occurrence in every home, as well as the low standard of living and the couple’s exposure to economic crises, and the absence or lack of societal institutions that monitor children exposed or likely to be exposed to violence of all kinds” (Al-Zaman International newspaper website, 17/3/ 2021 AD)

### ***5-Categories of religious topics related to the Iraqi issue in the news processing of Al-Zaman International newspaper website.***

It was found from the analysis of religious issues related to the Iraqi issue in the news processing of Al-Zaman International newspaper website that the category (statements of the religious reference in Iraq) ranked first and got (8) recurrences, with a rate of (%24.24), and the category (the role of religious references in returning the displaced) came in the second rank and got (7) recurrences with a rate of (%21.21), while the category (religious minorities in Iraq) ranked third and got (6) recurrences with a rate of (%18.18), while the category (religious occasions in Iraq) ranked fourth and scored (5) recurrences at a rate of (%15.15), the category (News of Christian Religious Reference in Iraq) ranked fifth and got (4) recurrences at a rate of (%12.12), and finally the category (Houses of Worship and Churches in Iraq) ranked sixth and got (3) recurrences with a percentage of (%9.09%), as shown in Table (6)

**Table (6) shows the categories of special religious subjects of the Iraqi issue in the news processing of Al-Zaman International newspaper website.**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Subcategories</b>	<b>Recurrence</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Rank</b>
1	Statements of the religious reference in Iraq	8	%24.24	First
2	The role of religious references in returning the displaced	7	%21.21	Second
3	Religious minorities in Iraq	6	%18.18	Third
4	Religious events in Iraq	5	%15.15	Fourth
5	Christian religious references news in Iraq	4	%12.12	Fifth
6	Places of worship and churches in Iraq	3	%9.09	Sixth
	The total	33	%100.00	

### ***Statements of the religious reference in Iraq 1***

The statements of the Iraqi religious references occupied the attention of the Al-Zaman International newspaper website, and the topic received great media attention commensurate with the role of the reference in society, as the site dealt with this topic repeatedly. In a news report published by the site stated: "It is necessary to refer to the religious reference's attention to the demonstrations, as it is the first time that the reference office has issued this number of successive statements on a specific topic, as the number of statements related to the October demonstrations reached 16, in addition to 3 official sporadic statements., and also evidence of the reference's attention to the October demonstrations: that it described it as the "battle of reform," which is no less important than the battle against terrorism that the Iraqis fought in 2014, and described those who were killed in it as "martyrs." The statements of the religious reference in Iraq can be counted, as an indication of the extent of her interest in community issues" (Al-Zaman International newspaper website, 27/4/2021),

and it seems clear the good interest and evaluation of the site for the great role of references in political affairs in general and mass demonstrations in particular, after which it represents a watershed stage in the history of Iraq, and that the situation after the October demonstrations will not return as it was before it, as well as a good assessment of the newspaper's website for the community's concerns under the guidance of the reference.

### ***people -The role of religious references in returning the displaced 2***

The topic of the role of religious references in returning the immigrants and the displaced to their homes in Iraq has received great media attention, and the Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this topic greatly, in a report published by the site, which stated: "The follower of the last letters of the reference finds a clear interest in the suffering of the displaced segment, and finds that it was urging Iraqi politicians to take a firm position on that suffering, which is also linked to the files of rampant corruption in the joints of the government, as it is linked on the other hand to quotas, nepotism and the absence of

justice, It was mentioned in the last sermon of Karbala, which was launched by the reference, which stated: “The central government should assume its responsibilities regarding the return of the displaced to their homes, and verify the presence of sleeper cells that harm Iraqis” (Al-Zaman International newspaper website, 9/3/2021). It is evident from this concern that religious references have a role in the Iraqi affairs, and that they represent a cornerstone and important in achieving security and stability in Iraq.

### Religious minorities in Iraq<sup>3</sup>

The site showed great concern in the issue of religious minorities in Iraq, and the topic received great media attention, as Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this topic frequently in proportion to the size of the problems arising from ethnic and racial difference. In a news story published by the site, it stated: “Iraq has represented, since ancient times, a model of peaceful coexistence between its religious, ethnic and sectarian components, in which cultures, social customs, political, educational and even religious participations have merged with authentic ethnic components over thousands of years, and other settlements from Turkey, Iran and other countries, according to the circumstances and many historical details... The occupation of Iraq by the United States in 2003 , and the subsequent deterioration of social and political values, and the establishment of the concepts of quotas and sectarianism instead of legal and human rights considerations and constituted a setback for many components of Iraqi society, including religious minorities in particular. (Al-Zaman International newspaper website, 23/5/2021AD)

***Second: The main categories for classifying the cases that were subjected to the news processing frameworks of Al-Zaman International newspaper web site regarding the Iraqi issue.***

The analysis of the main categories for the classification of issues that were subjected to the news processing frameworks of the Al-Zaman International newspaper regarding the Iraqi issue revealed that the category (the war on terrorism) ranked first and scored (90) recurrences with a rate of (%14.93), and the category (democracy and elections) ranked second and scored (88) recurrences with a rate of (%14.59), while the category (financial and administrative corruption) ranked third and scored (77) recurrences with a rate of (%12.77), while the category (legal legislation) also ranked third and scored (77) ) recurrences and at a rate of (%12.77), and the category (relations with the Kurdistan region of Iraq) ranked fourth and scored (74) recurrences and a rate of (%12.27), and the category (unemployment and deterioration of services) also ranked fifth and received (73) recurrences and a rate of (%12.11)), while the category (weapons outside the state) ranked sixth and scored (72) recurrences at a rate of (%11.94), and finally the category (oil and energy in Iraq) ranked seventh and received (52) recurrences at a rate of (%8.62%), As shown in Table (7)

**Table (7) shows the main categories for classifying the cases that were subjected to the frameworks of the news processing of the Al-Zaman International newspaper website regarding the Iraqi issue**

S/N	Subcategories	Recurrence	Percentage	Rank
1	war on terror	90	%14.93	First
2	Democracy and elections	88	%14.59	Second
3	Financial and administrative corruption	77	%12.77	Third
4	Legal legislation	77	%12.77	Third
5	Relations with the Kurdistan Region of Iraq	74	%12.27	Fourth
6	Unemployment and poor services	73	%12.11	Fifth
7	Weapon outside the state	72	%11.94	Sixth
8	Oil and Energy in Iraq	52	%8.62	Seventh
	The total	603	%100.00	

It is evident from Table (9) that there are specific concerns that take over the news processing of the Iraqi issue, which are represented in eight axes that are the most prominent features of the Iraqi political issue.

Categories of news processing frameworks for the Iraqi issue on the Al-Zaman International newspaper website

From the analysis of the frameworks for the news processing of the Iraqi issue on the Al-Zaman International newspaper website, it was found that the category (the category of the economic framework and common interests) ranked first and scored (164) recurrences, at a rate of (%27.20), and the category (the framework for determining responsibility) ranked second and got (107) recurrences at a rate of (%17.74), while the category (Humanitarian Concerns Framework) ranked third and scored (106) recurrences at a rate of (%17.58), while the category (Conflict and Competition) ranked fourth and scored 101 recurrences with a rate of (%16.75), as for the (moral framework) category, it ranked fifth and scored (83) recurrences with a rate of (13.76%), and finally the category (legal framework) ranked sixth and scored (42) recurrences with a rate of (%6.97%), as shown in table (10)

**Table (10)** shows the categories of news processing frameworks for the Iraqi issue on Al-Zaman International newspaper website.

S/N	Subcategories	Recurrence	Percentage	Rank
1	Economic framework category and common interests	164	%27.20	First
2	Responsibility limitation framework	107	%17.74	Second
3	Framework of human interests	106	%17.58	Third
4	The framework of conflict and competition	101	%16.75	Fourth
5	Ethical framework	83	%13.76	Fifth
6	The legal framework	42	%6.97	Sixth
	The total	603	%100.00	

On the other hand, the analysis revealed the categories of form (how was it said?), which are represented in the form in which the contents of the news processing of Al Zaman International website were presented regarding the Iraqi issue, which includes the category of types of journalistic arts: it means the types of arts that were used in the contents of the news processing of Al Zaman International website, regarding the Iraqi issue, there is a clear discrepancy, and the (news) category came in the first place and got (312) recurrences with a percentage of (%69.03), and the (reports) category came in the second place and got (97) recurrences and with a percentage of (%21.46), while the category of types of journalistic arts: It means the types of arts that were used in the contents of the news processing of Al-Zaman International website regarding the issue of Iraq in another way related to (news story) in third place and obtained (43) recurrences at a rate of (%9.51), as shown in Table (11)

**Table (11)** shows the types of journalistic arts used in News processing of the Iraqi issue on Al-Zaman International newspaper website

S/N	Subcategories	Recurrence	Percentage	Rank
A	News	312	%69.03	First
B	Reports	97	%21.46	Second
C	News story	43	%9.51	Third
	The total	452	%100.00	

## Conclusions

1. 1-Al-Zaman International newspaper website showed a clear interest in the Iraqi political forces' refusal to supervise the international elections and link this to national sovereignty.
2. 2-The analysis shows the extent of the website's interest in addressing the issue of renewed protests as part of the website's keenness to gain the satisfaction of the demonstrators and confirm its adoption of the people's demands.
3. 3-The site showed great interest in the issue of keeping Iraq away from foreign interference on a frequent basis, and this can be diagnosed within the social responsibility of the media in adopting national and crucial issues.
4. 4-The activities of the security forces of all kinds in Iraq received great media attention, as the website of Al-Zaman International newspaper dealt with this issue extensively.
5. 5-The issue of combating financial and administrative corruption in Iraq and improving electric power received attention and was addressed by the website of Al-Zaman International newspaper, as economic issues were largely dealt.
6. 6-The site showed great interest in the issues of the impact of high prices on society and the multiplicity of security crises, granting subsidies, salaries and aid, and devoted great media attention to them, as Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this topic within the framework of its great interests in social issues.
7. 7-The statements of the Iraqi religious references occupied the attention of the Al-Zaman International website, and the subject received great media attention commensurate with the role of the reference in society, It seems clear his interest in the great role of references in political affairs in general and mass demonstrations in particular, after which it represents a watershed stage in the history of Iraq, and that the situation after the October demonstrations will not return to the way it was before, as well as a good evaluation of the newspaper's website for the concerns of society under the guidance of the reference.
8. 8-The site showed great interest in the issue of religious minorities in Iraq, and the topic received great media attention, as Al-Zaman International newspaper website dealt with this topic frequently in proportion to the size of the problems arising from ethnic and racial difference.

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