

Iraq

## an introduction:

By their nature, wars are catastrophic for humans in any part of the world regardless of their causes, and they have negative effects on the rest of life's features, and war is an inevitable result and a last option, after diplomacy and negotiations have failed in order to avoid them, and the tragedies of wars do not stop after the end of the battles, and the silence of the guns .. Rather, it has great consequences in the long run, and the price for it is paid by successive generations whose consequences are inherited. Wars today are not the same as before and their negative effects are not limited to the context of the event. A voice rises above the voice of peace.

- About the war between Russia and Ukraine and the extent of its repercussions on Iraq.. Undoubtedly, like the rest of the world, Iraq is an important part of this world that affects and is affected by events around its orbit in different parts of the earth, in connection with its geographical location and its oil reserves, in addition to its political position And historical, especially after several wars and successive political changes since the declaration of the Iraqi Republic in 1957. Iraq had and still has an influential role in the politics of the Middle East and the Arab world in particular, and plays a major role in drawing the foreign policy of many countries of the world, and it constitutes a link between the East and the West.
- Among the most prominent immediate and long-term repercussions of the Russian-Ukrainian war are summarized in the following points at the (political economic security) level:
- 1- On the political level, Iraq and since the fifties of the last century had enjoyed a good relationship with Russia from the era of the Soviet Union, especially during the first "Iranian-Iraqi" Gulf War, but in connection with the events after 2003, many changes took place in the Iraqi foreign policy, since all the joints of the Iraqi state were managed By America, even if not in public, and this is what created a kind of anger in the relationship with Russia and a kind of ambiguity prevailed in the reality of the Iraqi Foreign Ministry's position on its relationship with Russia, and it is no secret to anyone that all the decisions taken by successive governments since 2003 cannot be taken. It was issued without the blessing of America, and that the conditions that passed in Iraq forced it to align itself with the Western camp led by America, and that what we see through the media of the neutrality of the Iraqi Foreign Ministry towards the "eastern and western" camps is like a compliment and the effect of the influence of the Islamic Republic through its loyalists from the influential in power. In the Iraqi government, which is trying hard to balance its relations with the two sides without losing one of them, after the war on Ukraine, it is under great external pressure to declare its loyalty to the West's position against Russia. Sia and boycotting it.. This is what makes Iraq in a critical political position.

2- The economic aspect/ Undoubtedly, the repercussions of the war on Ukraine affected the majority of countries in the world, and Iraq is among them, although it was not directly affected by these countries, at the level of Iraq, the

percentage of impact comes gradually and in several areas, most notably energy and food commodities, foremost of which is wheat Although Iraq did not import wheat or basic food staples from Russia or Ukraine, the rise in its prices globally will be reflected in the Iraqi market as well, in light of the repeated drought years that afflicted Iraq, amid a significant decline in the Iraqi agricultural sector, and in the field of energy, Iraq It depends on Iranian gas to a large extent, and that the increase in its prices in the world will affect the price of its import as well as the quantity, according to the concluded contracts. It is also likely that the percentage of Iranian gas exports to Iraq will decline in the future. On the other hand, there are many Russian companies in Iraq, so perhaps Iraq will be forced to freeze their activities under Western pressures. On the level of oil derivatives as well, Iraq imports millions of liters per day from Turkey and Iran, and experts expect their prices to rise in Iraq in the near term.

3- On the security level / in connection with the location of Iraq and its common borders with Iran, Syria, Turkey, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.. the security instability in any part of the Middle East and the world has a direct reflection on the security situation in Iraq, there are real fears that terrorist cells will be active in many From the neighboring countries of Iraq, taking advantage of the world's preoccupation with the events in Ukraine, in addition to the expectation of changes in the course of Turkish military operations in northern Syria, and this also for the armed factions loyal to Iran inside Iraq and Syria, in light of the crisis of Iraqi political incompatibility and the crisis of forming the government due to political incompatibility, Especially since Iraq is divided politically in terms of loyalty into three sections (Kurdish - Sunni - Shiite) and each section has an alliance with a regional state that corresponds to its political and ideological orientations.. And what was mentioned above may be factors of instability in Iraq and the Arab world in general as a result of the Arab alliance With the West, unlike Iran, it is allied with Russia, which has "sea and land" military bases in Syria.

## **Processors:**

For every crisis, there are treatments, immediate solutions, and radical long-term solutions, provided that they are "sustainable development" treatments, meaning that they do not affect the future of the next generation. Its durability, and the non-reflection of those treatments negatively on other aspects.

1- The political side: Everyone is aware that Iraq is going through a transitional journey that is not the result of only 2003, but since the coup against the monarchy and the declaration of the republic, and that the complex political situation in Iraq at the present time, in light of the crisis of the blocking third, and the failure to reach an agreement to form a national majority government. It needs a strategic consensus regarding the Ukrainian crisis between all parties, away from internal conflicts, unifying political discourse, adopting a position of neutrality in a transparent and frank manner, and working flexibly and smoothly to confront international pressures, provided that this is not at the expense of the country's capabilities and compromising its sovereignty. According to the helix theory, "a long and forked road, but it remains close to the center," and that the situation should be able to expand and contract in connection with the developments in the Ukrainian crisis.

## 2- The economic aspect:

A - Addressing the repercussions of the Ukrainian crisis on the Iraqi economy can be found in several points, immediate solutions and radical solutions in the long run. In light of the high prices of food commodities, including wheat, in addition to the rise in global fuel prices... the Iraqi government should move out of the rentier stage to the productive stage, from Through the development of effective programs and plans that gradually contribute to "self-sufficiency" and not depend on the importer in various economic aspects, in the field of agriculture and in connection with the drought years.. the stage requires the development of the agricultural sector, and finding alternatives to dependence on money, by supporting the farmer with financial loans and supplies. The adoption of modern agricultural plans and the adoption of plans to save water, to raise the production capacity of grain and the rest of the

crops, and to benefit from the current global experience of the wheat crisis in not relying on a particular country for imports and benefiting from the mistakes of some countries, including Egypt, which was 90% dependent on Ukrainian wheat, And that these errors are crystallized to serve the public interest, and the activation of the economic control committees is an urgent necessity to monitor the price-manipulators of the crisis, with regard to the It also requires reducing the tax rate on imported food commodities at the present time, so that it does not have a negative impact on the citizen in terms of rising prices.

- B In the field of energy and fuels: Iraq in general, even before the Ukrainian crisis, was and still is in dire need of re-calculation in terms of energy and oil derivatives, searching for alternatives to import and developing strategic plans to search for clean energy. As for the current stage, the best solutions lie In the establishment of oil refineries to levels that reach the level of self-sufficiency and lack of dependence on exporting countries, and with regard to electricity, which is an eternal crisis that has been going on for more than three decades.. It is assumed that there will be a serious government move, in addressing the crisis by overcoming obstacles, which often What are external interventions that are in the interest of regional countries, not in their interest in stabilizing electricity in Iraq, and the government must encourage the use of solar energy and isotopes in various fields, in addition to developing guidance plans to avoid unjustified consumption of energy... In general and regardless of my sector Agriculture and Energy, Iraq needs to operate its governmental factories and support the private sector in various productive fields to get rid of the "rentier" shell.
- 3- On the security situation: The stability of the security situation is fundamentally linked to the stability of the political situation, and it is not possible to be certain or predict the fate of the security situation and its stability in Iraq in the short term, because Iraq's political situation falls under external interference from regional and global countries, but in the current situation the priority lies in Controlling the borders and activating the intelligence effort in order to avoid the exploitation of sleeper terrorist cells. The world is preoccupied with the Ukrainian crisis to restore its criminal activity, in addition to resolving issues related to the presence of the Kurdistan Workers' Party in Iraqi territory and finding radical solutions to address them in coordination with the Turkish side, and the stability of the security situation depends on limiting weapons to the state only And this cannot be done without disarming the factions and militias... In short, the solutions to the security situation need a long time and flexibility, and addressing them is linked to the stability of the political situation.