PARTNER CHECK | IRAQ | STANDARD

# Al-Mithal General Contracting Co. Ltd

Sharikat Al-Mithal lil-Muqawalat Al-Amma Al-Mahduda | Basra, Iraq | Fictional company

**Fictional sample.** The company, the people and every finding in this report are invented to show what our reports look like. Any resemblance to a real company or person is accidental. The registers, lists and source types named are real and are the ones we use in client work.

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## 1. Summary

### Overall risk: Medium

Al-Mithal is a registered and active contracting company in Basra with a 14-year record of public works. We found no match on any sanctions or debarment list.

The main concern is a political link. The brother of one shareholder sat on the Basra Provincial Council from 2014 to 2019 for a party that has an affiliated armed group. The company won three provincial contracts in that period. We found no proof of wrongdoing, but a foreign partner would carry reputational and anti-bribery risk. We also found one contract dispute with a state directorate, settled in 2024.

Our view: you can work with this company if you take the steps in section 8 before signing.

| Area | Finding | Risk |
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| Registration and status | Registered with the Companies Registration Department, Ministry of Trade. Active, filings up to date. | Low |
| Owners and managers | Two shareholders identified (60% and 40%). Managing director is the majority shareholder. | Low |
| Political and state links | Brother of the 40% shareholder was a provincial council member, 2014-2019. Three provincial contracts won in that period. | Medium |
| Sanctions and blacklists | No match on EU, UN, US or UK lists, the World Bank debarment list or the Ministry of Planning contractor blacklist. | Low |
| Court cases and disputes | One payment dispute with the provincial education directorate over project delays, settled in 2024. | Medium |

| Area | Finding | Risk |
|---|---|---|
| Arabic news and local media | 14 items reviewed. Two critical reports on delays at a school project in 2023. | Medium |

## 2. Scope and method

We checked the company, its two shareholders and one related person for the period 2012 to November 2026. Research was done in Arabic and English, using official records, sanctions and debarment lists, provincial government statements and local media. All sources are listed in section 9.

A Standard check does not include a site visit, a review of financial statements, or research into the owners' other companies beyond what appears in public records. The In-depth check covers these.

## 3. Company details

| Item | Detail |
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| Legal form | Limited liability company |
| Registration number | [masked in sample] |
| Registered | 2012, Basra branch of the Companies Registration Department |
| Registered address | Al-Ashar district, Basra |
| Paid-up capital | IQD 250,000,000 |
| Registered activities | General contracting: roads, school buildings, water networks |
| Contractor classification | Ministry of Planning, construction, grade [5] |
| Status | Active. Latest annual filing: 2025 |

## 4. Owners and management

| Person | Role | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Shareholder A | 60%, managing director since 2012 | Also a partner in a Basra trading company, inactive since 2020 |
| Shareholder B | 40%, joined 2015 | Brother of Person C (see section 5) |

Names are withheld in this sample. In a client report we give each person's full name in Arabic and English, with the record that shows the role.

## 5. Political and state links

Person C, the brother of Shareholder B, held a seat on the Basra Provincial Council from 2014 to 2019 for a party that has an affiliated armed group. Provincial records show Al-Mithal won three contracts from the governorate during those years, for a combined value of about IQD 6.1 billion.

We found no report or court case alleging that Person C influenced these awards. The link still matters: if it were raised later, a foreign partner could face questions under the UK Bribery Act, the US FCPA or EU anti-corruption rules, and from lenders or donors that fund the project.

We found no current public office held by any shareholder or close relative.

## 6. Sanctions and blacklists

| List | Checked | Result |
|---|---|---|
| EU Consolidated Financial Sanctions List | Company, A, B, C | No match |
| UN Security Council Consolidated List | Company, A, B, C | No match |
| US OFAC SDN List | Company, A, B, C | No match |
| UK Sanctions List | Company, A, B, C | No match |
| World Bank Debarred Firms and Individuals | Company | No match |
| Iraq Ministry of Planning contractor blacklist | Company | No match |

## 7. Court cases, disputes and media

In 2023 the provincial education directorate held back payments on a school building project after delays of about eight months. Local Arabic news sites reported the dispute. A governorate statement in 2024 said the matter was settled with a new schedule, and the school opened in 2025.

Iraqi court records are not public online, so this part relies on press reports and official statements. We found no reports of criminal cases involving the company or its owners.

Of the 14 Arabic media items reviewed (2016 to 2026), nine were neutral reports of contract awards, three were positive coverage of completed projects, and two were critical reports on the 2023 delays.

## 8. Recommendations

- Ask the company to confirm in writing who its owners are, and whether any owner or close relative holds or has held public office.
- Add anti-bribery clauses, audit rights and a right to end the contract to your agreement.
- Ask for the 2024 settlement letter with the education directorate.
- If the contract value is high, order the In-depth check to map the owners' other companies and wider political links.

## 9. Sources

Companies Registration Department, Ministry of Trade (company record). Ministry of Planning, General Government Contracts Department (contractor blacklist and classification). Al-Waqa'i Al-Iraqiya, the Iraqi official gazette. Basra Governorate statements and contract announcements. EU, UN, US and UK sanctions lists. World Bank debarment list. 14 items from local Arabic news sites and TV channels, and the company's own social media pages.

In a client report, every finding is linked to its source, with date of access.

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