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The Iraqi Turkmen were isolated from Iraqi politics since Iraq was founded. Consecutive pro-British governments pursued this policy during the mandate and Kingdom era.

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