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## Foreign powers fabricate Shia-Sunni discord in Iraq, elsewhere: Lawyer

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**Foreign powers attempt to fabricate and benefit from Shia-Sunni discord in Iraq and elsewhere, seeking to see the Muslim world weakened in the wake of such rifts, an international human rights lawyer tells Press TV.**

"Who benefits is of course the key issue. It's really not the people of Iraq, it's not the Sunnis, it's not the Shia[s]. It is external powers that want to exploit and create division. Those are the parties that benefit," said Canada-based attorney Edward Corrigan during an interview with Press TV.

"It's certainly not the people in the region [that benefit from sectarian conflicts]; it's not Iran; it's not Iraq; it's not the people of Syria, which are now witnessing the destruction of their state and where there has been attempts to provoke similar sectarian conflict in Lebanon," he added.

***Further commenting on the persisting wave of bloody bombings and shootings against mostly civilian targets across Iraq, Corrigan pointed to the numerous reports of "outside parties trying to pit different people and communities within Iraq against each other" by manufacturing incidents.***

He reiterated that, although the prime objective appears to be inciting Shia and Sunni communities against one another, other groups are also targeted.

Corrigan pointed to "concerted efforts" by foreign parties such as the Israeli regime, Britain, the US and France to promote "a secular sectarian war in Syria," adding that such malicious efforts could spill the conflict over to Iraq and Lebanon.

He also said that part of the foreign-sponsored efforts in Iraq and Syria are actually "targeted against Iran, which is majority-Shia and also supports independent policies for the region."

It is the "external powers who want to see the region weak and destroyed and put into small state-lets and to pit the different communities against each other," Corrigan concluded.

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