



Radhi Shenaishil announces 30-man squad for preparatory friendly



Iraq have announced their 30-man squad for the friendly against Jordan (6 November, Amman) that will be played in preparation for their World Cup Qualifier against UAE (15 November, Abu Dhabi).

The squad sees recalls for goalkeeper Jalal Hassan, Turkey-based defensive player Ali Faez, MLS star Justin Meram and young striker Ayman Hussein.

Sweden-based midfielder Brwa Nouri joins up with the squad following the news that he is now eligible to play for Iraq despite previously playing for Sweden's youth teams, while uncapped Al-Talaba attacker Sattar Yaseen gets a call-up following some impressive performances in the Iraqi League.

Fans will be disappointed to see that two of Iraq's best midfielders, Yaser Kasim and Ali Husni, are both not included in the squad, with Radhi saying that both players need time to fully recover from their respective injuries. The exclusion of the 2015-16 Iraqi Premier League joint top goalscorer Hammadi Ahmed from the squad has also surprised many.

Fans have also been calling out for 2015-16 Iraqi Premier League Young Player of the Season, Hussein Ali of Al-Zawraa, to be given an opportunity in national team colours but his stellar domestic displays haven't been enough to earn the promising player a call-up this time around.

Full squad:

Player	Position	Club
Mohammed Gassid	Goalkeeper	Al-Zawraa
Jalal Hassan	Goalkeeper	Naft Al-Wasat
Mohammed Hameed	Goalkeeper	Naft Al-Wasat
Ali Abdul-Hassan	Goalkeeper	Al-Talaba
Ahmed Ibrahim	Defender	Emirates Club (UAE)
Ali Adnan	Defender	Udinese (Italy)
Dhurgham Ismail	Defender	Caykur Rizespor (Turkey)
Waleed Salem	Defender	Al-Shorta
Hussam Kadhim	Defender	Al-Naft
Mustafa Nadhim	Defender	Naft Al-Wasat
Ali Faez	Defender	Caykur Rizespor (Turkey)
Saad Natiq	Defender	Al-Quwa Al-Jawiya
Alaa Mhawi	Defender	Al-Zawraa
Ali Lateef	Defender	Al-Shorta
Abbas Qasim	Defender	Al-Zawraa
Saad Abdul-Amir (vice-captain)	Midfielder	Al-Qadisiyah (Saudi Arabia)
Ahmed Yasin	Midfielder	AIK (Sweden)
Mahdi Kamil	Midfielder	Al-Shorta
Amjad Waleed	Midfielder	Al-Shorta
Amjad Attwan	Midfielder	Naft Al-Wasat
Bashar Rasan	Midfielder	Al-Quwa Al-Jawiya
Miran Khesro	Midfielder	Al-Shorta
Brwa Nouri	Midfielder	Ostersunds FK (Sweden)
Sattar Yaseen	Midfielder	Al-Talaba
Alaa Abdul-Zahra (captain)	Forward	Al-Zawraa
Mohanad Abdul-Raheem	Forward	Al-Zawraa
Justin Meram	Forward	Columbus Crew (USA)
Jassim Mohammed	Forward	Al-Shorta
Ayman Hussein	Forward	Al-Naft
Mohammed Jabbar Shokan	Forward	Al-Minaa

