Baghdad, Iraq violence leaves at least 30 dead, cleric tells protesters to withdraw

Influential cleric Muqtada al-Sadr calls on supporters to stop violent protests: 'This is not a revolution'

At least 30 were confirmed dead in Iraq Tuesday as fighting continues in Baghdad following the resignation of a top Shiite leader Monday.

Gun fire has continued to ring out in the nation's capital as leaders grapple with Iraq's greatest political crisis since the U.S. invasion in 2003.

Protests once again erupted in Iraq's Green Zone – the center of Iraqi government offices and foreign embassies – after Muqtada al-Sadr said he had had enough of politics and stepped down from his cleric role.

His resignation has sparked violent protests from his supporters who stormed the presidential palace Monday, just one month after they rushed the parliamentary building and held protests outside the Supreme Judicial Council demanding the dissolution of parliament and early elections.

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