

Iraq agrees to withdraw troops from Kuwait

Kuwait, March 26.—Mediators have informed Kuwait that Iraq has agreed to withdraw its forces from Kuwait territory and send a negotiating mission here, officials said today.

The change in Iraq's position meant a marked drop in tension after the border fighting of last Tuesday. The officials added that an Iraqi delegation led by Murtada Said Abdul Baki, the Foreign Minister, will arrive here on April 8.

It was learnt from other sources, however, that Iraq continued to demand changes in the border, while Kuwait held out for the border demarcation negotiated in 1963.

Mediators from the Arab League, Egypt and Sudan left

here today after talks with Kuwait leaders over the weekend. They were understood to be seeking to advance the date of Mr Baki's visit here.

Dr Mourad Ghaleb, representing President Sadat of Egypt, left this morning for Baghdad. Mr Mahmoud Riad, the Arab League's secretary-general, returned to Cairo and the Sudanese mediator returned to Khartoum.

Kuwait was expected to ask Mr Riad, or possibly one or more representatives of Arab governments, to sit in on the negotiations with Iraq.

Baghdad: Dr Ghaleb, on his arrival here, conferred with President Bakr on the Kuwait-Iraq dispute—Agence France Presse.