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of the Minister of the Interior, then Saleh Jabr, and Hejazi himself arrested. Towards the end of the year and after a new Government under Nuri as Said had assumed power, it was decided to rescind the police law of July 1950, reduce the strength of the Mobile Police and return it to the control of the Director General of Police. This move was taken on the grounds of restoring unified control of the Police Force of the country and increasing their efficiency, and because there were no doubts as to the loyalty of the new Director General, Alwan Hussain. This step was regarded as one not calculated to improve relations between Nuri and his chief rival Saleh Jabr, nor was the subsequent release of Ali Hejazi.

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19. The notorious bandit, Khula Piza, for whom the police were searching many months, was thought to be responsible for the death of the District Magistrate of Halebja in May. Later reports suggested that he increased his band (depleted by arrests to seven) to about twenty five. The local Governor issued an ultimatum to certain Kurdish leaders, suspected of harbouring him, and made them responsible for his capture in a limited time. He has not so far been apprehended.