

Japan hosts Iraq reconstruction conference

A 54-nation donors' conference on Iraq is set to focus less on getting new pledges than on getting nations to honour earlier promises. Only about \$1 billion of the \$14bn pledged last year in Madrid has so far materialised, while U.S. funds are having to be diverted away from rebuilding towards security

Total financial aid for Iraq: \$32.4 billion (2004-07)

PLEDGED CONTRIBUTIONS: \$14 billion

U.S. CONTRIBUTION: \$18.4bn

Japan	4.9bn
World Bank	3.0bn
IMF	2.6bn
European Union	1.5bn
Saudi Arabia, Kuwait	1bn
Others	1bn

Diverted to security: \$3.5bn

SPENT: \$1bn

Iraqi officials blame delays mainly on continuing insecurity

Source: Congressional Budget Office

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DEPOSITED IN UN-WORLD BANK TRUST FUNDS: \$1bn. Japan has given around half of this figure

