

Iraq – three years of war

Three years after the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, ethnic and sectarian violence is threatening to degenerate into a full-blown civil war. Religious strife could aggravate the split that tore Islam into two major groups centuries ago – Sunnis and Shi'a Muslims – and suck surrounding countries into the conflict

Sunnia and Shi'a populations (estimates)

Afghanistan: Sunni 80%, Shi'a 19%

Turkey: Sunni 90%, Shi'a Alevi 10%

Syria: Sunni 80%, Shi'a Alawite 12-15%

Lebanon: Sunni 27%, Shia 35-40%

**Jordan: Sunni 92%, Shi'a – less than 1%
One million Iraqi refugees since 2003**

Iran: Sunni 7%, Shi'a 92%

Bahrain: Sunni 30%, Shi'a 61%

Qatar: Sunni 90%, Shi'a 10%

United Arab Emirates: Sunni 74%, Shia 15-20%

**Saudi Arabia: Sunni 85%, Shia 15%
Call by al-Qaeda to target oil facilities**

Oman: Sunni Ibadhi 75%, Shia 2%

**Yemen: Sunni 53%, Shia 47%
Al-Qaeda sympathizers within Yemeni government**



Security: Situation has deteriorated since June 2003
Iraqis killed: Up to Mar 15, between 33,638 and 37,754
U.S. casualties: 2,311 killed, 17,004 wounded

Other coalition troops killed:	
United Kingdom	103
Italy	27
Ukraine	18
Poland	17
Bulgaria	13
Spain	11
Slovakia	3
Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand	2 each
Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia	1 each



Saddam Hussein: Regime overthrown, Saddam captured and is standing trial

Economy: 1990-2003 – UN sanctions hold down GDP to between \$42-58bn/year

2003 World Bank est. \$15.3bn

2004 \$25.5bn

2005 \$26.2bn

CIA estimate 2004
GDP at \$89.8bn

Ethnic and religious groups



Infant mortality rate: Deaths per 1,000 live births 1990 32

2004 102

Unemployment rate: 70%
One in five Iraqis live under poverty line which is defined as US\$1 per day per person

Reconstruction: Cost to U.S. taxpayers \$30 billion



Oil production: 186 insurgent attacks in 2005 cost \$6.25bn in lost revenue

Exports – barrels/day

Pre-invasion 2.4 million

2003, Jun 750,000

2004 Up to 1.6 million

2005, Dec 1.1 million

2006, Feb 1.4 million

Projects planned 59

Completed 13



Water and sanitation: Only one in three Iraqis have access to clean drinking water – down from one in two pre-invasion

Projects planned 712
Completed 434



Electricity: Baghdad gets four hours of power each day – down from average of 16 hours a day pre-invasion

Demand 6000 megawatts

Pre-2003 capacity 4,400MW

Nov 2005 capacity 3,995MW

1MW will serve about 1,000 families

Projects planned 616

Completed 253

Cost of Iraq war: President Bush requests extra \$72.4bn for 2006. Total cost to date to U.S. taxpayers \$315 billion



Sectarian divide: Bombing on Feb 22, 2006 of *Askariya mosque* in Samarra unleashes waves of violence between Sunnis and Shi'a. Within a week, conflict claims lives of more than 1,300 Iraqis



Shia, Sunni groups: 28
Includes *Mahdi Army*, headed by *Muqtada al-Sadr* (above left), and *al-Qaeda*, led by *Abu Musab al-Zarqawi* (right)
Ba'athist groups: 7
Total fighters 8,000-40,000

Road to democracy: Jul 2003: *Iraqi Governing Council* chosen under U.S. supervision

Jun 2004: Governing Council dissolved to make way for interim government

Jan 2005: Election of assembly to draft Constitution is won by Shi'a-led coalition. Most Sunnis fail to vote

Aug: Constitution adopted despite Sunni objections

Dec: Parliamentary elections give Shi'a *United Iraqi Alliance* 128 seats – below two-thirds majority needed to rule without coalition partners

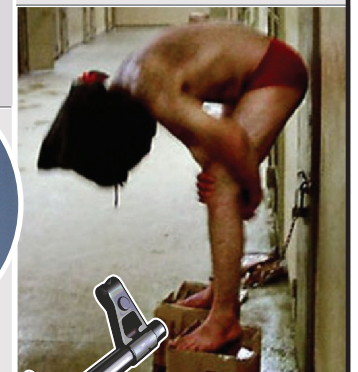


Mar 16, 2006: New parliament convenes – Sunnis and Kurds oppose nomination of Shi'a Prime Minister *Ibrahim al-Jaafari*



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Hostages: More than 250 foreigners and thousands of Iraqis have been kidnapped. Fifty-five foreign hostages have been executed



Death penalty: Iraq has executed 16 Iraqis since September 2005

U.S. prisons: Currently hold 14,590 prisoners. Images of prisoners tortured and abused at *Abu Ghraib* have pushed U.S. reputation to all-time low

