

Blackwater factfile

Blackwater USA, the private security contractor involved in the shooting deaths of 11 civilians in Baghdad last month, has been involved in more than 195 shooting incidents in Iraq since 2005



"Escalation of force" incidents	195
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Blackwater fires first incidents	163
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Percentage fires first incidents	84%
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Annual cost to U.S. taxpayer of each Blackwater guard	\$445,000
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Annual cost of U.S. soldier	\$75,000
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Blackwater personnel in Iraq	850
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Personnel sacked for misuse of weapons, alcohol and drug violations, or violent behaviour (2005-07)	122
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Govt. contracts since 2001	\$1 billion
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Source: House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

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