

# New flag for Iraq

Iraq's parliament has adopted a new, temporary national flag in a move long demanded by the Kurdish minority who say the Saddam Hussein-era banner is a reminder of the cruelty of his rule



New flag retains Arabic inscription ***Allahu akbar*** (God is Great). As with 2004-2008 flag (*right*), it is written in Kufic script, making clear it is no longer in Saddam's handwriting

Colours retained but three stars – representing Saddam's ***Baath Party*** ideology – removed

