

# Deadly Iraq church siege

At least 52 people died after Iraqi security forces stormed a Catholic church in Baghdad to free dozens of hostages being held by gunmen. A militant group linked to al-Qaeda has claimed responsibility



**Oct 31, 14.00GMT:**  
Gunmen attack ***Our Lady of Salvation*** church during evening Mass, demanding release of al-Qaeda prisoners. A priest, seven Iraqi police and five attackers are among dead