

# Tarnished image of U.S. forces in Iraq

The U.S. military is investigating an incident in March in which 11 Iraqi civilians were killed during a raid in the town of Ishaqi. The probe comes amid concern over U.S. forces' conduct, stoked by claims of an alleged massacre of 24 civilians by Marines in Haditha last November

**1 Apr 28, 2003, Falluja:** Hospital says 13 people killed after U.S. forces open fire on demonstrators surrounding their base. Military says they were returning fire and killed 10

**2 Apr 28, 2004, Abu Ghraib:** TV images of U.S. soldiers abusing detainees in 2003 cause worldwide outrage. Eleven soldiers have now been convicted of crimes stemming from detainee abuse. Commanders deny ordering torture

**3 May 19, Mogr al-Deeb:** About 40 people – believed to be celebrating wedding – killed in U.S. air strike. Army insists most were foreign Arab militants

**4 Sep 12, Baghdad:** Five killed when U.S. helicopters fire at crowd around crippled army vehicle. Military says pilots were responding to gunshots

**5 Oct 16, 2005, Ramadi:** Iraqi officials say 20 civilians killed in air strike near wreck of U.S. vehicle. Military says 20 militants killed when F-15 aircraft bombs group of men burying explosives in road



**6 Nov 19, Haditha:** U.S. investigators seem ready to agree with locals that Marines went on rampage, killing 24 men, women and children after one of their soldiers is killed by roadside bomb

**7 Mar 15, 2006, Ishaqi:** U.S. officials say four people – a man, two women and a

child – killed in house when building collapses under heavy fire after tip-off that *al-Qaeda* supporter is inside



**Iraqi police accuses U.S. troops of deliberately shooting 11 – including 5 children and 4 women, before blowing up building**