



What's Happening In Iraq Today?

- The United States is helping to rebuild Iraq. Efforts include restoring electricity, providing safe drinking water, and improving health care.
- The U.S. government has helped re-establish about one-third of Iraq's schools. That equals 4,544 schools!
- Iraqi students now use revised math and science textbooks. They've also received millions of school supply kits. Teachers make 10 times their previous salaries, but unfortunately, many of the best professors have left the country.
- More than 33,000 new Iraqi businesses have started since 2003!
- Women make up 25 percent of the Iraqi parliament, which is the highest proportion in the Arab world!
- Many Iraqi citizens can now afford to buy air conditioners, heaters, and even cars, but many people are still unemployed.
- Although many things are improving in Iraq, people are still fearful to go out in the streets in certain areas because of continuing attacks by gangs and insurgents.
- New medical equipment has been given to Iraq to replace very old instruments.
- An ABC News poll found that 70 percent of Iraqi citizens say that things are going well for them overall, and 71 percent expect things to get better!

