

Re: OT: US BLEW IT IN IRAQ– Wall Street Journal Reporter Finds

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Fred Bloggs wrote...

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- > *From Baghdad*
- > *A Wall Street Journal Reporter's E–Mail to Friends*
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- > *Farnaz Fassih, a Wall Street Journal reporter sent this report*
- > *as an e–mail to friends.*

A truly dismal picture.

- > *The cops are being murdered by the dozens every day–over 700 to date*
- > *-- and the insurgents are infiltrating their ranks. The problem is*
- > *so serious that the U.S. military has allocated \$6 million dollars*
- > *to buy out 30,000 cops they just trained to get rid of them quietly.*

Another shocking discouraging thing we are not told about.

- > *One could argue that Iraq is already lost beyond salvation. For*
- > *those of us on the ground it's hard to imagine what if any thing*
- > *could salvage it from its violent downward spiral.*

And his analysis of the elections we so anxiously await,

- > *I heard an educated Iraqi say today that if Saddam Hussein were*
- > *allowed to run for elections he would get the majority of the vote.*
- > *This is truly sad.*

- > *I asked a 28–year–old engineer if he and his family would participate*
- > *in the Iraqi elections since it was the first time Iraqis could to*
- > *some degree elect a leadership. His response summed it all: "Go and*
- > *vote and risk being blown into pieces or followed by the insurgents*
- > *and murdered for cooperating with the Americans? For what? To practice*
- > *democracy? Are you joking?"*

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Thanks,
– Win

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