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Baghdad Chronicles

The detailed daily events of a Baghdadi woman

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Happy Birthday My Dear Friend T!

Today would have been my late friend's birthday, may God rest his soul in peace. He was killed last March http://blog.aliraqi.org/2006/03/they_killed_my_friend.html#comments.

Dear Friend, I don't feel sorry for you. I know your place is much better than ours. You would have laughed your head off if you had the chance to see the new rules we should live with. I'm not going out anymore. I had for breakfast a bar of Marc chocolate and Pepsi, yeah quite healthy I can tell you. The reason is I can't go out with the way I look, my dad is a bit ill and I can't take the car with my mother.

If you were here you would have told me, don't be stupid and just wear a veil and a skirt and go ahead! You probably would have known the answer since you knew me so well. I can't live in this oppression dear T, you would have nodded then. You would have suffered here. I haven't seen you wearing other than jeans so you would have been killed anyway. Many reasons lead to the same result here, death!

I had a nervous break down today too.

I took permission from my good Christian friends to wear a Cross around my neck. They know how much I respect them and their religion and they were too nice to accept it. It's another precaution I thought of to protect myself even though our Christian sisters are as scared as we are, the Muslims.

My friend T, I am happy for you. I feel sorry for your family though and I pray for them to have all the faith and patience to get through their life without you. We shall meet soon T.

Chikitita friend, please don't be mad at me. I might be losing my faith which is so wrong and I admit I am weak, with all that I know Islam is not like this and we are living through an era which might lead to the end of the Islam we once knew. I just have to find a way.

Posted by Miraj on June 1, 2006 02:53 PM | [Permalink](#)

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COMMENTS

i feel so sorry for you, have you thought of leaving Iraq if you can?

and why not publish your in blogspot, you gona have more ppl viewing your blog and with more comments. you insight on what happening in iraq is very valuable.

all the best ukhti.

Posted by: Dina | [June 1, 2006 11:02 PM](#)

Thanks Dina for your kind concern.

I also have a couple of posts on <http://olivebranchoptimism.net/> along with many other Iraqi and non Iraqi bloggers. Let me check out the blogspot, thanks for the hint.

Regarding getting out of Iraq, I had all the means and qualifications to make a living outside and settle down but every time and at the final stage I get a big rejection slap just because my passport is Iraqi.

15/10/2006

Posted by: Miraj | [June 2, 2006 12:26 AM](#)

I wish my country could help, I really do...it's all so messed up. I dont think my government ever thought it was going to be like this, which is half the problem.

Now I fear if we leave, it will get even worse. If we stay, it stays just the way it is now and the only winners are Sadr, Zarqawi and other assorted criminals.

I'm sorry for the loss of your friend. :(

Posted by: John | [June 2, 2006 03:00 AM](#)

You are quite right about the winners being only those retarded criminals. Iraq now is a bunch of people without a government, law or any thing that would make us feel we are humans. The reason why I personally throw this responsibility on the US government is for months prior to this war and all we heard on news was the phrase "The Stage after Saddam". The war impact was very hard on us and it changed a lot of our beliefs in the world, yet when it ended we had hopes in America.

Now we get the joke.

If only more efforts are given by US government, believe me Iraq won't be filled with those criminals.

Posted by: Miraj | [June 2, 2006 12:43 PM](#)

Take care of yourself Miraj. I am not in a position to ask you to be more hopeful, but we have to cling to hope. My thoughts are with you and with Iraq.

Posted by: hala_s | [June 5, 2006 01:50 PM](#)

Thanks Hala for your nice words! I've always believed there's hope no matter what but lately I feel I hit the bottom and it's so hard to see the light from down there.

By the way, it's so nice seeing your comment here. I'm a regular visitor to your site and never missed one post. I enjoy them quite much.

Posted by: Miraj | [June 5, 2006 11:17 PM](#)

Hi Miraj,

I hadn't seen a post from you in so long I had gotten very worried. I am sorry for the loss of your friend. I pray that he is in a better place.

I am however glad to see your posts again. As always, be safe.

Posted by: Mash | [June 10, 2006 07:45 AM](#)

Hi Mash :)

I didn't post lately for I was really busy with my work which is a bliss for me even though I work from home but at least I have something to distract me from all the other things like the hot weather with no-electricity situation among many other things.

I really thank you for your concern. It's another bliss knowing that there's good people who care.

Posted by: Miraj | [June 10, 2006 02:21 PM](#)

I am in misery on the death of your friend (pbuh).

Are things truly that out of hand in and around Baghdad? American news offers the seeming truth of bombings but very little about the daily lives as you do. The message of the average Iraqi person is being lost in the show trial of Saddam and the murderings of the militias.

Would many thousands more American soldiers (or better UN or Arab League troops) make life easier for you or do all the foreigners need to go home and allow Iraqis to solve their own problems?

In your vision there in Baghdad is there civil war between Shia and Sunni?

Please help us to understand that we may help you (inshallah!).

Salam waylaykum.

Cavalor Epthith
Editor-in-Chief

The Dis Brimstone-Daily Pitchfork

Posted by: Cavalor Epthith | [June 20, 2006 11:39 PM](#)

Miraj, It is really disastrous. But for what? Who did what? Whom we will blame? Of course it is not the work of God. Surely the justice will win. If it is not in this world, in the other world. May God bless you.

Prathiba

Posted by: Prathiba | [June 21, 2006 01:07 PM](#)

Dear Mr. Cavalor Epthith,

Thank you for visiting my blog. And thank you for your much sympathy and understanding for my friend's death.

Things in Baghdad are so out of control, anyone could be killed for the silliest reasons you can ever think of. Women were killed for not wearing veils, men were killed for money, for wearing shorts, for working with Americans or with the government. I can't list you everything but I'm sure you have an idea. When I do go out to have my car filled with gasoline which became the only reason why I go out basically I am actually putting my life on the stake for God knows what.

You can also read other blogs written by Iraqis living in Iraq. I think you can generate clearer idea of what's happening here. We lost our simplest rights that could remind us of being human beings.

Regarding your question about Sunni & Shia conflicts, I'd rather not answer for I don't think I have the right to talk about it and I do not want to mess it up more than it is already messed up.

We have heard and knew for sure either by friends or relatives that many Sunni were killed by Shia and many Shia were killed by Sunni for ethnic reasons but I do not know the truth anymore. Could a third party is provoking all this? A possibility!

Thank you again for passing by and in addition to the sites mentioned in my site I recommend you to the following site: <http://olivebranchoptimism.net/>

It was done by the efforts of a great Australian young man and he managed to get as many Iraqi bloggers as he could to participate in his site.

Prathiba, Thanks for your kind feelings.

We've reached to the point that we are not thinking of why and how this war started, we are not thinking of what Saddam has done in the past for our Disaster is quite big. All we can think of is the current situation and how we survive our day with all the madness outside our own homes and the other kind of madness inside our houses. We lack the simplest needs of survival like Electricity which means simply Air. We do not have Air to breathe in the nights.

Posted by: Miraj | [June 21, 2006 10:20 PM](#)

It's so distressing to hear of your sorrow. I say this of course in the air conditioned confines of my house in the state of Wisconsin in America. I hope you understand that we in the states are just as frustrated with the ineptitude of our government and the atrocious position we've put you and your people in. My hope is one day I can board a flight in America and travel freely to Baghdad and drive openly through the Mesopotamian landscape. In the mean time, please have faith that American's are good hearted people who suffer with your (and our) losses on a daily basis. I hope you, and your country prevail. I guess that's all I can think of saying. Good luck...

Posted by: Bryant | [June 27, 2006 03:39 AM](#)

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