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# Country Profile: Iraq

**Committee:** Special Session on Terrorism: State Sovereignty and Intervention

## AT A GLANCE

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| **Capital** | Baghdad (World Bank, Last Accessed: November 2026) |
| **Population** | About 47.0 million people in 2025 (World Bank, Last Accessed: November 2026) |
| **Region** | Middle East and North Africa (World Bank) |
| **Global Terrorism Index 2026** | 16th of 163 countries, score 5.822 out of 10 |

## WHY IRAQ MATTERS IN THE TERRORISM SESSION

Iraq invited foreign help against ISIL and stated its consent in writing to the UN. It is the clearest example for our committee of intervention that rests on a country's permission.

## WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

- In the Global Terrorism Index 2026, Iraq ranked 16th of 163 countries, with a score of 5.822 out of 10. (Institute for Economics and Peace, March 2026)
- On June 25, 2014, Iraq wrote to the UN and asked the world to support its effort against ISIL. (United Nations Security Council, S/2014/691, September 22, 2014)
- On September 20, 2014, Iraq told the Security Council it had asked the United States to lead international efforts against ISIL "with our express consent." (United Nations Security Council, S/2014/691, September 22, 2014)
- On September 27, 2024, Iraq and the United States announced the coalition's military mission in Iraq would end "no later than the end of September 2025." (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, September 27, 2024)

## OUR POSITION IN ONE SENTENCE

*In 2014, Iraq gave its "express consent" to a United States-led effort against ISIL, and in 2024 both governments set an end date for that mission.*

## THREE IDEAS OUR DELEGATE CAN PROPOSE

**1.** Consent first: foreign forces act inside a country only with that country's clear, written permission.

**2.** End dates: every foreign mission has a clear plan for when it ends.

**3.** Reporting to the UN: countries write to the Security Council to explain the legal reason for any mission.

## CAREFUL NOTE

In October 2025, the United States said the coalition would "reduce its military mission in Iraq," so we check newer official news first.

## QUESTIONS WE STILL ANSWER OURSELVES

**1.** How much has terrorism hurt our country, according to the newest Global Terrorism Index?

**2.** Has our country invited foreign forces, refused them, or sent its own forces abroad, and why?

3. What has our country said at the UN about sovereignty?

## WHERE WE LOOK

Global Terrorism Index: https://www.visionofhumanity.org/maps/global-terrorism-index/

UN Digital Library: https://digitallibrary.un.org/

Sixth Committee debate: https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/80/int_terrorism.shtml

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