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Bloody Day For Iraq As 33 Are Killed

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A series of bombings mostly in and around Baghdad left dozens dead or wounded. The most significant of the blasts occurred at a busy restaurant near Hilla. To the north, Iranian artillery attacks continued. One civilian was injured in them. Overall, at least **33 Iraqis were killed and 64 more were wounded** in those attacks.

South of the capital, a car bomb [killed 17 people and wounded at least 46 more](#) at an **al-Shumali** restaurant. Officials blamed al-Qaeda for the attack, which also destroyed the front of the restaurant. The restaurant is a [popular stopover](#) for police and pilgrims, who are on their way to the Imam al-Hamza shrine nearby. Several of the injured are critically wounded.

At an army base west of Baghdad in **Habaniya**, a sticky bomb attached to a military vehicle exploded, [killing six people and wounding 10 others](#). The initial toll was 15 dead, but officials later [lowered](#) it.

In **Baghdad**, gunmen [killed two policemen and wounded two others](#) in a dawn attack in *Qahira*. [Three people were wounded](#) in a blast in *Ghazaliya*. A [senior traffic officer was killed](#) in a sticky bomb attack.