

Iraq: 'Vicious Circle of Violence' Claims 489 Civilian Lives in November

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We bring to the attention of our readers a recent UN report on terrorism in Iraq which has barely been acknowledged by the mainstream media.

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UNAMI also [noted](#) in its update issued Monday that it has also received, without being able to verify, reports of large numbers of casualties along with unknown numbers of persons who have died from secondary effects of violence after having fled their homes due to exposure to the elements, lack of water, food, medicines and health care.

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