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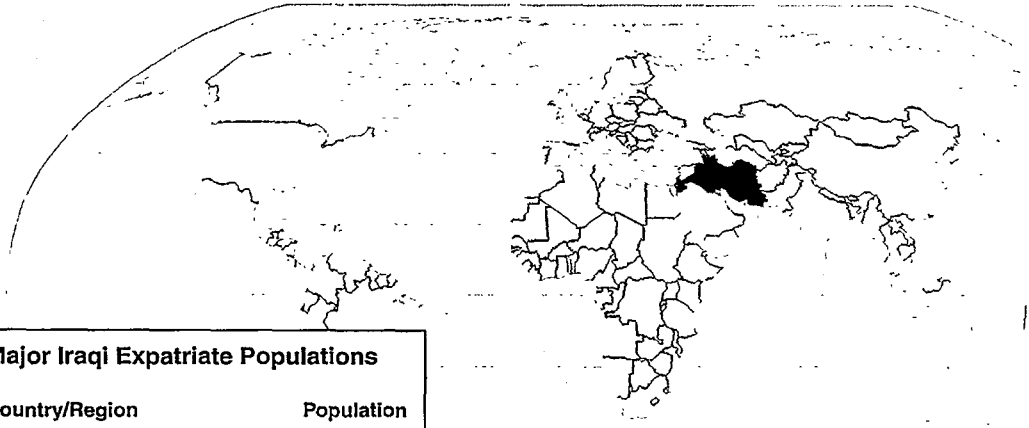
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Iraq: Estimated Distribution of Diaspora Population

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Major Iraqi Expatriate Populations	
Country/Region	Population
Iran	400,000
Jordan	300,000
North America	300,000
Israel ^a	300,000
Europe (excluding UK)	300,000
UK	200,000
Other Middle Eastern states	100,000
Total Worldwide	2-3 million

^aAbout 300,000 Iraqi Jews live in Israel; most arrived shortly after 1948.

Boundary representation for this population distribution

- 300,000 or more
- 100,000 to 299,999
- 10,000 to 99,999
- Less than 10,000

Estimated total population in Iraq: 24 million

Selected Organizations That Have Played a Prominent Role in the Iraqi Diaspora [Redacted]

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	Political Orientation and Identity	Primary Location
The Iraqi National Congress (INC)	Anti-Saddam, Umbrella Organization	UK
Iraqi National Accord (Wifaq)	Anti-Saddam	Jordan
Centrist Democratic Movement/Democratic Centrist Tendency	Anti-Saddam	UAE
Constitutional Monarchy Movement	Anti-Saddam	UK
Free Iraqi Council (FIC)	Anti-Saddam	UK
Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI)	Anti-Saddam, Shia	Iran
Islamic Dawa	Anti-Saddam, Shia	Iran
National Islamic Democratic League	Anti-Saddam, Shia, not with SCIRI	Iran
Iraqi National Movement	Anti-Saddam, Sunni	Syria
The Kurdish National Congress of North America	Anti-Saddam, Kurdish	North America
The Iraqi Turkmen Front-Ankara branch	Anti-Saddam, Turkoman	Turkey
Iraqi-Israeli Friendship Group	Anti-Saddam, Jewish	Israel
Assyrian National Congress	Anti-Saddam, Assyrian	US
Chaldean Federations	Anti-Saddam, Chaldean	US
Coalition of the Iraqi Patriotic Forces in Britain	Anti-Saddam, Anti-US, Leftist	UK
Iraqi Student Associations	Anti-Saddam, Pro-Saddam, IIS infiltration	Europe
Iraqi Diaspora Congress/Friendship Societies/Emigre Associations	Pro-Saddam, Active IIS Involvement	Worldwide

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Iraq:

Diaspora Brings Tension, Hope [redacted]

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The Iraqi exiles who are most eager to return have the greatest potential to strain national unity by pushing political agendas and grudges and stirring ethnic, religious, and property disputes with those who stayed in Iraq. Expatriate groups with conflicting interests—prominent Kurdish, Sunni, and Shia associations as well as smaller but equally assertive Assyrian, Chaldean, and Turkoman organizations—are lobbying internationally for special treatment that could undermine efforts to devolve power peacefully.

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[redacted] efforts to distribute power based on ethnicity, religion, or tribe—as opposed to regions—are more likely to incite factional violence and instability.

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— Prominent Iraqi exiles and organizations, including leaders of the Iraqi National Congress, in December announced they expect emigres to have their property restored and to be compensated for losses, potentially sparking violence with Iraqis now in possession of such property.

— Speaking for themselves, perhaps in hopes of intimidating regime underlings, some emigres have told [redacted] they will take vengeance on their former oppressors. [redacted]

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Installation of an exile-led transitional authority would be seen as threatening by most Iraqis, especially tribal leaders and the Sunni minority,

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Less divisive, highly skilled emigres with experience in the West probably will need enticements to contribute to the country's economic and democratic development. Many well-educated, politically unaffiliated expatriates, disliking the poor living conditions, will hold out for a stable government, improved business climate, and special incentives. Iraqi entrepreneurs, who hold more than \$70 billion in overseas assets, [Redacted]

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— [Redacted] identified the rapid and transparent resolution of land disputes as a key task for a reformed judiciary.

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— Countries such as Israel, Mexico, and Colombia have attracted economic and political support from skilled expatriates by granting special rights, such as laws of return, dual citizenship, extra government representation, and nonresident property rights.

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