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**Terrorism: Iraq-Based Terrorists Have Refuge Options**



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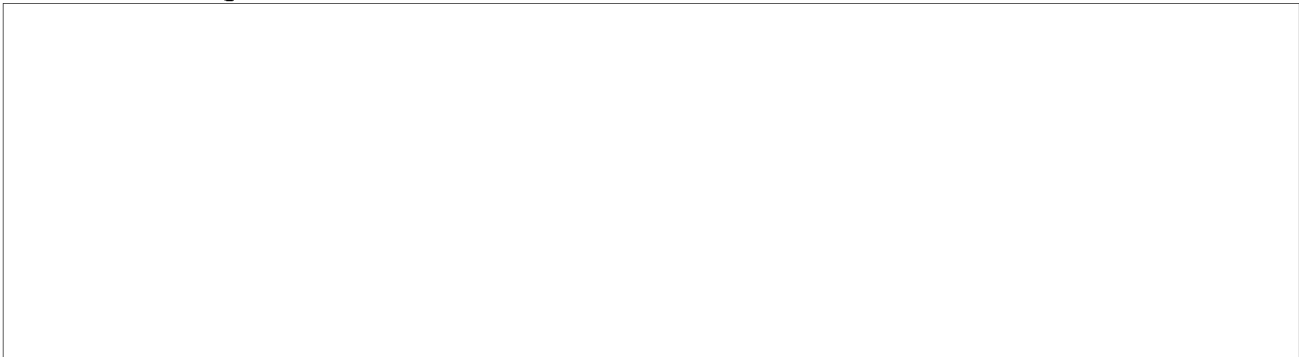
*Lebanon, Iran, and Syria are the most likely places for Palestinian terrorists backed by Baghdad to seek refuge from a war in Iraq.* Several Iranian-backed Palestinian terrorist organizations have an established presence in Lebanon and Syria, suggesting these countries could be fertile ground for uprooted Iraqi-based Palestinians.



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*Some countries with large Palestinian populations or historical ties to Palestinian terrorists would not be hospitable to fleeing Iraqi-backed terrorist groups.* Egypt in January rushed PLF leader Abu Abbas, who was attending a meeting with other Palestinian groups, out of the country to avoid becoming involved in US efforts to render him to a third country.



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Even if the groups were able to find safehaven outside Iraq, the loss of Iraqi support would be a substantial blow for most unless they obtain a new state sponsor. The ALF and PLF are entirely dependent on Baghdad and would be particularly vulnerable to the loss of funding.

-- The ANO, which has other sources of funding, may be able to weather a loss of Iraqi support.



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