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Subject: Re: Only a matter of time before the middle east nukes itself

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Tue, 13 Nov 2007 00:01:39 GMT

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KIRBY-098 wrote on Mon, 12 November 2007 16:07How do you figure 100 dollars a barrell is a good deal?

- The fact the law allocating Iraqi oil reserves was written by the American government, and it gives 17 of the 80 known Iraqi oil fields to the Iraqis (lol)
- The fact that millions of Iraqi middle class have fled the country thanks to the violence, meaning the oil industry can't be run by that middle class, meaning it has to be run by America
- The fact that the Iraqi government is sufficiently weak to ratify America's law. Were they stronger (and if America hadn't disbanded the civil service and the army, they probably would be) America wouldn't have gotten such a good deal. Were they very strong and independent, Iraq could have simply nationalised the oil, and god knows America didn't want that
- The fact that the violence in Iraq justifies the Americans being there at all and building their permanent bases, one of which (Balad) has the second busiest runway in the world, only behind Heathrow (again, "lol" is the only word that really sums this up)

It's a good deal for the ones pulling the strings behind the war in the first place. They're getting what they wanted. I didn't say anything about the end consumer getting a cheaper gas tank.

There's a very strong argument for saying that the "mess" Iraq is in isn't a "mess" at all, but a remarkably well-executed plan.

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