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"The Gates Of Hell Are Open In Iraq"

by Michael in New York on 9/16/2004 10:01:00 PM

That sadly accurate quote - from Amr Moussa, head of the Arab League -- comes from an excellent front-page story in USA Today about the **swiftly deteriorating situation in Iraq**. As John pointed out earlier, even BAGHDAD hasn't been made secure by US troops.

Here's the telling detail that hit home with me:

"Haifa Street, a major artery in downtown Baghdad that is crowded with shops, homes and government offices, is now known locally as "Death Street" because of the constant attacks there, says Munther Mohammed, 26. 'Every morning when I go out, I say goodbye to my wife and daughters because we know we may not be coming home,' he says."



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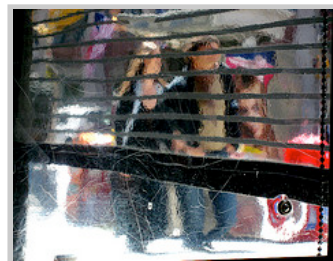


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