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Abstract

Came to Iraq from DLI in November 2005. Joined MNFI in December 2005. The 2005 elections did not resonate with Iraqis. The CoR does not represent Iraq, and Iraq was not ready for self government that soon after Saddam's fall. Ahmad Chalabi was a known and convicted embezzler. Death squads were operating before the Samarra mosque bombing. The GOI did not know how to respond. Bremer gave everything to Chalabi [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d

[redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d The NSA wanting our detainee lists is like handing lists of Jews to the Nazis. SOFA? How can you negotiate in a war zone? Our 'experts' know nothing of Arabic culture or its dialects. JAM may have done the mosque bombing. Our linguists are not neutral. Meghan O'Sullivan's meetings with Hakim. Sullivan was a Bremer advisor. Iraqis see no point in voting. The experts sold us a story. Drop the 'strategic ally' idea. Emma Sky will create huge problems. Talk to [redacted] (b)(6)
(b)(3), (b)(6) volatile, emotional, and not necessarily balanced (mentally). She rants, incessantly, and seems to carry the worst of Sunni hatreds for the Shia, though she professes Iraq was not sectarian under Saddam.

Interview

(b)(3), (b)(6) arrived in Iraq in November 2005 and joined MNFI in December 2005, initially working for SPA. She came from working at DLI. The US in Iraq has made huge mistakes based on relying on few sources of information, which proved to be wrong. With OPC and watching this unfold in 2003, the claims were completely false. ... April to May 2003. We should have re-considered it all. Some appreciated the invasion, but it fed a negative view of US overall.

The 2005 elections did not resonate with Iraqis. They did not connect with them the way we did, and the current Council of Representatives is not at all representative of Iraq. The country was in shock after decades of Saddam and the invasion and it was not prepared to take on self government. They elected closed lists. In the US, elections are a symbol of freedom. Here, there was no security, and we had already alienated 1/3 of the country. We should have ruled through martial law. That was the only way. Instead, we handed power to a bunch of ex-patriots. The Iraqi people were not helped by the new regime.

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In 2006, the 22 Feb bombing, I was working at the CCCI. The death squads did not start because of the bombing; they were already operating. When the bombing happened, the Gol did not know what to do. The CCCI was locked down for days (weeks?), and we couldn't work because of the death squads.

I transferred to SPA. Things were getting bad. NSA Rubaie was responsible for sectarian deaths. He made agreements with JAM, and there was no justification. These were tit for tat killings, and it was AQI, JAM, and Badr just slaughtering each others' civilians. Rubaie stuffed the agreements down Casey's throat through Rumsfeld, and these agreements said coalition forces could not touch all these JAM leaders, which gave them free reign for the slaughter.

Bremer gave everything away to Chalabi.

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In 2006, there were 100 bodies a day and still we were training the ISF, and it was the ISF that was running the death squads. The FBI came and tried to do forensics for prosecution, but to this day Rubaie blocked all investigations.

At the central Baghdad morgue, they set up a huge plasma screen TV to play the faces of the dead outside so that people could drive by and identify their loved ones instead of coming in and risking getting killed for being in the neighborhood.

The death squads targeted the educated.

It was all ethno-sectarian in Casey's days, Hakim and Rubaie and _____. Casey only listened to a few.

Now, the Sol are getting picked up, and the NSA wants to see and approve our detainee release lists. It is like handing lists of Jews to the Nazis. They want to take judges from Basra, a Shia militant stronghold, to Bucca. This will all feed an increase in violence, and without justice, there will be more violence.

On the SOFA, it is amazing that we would negotiate such terms in a war zone. I can't believe we are tolerating this. You know what Iraqis call these people, the Gol that we are taking care of? Real Iraqis call them the 'beggars of Qom.'

Casey was in an MCNS, C & MR discussed what was happening in Baghdad. Rubaie said things are okay, but there were 10K dead.

We have so many 'experts' on Islam.

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DLI students learn BBC standard Arabic, not what Iraqis speak, and they don't understand what is going on here. "Our 'experts' do not know this culture or its dialects."

This is politicizing the SOFA, with the PMM talking to Sistani. What would happen if the President went to the Vatican to get the Pope's approval for a treaty. This is an outrage. What we are seeing here are fanatics. PMM is an Arab. In Tal Afar, there was a VBIED in a Shia market.

I was going to finish my contract and leave until Petraeus came. He immediately engaged the people.

On Samarra, there is a theory, which is very credible, that JAM did the mosque bombing.

Our linguists are not neutral, and there've been horror stories.

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The Lincoln Group is marketing themselves and claiming to be "experts."

I sat in meetings with Meghan O'Sullivan in her meetings with Hakim.

From June to July 2007, it was not stable but it was better. The walls were going up. There was a great effort to reduce the violence.

Petraeus did away with Casey's MoUs about not arresting Sadrist. I think Sullivan was responsible for the MoUs.

Casey had stopped CPA_{1.4a} absorbing militias into the ISF.

P4 and O3 were working against sectarian agreements. We had dinner ever week or two. We shut down ____'s mosque because of all the bodies that kept turning up there. Sullivan was a Bremer advisor.

Many Iraqis see no point in voting.

All the 'experts' sold us a story. Drop the 'strategic ally' idea. ES will create a huge problem.

You should talk to (b)(6)