
Subject: Re: Live from Baghdad - word from Ripintou
Posted by [rm5248](#) on Mon, 12 Sep 2005 22:33:48 GMT

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Quote:Don't believe everything in the news

When you hear on the news about an "innocent Iraqi shot by US Forces" don't take it at face value. We have rules of engagement that are very specific. When these locals get shot at checkpoints or other places it's because they are doing dumb stuff. When soldiers gesture for them to pull over and stop or gesture to get back, they will gun their engines and keep on coming. When a local is shot, it is because they did something wrong. This is a combat zone, there are people who want to kill soldiers and there have been many attempts to do it. When "Ali Iraqi" ignores everything and keeps on coming, he leaves a soldier no choice.

The problem is, that's what is news. Frankly, I'm sick of it. Basically, all the news people have to do is go: "Iraq. 2 or 3 servicemen died today, the same thing that's been happening for the past 2 years.

Slightly unrelated, this war hasn't really made Americans as a whole safer, because so many people DIE in Iraq that it's close to being another terrorist attack on the US.

Also, did you know that we actually know LESS about Bin Laden's whereabouts now than we did 4 years ago? He's probably the man most wanted by the US.
