

# The Upcoming Iraqi Election

How are Iraqi citizens preparing for their Jan. 30 election?

- ▶ Carefully considering the positions and platforms of the candidates before placing bets on their chances for survival
- ▶ Politely asking nearest person holding a machine gun, "For whom would you prefer I vote, sir?"
- ▶ Attending grassroots "Shoot Out The Vote" events
- ▶ Volunteering to car-bomb voters to the polls
- ▶ Repairing damage caused by last week's bombing of Ramadi's campaign-button-making machine
- ▶ Providing covering fire while friends run for office
- ▶ Reading the helpful illustrated guides distributed by the League Of Remaining Voters
- ▶ Lightening the mood by slamming doors, popping inflated paper bags, and dropping dictionaries behind backs of major candidates
- ▶ Attempting to grasp concept of freedom



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