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AKE Issues New Iraq Advice

ABERDEEN – Over 100 people were killed during violence in Iraq last week. Over 200 more were injured.

Terrorist attacks remain a regular occurrence following the withdrawal of US troops at the end of last year. According to AKE Iraq specialist John Drake the outlook is not good.

“The US pullout has not signalled a decrease in violence. It’s actually more likely to lead to greater violence in the short-term. The political environment is also fragile and it’s fostering potentially explosive tensions on the ground”

Amid the changing situation, AKE has updated its risk analysis and advice for Iraq on its intelligence website [Global Intake](#). According to the update threat groups may specifically try to attack the Iraqi security forces as they will be regarded as vulnerable without US assistance.

Foreign commercial interests are also still regarded as an attractive target. A number of the terrorist organisations in Iraq still view international companies as a representation of western intervention in the country. They therefore see foreign personnel and foreign-owned property as a legitimate target.

The latest AKE report can be purchased [here](#).

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AKE has been working in Iraq since 2003 and has been fully registered with the Iraqi authorities since 2005. It was one of the first ‘security companies’ to comply with Iraqi legislative requirements and has advocated the legitimisation of the sector since the beginning of the conflict. The vast majority of AKE’s employees in Iraq are Iraqi nationals. The AKE Iraq website can be viewed [here](#). John Drake has been analysing security trends in Iraq since 2007. He works in AKE’s offices in London, Aberdeen, Baghdad and Basrah and produces regular reports on the security situation in the country. You can follow him on twitter [here](#). You can also request a free trial of AKE’s Iraq intelligence [here](#).