

# Lifeline for Iraqi Refugees



## FACT SHEET The Iraqi Refugee Crisis

*“I live a daily nightmare. I lost a close relative. I lost my future. I lost hope. I lost everything, except that sense of fear.”*

Iraqi refugee and former interpreter, Jan 8, 2007

## The Iraqi Refugee Crisis

**On April 17, 2007, Assistant Secretary of State Ellen Sauerbrey stated that the United States “could resettle up to 25,000 Iraqi refugees” this year. But the actual response has left much to be desired and falls far short of that of comparatively smaller countries.**

### The U.S. Response

Iraqi cases the United States promised to admit by September 31, 2007.	<b>7,000</b>
Likely number the United States will admit by this date, according to government officials.	<b>1,500</b>
Iraqi refugees admitted by United States, to date.	<b>190</b>
Iranian refugees the United States has admitted this year	<b>4,251</b>
Cuban refugees the United States has admitted this year.	<b>2,307</b>
Iraqi refugees admitted to date who fled after 2003.	<b>Fewer than 100</b>
Dollars United States has promised to help UNHCR deal with the crisis.	<b>\$39 million</b> <b>\$16.85/ refugee</b>



PHOTO: Baghdad residents prepare to board a bus bound for Syria, June, 2007.

### The Crisis

Total number of Iraqi refugees	<b>2.2 million at least</b>
Iraqis fleeing each day	<b>2,000</b>
Iraqis displaced inside Iraq	<b>2 million</b>
Iraqis internally displaced each day	<b>2,000</b>
Iraqi refugees in Jordan	<b>750,000</b>
Iraqi refugees in Syria	<b>1.5 million</b>
Iraqi refugees in Egypt, Lebanon, and the Gulf Countries	<b>250,000-350,000</b>

### Sweden’s Response

Iraqis given asylum in Sweden in 2006	<b>8,950</b>
Iraqi asylum applicants Sweden anticipates this year	<b>20,000</b>

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