

Al Qaeda Takes Over Second Largest City in Iraq ... But Al Qaeda was not even in Iraq until the U.S. Invaded

Idiotic U.S. is making Al Qaeda stronger than ever

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The U.S. "war on terror" has [increased terrorism](#).

[Here are](#) the number of terror attacks in Iraq between 1979 and 2011 courtesy of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism [Global Terrorism Database](#) (part of a joint government-university program on terrorism, is hosted at the University of Maryland):



Al Qaeda [wasn't even in Iraq](#) until the U.S. invaded that country. And [U.S. policy in Libya is partly responsible](#) for sending an influx of Al Qaeda terrorists – and heavy weapons – into Iraq.

And now things are getting a whole lot worse ...

You may not have heard, but Al Qaeda allies [took over the Iraqi city of Fallujah](#) 6 months ago.

And today, Al Qaeda-linked extremists in Iraq captured Iraq's *second-biggest* city, the *major oil center* of Mosul.

(The jihadis call themselves "The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria". The fact that the U.S. is backing Al Qaeda [in Syria](#) is probably a continuing factor).

To make matters worse, the army fled, so the militants seized [huge caches of U.S. supplied weapons](#), including [humvees](#):



McClatchy [notes](#) the extremists captured:

A civilian airport, a military airport, a military division headquarters, a border crossing with Syria, a weapons depot, government offices, banks and television stations.

Conflict Reporter [tweets](#):

[#UNBELIEVABLE](#) FOOTAGE ... [#ISIS](#) conquers the Iraqi army headquarters in [#Mosul](#), takes/destroys all [#US](#) [#MRAP](#)s



They also captured one or more black hawk helicopters. As Conflict Reporter [tweets](#):

[#Mosul](#) airport is normally crowded with [#Blackhawk](#) and [#Kiowa](#) helis. Let's see how many ended up in [#ISIS](#) hands...



One person [tweets](#):

Black Hawk, one of ghaneemas taken by [#ISIS](#). [#Mosul](#) [#Iraq](#)



Moreover, [there were](#):

Surreal scenes in [#Mosul](#), [#Iraq](#) as US trained troops leave behind their uniforms and flee from [#ISIS](#) to [#Kurdistan](#). pic.twitter.com/eUyL65InWa



And mass chaos as civillians tried to flee. As the BBC [reports](#):

About 150,000 people thought to have fled Iraq city of [#Mosul](#) after militants take control <http://bbc.in/SurMVI> pic.twitter.com/6MzMlp59me



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