After a year and a half of U.S. war and occupation, Iraqis lack essential services for life. Contaminated local wells cause water-borne diseases. Rivers are so polluted not even animals can safely drink from them. A lack of electricity means food and medicine can’t be preserved and water and sewage can’t be treated.\(^1\)

Iraqis suffering from wretched living conditions and broken U.S. promises have stepped up resistance to the U.S.-led occupation. Because of chaos and corruption in the U.S. occupation, Iraqis remain in desperate need of jobs, services and security.

Before the U.S. started the Iraq War, the Bush Administration intended Iraq to become a society open to unfettered private enterprise. To this end, Paul Bremer and the U.S. controlled Coalition Provisional Authority enacted a radical set of laws (illegal by The Hague and Geneva Conventions, which prohibit the U.S. from selling Iraq’s assets). Foreign corporations are allowed to own 100% of Iraqi assets, take 100% of the profits outside of Iraq, and enjoy huge tax breaks. 200 significant state-owned businesses have been privatized, and 1/2 million employees (mostly soldiers, nurses, doctors, teachers, publishers, and printers) have been fired and given no pensions or severance pay. (continued on back)


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