

Baghdad jail shelled, 7 inmates killed

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BAGHDAD -- Three mortar shells were fired into a Baghdad prison complex Monday, killing seven inmates and wounding 15 others, the Iraqi Justice Ministry reported. Ministry sources told Kuwait's KUNA news agency one of the shells fell into an open-air corridor containing cells used to hold terror suspects. A second mortar attack was reported Monday on the Al-Dora oil refinery south of Baghdad, officials said. There was no report of injuries but the explosions triggered a massive fire at one fuel tank but firefighters were able to contain the blaze, KUNA said. A bomb left at a park in Baghdad's Mansour district exploded Monday, injuring three security officers and two civilians, police said. Elsewhere, correspondents for The Washington Post reported a roadside bomb Sunday killed a police chief of the mostly Shiite province of Babil, south of Baghdad. Maj. Gen. Qais al-Mamouri and two of his bodyguards were killed as their convoy encountered the remote-controlled bomb in Hilla, about 60 miles south of the capital. Just hours earlier, Mamouri had been praised in Baghdad by U.S. military commanders for his commitment to security.

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