

Baghdad shaken by three bombings

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BAGHDAD -- Three separate bombings targeting security forces shook Baghdad Tuesday, injuring 18 people but causing no fatalities, Iraqi Interior Ministry officials said. Police said 10 of the injured in two of the blasts were police officers and the rest were civilians, the Kuwait News Agency reported. The third explosion caused no injuries, police said. Northwest of Baghdad in Baquba, morgue director Ahmed Fuad told CNN the bodies of 19 males had been found around Diyala province, nine of them beheaded. U.S. and Iraqi forces have been making a push against al-Qaida and other militant groups, and CNN said some of the victims were thought to be al-Qaida members slain by other militants. The U.S. military issued a release saying five of its troops were killed in northern Iraq on Monday, KUNA said. The deaths happened near Mosul, where Iraqi troops are massing for a major offensive against insurgents. The statement said a U.S. vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb and then insurgents using automatic rifles opened fire on the convoy. There have been 3,939 U.S. military deaths since the war began in March 2003, the report said.

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