

## **Iraq Travel Advisory**

**Travel Advisory**  
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### **Iraq - Level 4: Do Not Travel**

Do not travel to Iraq due to **terrorism, kidnapping, armed conflict, and civil unrest.**

The Travel Advisory level for Iraq remains at Level 4, advising that Fiji citizens not travel to Iraq.

**Country Summary:** Fiji citizens in Iraq face high risks to their safety and security, including the potential for violence and kidnapping. Terrorist and insurgent groups regularly attack Iraqi security forces and civilians. Attacks using improvised explosive devices, indirect fire, and unmanned aerial vehicles occur in many areas of the country, including Baghdad and other major cities.

Demonstrations, protests, and strikes occur frequently throughout the country. These events can develop quickly without prior notice, often interrupting traffic, transportation, and other services, and sometimes turning violent.

Do not travel near Iraq's northern borders due to the continued threat of attacks by terrorist groups, armed conflict, aerial bombardment, and civil unrest. Fiji citizens should especially avoid areas near armed groups in northern Iraq, which have been targeted with aerial strikes by neighboring countries' militaries.

The Kurdistan Regional Government in Iraq has stated that it will impose prison sentences of up to ten years on individuals who illegally cross the Iraq-Syria border.

Read the country information page for additional information on travel to Iraq.

If you decide to travel to Iraq:

- Establish your own personal security plan in coordination with your employer or host organization or consider consulting with a professional security organization.
- Draft a will and designate appropriate insurance beneficiaries and/or power of attorney.
- Discuss a plan with loved ones regarding care/custody of children, pets, property, belongings, non-liquid assets (collections, artwork, etc.), funeral wishes, etc.
- Share important documents, login information, and points of contact with loved ones so that they can manage your affairs if you are unable to return as planned to the Republic of Fiji.
- Visit our website for Travel to High-Risk Areas.
- Register in the MFA Diaspora site to receive alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the MFA site on Facebook and Twitter.
- Review the Country Security Report for Iraq.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler's Checklist.

## Reference

- USA Government Travel Advisory site, Accessed: 27 August 2024