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Iraq: Summary of U.S. Casualties

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Summary

The following casualty table was compiled by the Department of Defense, as tallied from DOD press releases. **Table 1** provides statistics on fatalities during Operation Iraqi Freedom, which began on March 19, 2003, and is ongoing, as well as on the number of fatalities since May 1, 2003. Statistics may be revised as circumstances are investigated and as all records are processed through the U.S. military's casualty system. This report will be updated semiweekly, but more frequent updates are available at DOD's Web site at [<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/>]. Click on "OIF Casualty Update."

A detailed casualty summary which includes data on deaths by cause, as well as statistics on soldiers wounded in action, is available at the following DOD Web site: [<http://web1.whs.osd.mil/mmid/casualty/OIF-Total.pdf>].

**Table 1. Operation Iraqi Freedom Fatalities
as of October 17, 2003, 10:00 a.m.**

Fatalities	March 19, 2003, to the Present	May 1, 2003, to the Present
Hostile	216	101
Non-Hostile	120	97
Total	336	198

Source: DOD press releases.

Note: The President's statement about combat operations in Iraq having ended can be found in the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*, May 1, 2003, p. 516.