

## US and Iran Meet at Iraqi Summit: Presidential Candidate Speaks Out

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New York – March 13, 2007 – For the first time in over two years, the United States and Iran met at the recent Iraq summit, where diplomats from the US State Department and Iran disagreed over who was to blame for the growing violence in Iraq.

Commenting on this recent meeting was the leading independent Presidential Candidate for 2008, Daniel Imperato.

"I am very pleased that both the United States and Iran were able to come together for the recent Iraqi summit. Combined with the support of the Arab league, I believe that Iraq can stabilize and can be part of a peaceful Middle East. However, to get there, we must stop the finger pointing and accusations and come to the negotiating table with open minds," stated Imperato.

The United States has long accused both Iran and Syria of harboring terrorists, and aiding those organizations, while Iran and Syria say the problem lies with the US presence in the Middle East. Great Britain, which also attended the Iraq Summit, believed the meeting brought constructive engagement by all sides.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari, who hosted the meeting, said the US, Iran and Syria had construction criticism, but that each party displayed respect in their debate.

Zalmay Khalilzad, US Ambassador to Iraq, thought the meeting held a positive and businesslike atmosphere.

British Ambassador Dominic Asquith, the UK spokesman at the meeting, said, All those who were round the table were clear in their emphasis of support for the government of Iraq, and for the Iraqi people, in their efforts to confront terrorism and sectarian violence."

The meeting discussed several issues including timed US troop withdrawals, an issue that the United States has yet to embrace.

However, although many countries were at the negotiating table, they did not discuss what seems to be the simplest solution towards peace; cease-fire.

"Cease-fire. If we support the Iraqi people and the Iraqi government then we must stop patrolling their streets with automatic weapons and return back to our Iraqi bases, in case we are needed. In exchange, all sides, including the Shia, Sunnis, and Kurds, must pledge to stop the unnecessary sectarian violence that is taking place in Iraq. Then and only then, can the Iraqi government and the Iraqi people start to deal with the issues that are stunting their growth," stated Imperato.

The participants at the talks included all of Iraq's neighbors - Iran, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Kuwait - as well as the US, Russia, France, Britain, China, Bahrain, Egypt, the UN, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Arab League.

Imperato concluded his statements on the subject with the following, "Finally we are getting some international cooperation. The United States cannot help Iraq alone and must involve the international community in solving, what is essentially, an international situation. Now, the next thing that we must learn is how to understand and respect everyone at the negotiating table. If we are to bring accusations and old scores to the table nothing will get done, as we saw in this meeting. That is why I believe that I can best serve America by putting my 30 years of international business experience to good use. I have knowledge of many of the world's cultures, religions, and customs and can utilize that knowledge to help get things done not just for a Better Iraq but for a Better America and a Better World."

About Daniel Imperato ([www.daniel2008.com](http://www.daniel2008.com))

Daniel Imperato was born in Boston, Massachusetts (1958). He began his business career in 1977, transforming the manufacturing facilities in Israel through adapting them to the global marketplace, along with bringing financing to the factories for global expansion. Daniel brings over thirty years of experience in global business planning and development, and has personal relationships at high levels around the world. He is currently a Papal Knight with honors from the Vatican, was a board member for the African Center Foundation, a United Nations NGO, a Knight of the Orden Bonaria, and an ordained Chaplain for the Latin/African American Chaplains Association. Presently, he has decided to seek the office of President of the United States as an Independent candidate for 2008.

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