

Is Nothing Sacred?

Journalists have been frothing at the mouth about the incident in which the Palestine Hotel was shelled by US forces who had been receiving fire from there. How dare the coalition shell their preferred hotel? At a CentCom briefing earlier, one reporter asked whether the Palestine Hotel has now been designated as a site not to be attacked, like a mosque or site of special historic interest.

That might please the proud and haughty journalists who have been complaining that they have been targetted (would it be *very* bad not to care much if those particular ones really had been?). But if CentCom were to announce such a policy, where would all the fire be coming from, from then on?

UPDATE: As pointed out in a Comment by [a reader](#), it now appears more likely that the shelling that killed people in the hotel was done by the Iraqis.

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<http://media.guardian.co.uk/iraqandthemedial/story/0,12823,932481,00.html>

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