

## Middle-East Experts

A noted **democracy expert** has expressed his opinion about the prospects for democracy in Iraq:

Jordan's King Abdullah has said it will be impossible to hold fair elections in Iraq in the current state of chaos

His Majesty also announced upcoming free and fair elections for the post of ruler of Jordan.

(Just kidding.)

Some noted **surrender experts** have been giving the Coalition forces in Iraq advice on – well – surrender.

Withdrawal of US-led forces must be on the agenda if an international summit on Iraq is to go ahead, France's Foreign Minister Michel Barnier said

Or they'll do what?

Some experts on **turning the other cheek** have been showing the world how it's done:

Roman Catholic and Orthodox clerics have exchanged blows inside Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre, one of Christianity's holiest sites.

Thwack! "Forgive *that!*"

And a noted terrorism expert has been **giving advice** to – well – terrorists:

Yasser Arafat has promised to intercede on behalf of British hostage Ken Bigley

[...]

[T]he Palestinian leader had allocated one of his senior ministers "who had spent many years on the ground in Iraq" to try and make contact with Mr Bigley's captors.

"I think that what is important is that, in the past, President Arafat has influenced the network of

communication about other hostages so it was in that

context that I decided this would be something very positive to do."

Saddest of all, an **ex-President of the United States** has become enamoured of **conspiracy theories** (via **Allah**):

Carter responded to personal question as well. He said his two favorite movies are "Casablanca" and "Fahrenheit 9/11."

[Sigh.]

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## casablanca

out of curiosity, anything wrong with casablanca? I liked it. But was not looking for deep meaning while watching.

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## Carter

My client, Mr. Carter, wishes it to be known that Fahrenheit 9/11 is his favorite purely for artistic reasons. He believes the results achieved by the talented director, surpass even those of the most distinguished and critical cineast Lenie Riefenstahl - his second favorite movie maker. Mr. Carter's favorite movies are gripping realistic fictional movies, hence his choice for a top two in that category.

Mr. Carter feels both his favorite movies provide the purest romantic dramatisation of respectively love and hate. Oh, and by the way, obviously Mr. Carter meant Fahrenheit 415 and not Fahrenheit 9/11 and he apologises for any inconvenience which might have been caused by this unfortunate mistake.

## Henry Sturman

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