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## [US Soldiers Killed Three Civilians by Mistake](#)

### *In Iraq*

US soldiers opened fire yesterday on a civilian vehicle fearing that it was carrying a suicide bomber, AP announced. According to the American and Iraqi officials, as a result of the accident which took place outside the US base in Baqouba, two adults and one child have lost their lives. In a previous incident, a suicide bomber had tried to detonate a car into the US vehicles, but he missed and killed five civilians instead. Last weekend, the US soldiers and the Iraqi raided a house in Mosul, after receiving a tip that the location was used by al-Qaeda members and also by their leader, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Following the shootout, eight insurgents and four Iraqi policemen have lost their lives; Iraq's Exterior Minister said that DNA tests will be carried out to check if the al-Qaeda leader was among the victims. "Unfortunately, we did not get him in Mosul", US Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad declared. A neighbor said that the house was occupied by eight Arabs - four men, a woman and three children - who had been leaving there for a year. He added that they weren't Iraqis, but most likely Syrians and Jordanians. The Mosul shootout came shortly after a suicide attack on the [Shiite mosques](#) in Khanaqin, which took place on Friday and killed 74 persons.