



In the **It's About Time** department, the Iraqi government has told Blackwater USA, the mammoth private security firm with tens of thousands of contractors working in Iraq, to pack up and leave the country:

The Iraqi government said it had revoked the license of Blackwater USA, a private security company that provides protection for American diplomats across Iraq, after shots fired from an American convoy killed eight Iraqis.

Abdul-Karim Khalaf, a spokesman for Iraq's Ministry of Interior, said the authorities had canceled the company's license and barred its activity across Iraq. **He said the government would prosecute the deaths, though according to the rules that govern private contractors, it was not clear whether the Iraqis had the legal authority to do so.**

[Security Firm's License Is Pulled in Iraq - New York Times](#)

Note that last sentence (emphasis mine). This is exactly the plight that [Robert Fisk was writing about back in February](#)

What a massive cluster-fuck this whole thing, this whole mad adventure has become!