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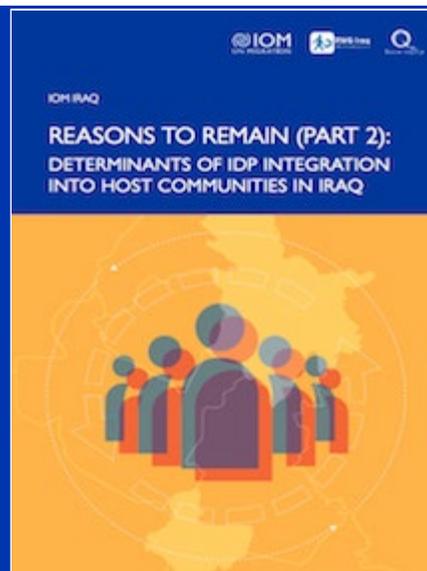
New studies reveal state of protracted displacement and prospects for local integration in Iraq

IOM Iraq recently completed two sets of complementary studies that examined the factors behind protracted displacement in Iraq, as well as the prospects of displaced Iraqi families integrating their host communities. The first part of the study had a dual focus, analyzing both the main districts of origin and displacement ([part 1](#) and [part 2](#)). The second study, jointly implemented by IOM Iraq, the Returns Working Group (RWG) and Social Inquiry, explored the extent and likelihood of local integration of long-term displaced families in Sulaymaniah and Baghdad governorates. [Read more...](#)



IOM leverages community policing to address trafficking in persons in Iraq

Now that the conflict has subsided, it is critical that State structures are empowered to take on this growing transnational crime. An innovative approach that IOM recently introduced is mainstreaming of the community policing approach to investigate cases of Trafficking in Persons. [Read more...](#)



The purpose of this study is to identify which factors help or hinder local integration, utilizing data on perceptions and living conditions of IDPs displaced for more than three years and data collected from host community residents. [Read more...](#)

Latest data on displacement and returns in Iraq (30 April 2019)

1,665,108
IDPs
4,266,882
Returnees

IOM Iraq Highlights

A senior delegation from IOM MENA met with senior Iraqi officials from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. [Read more](#)

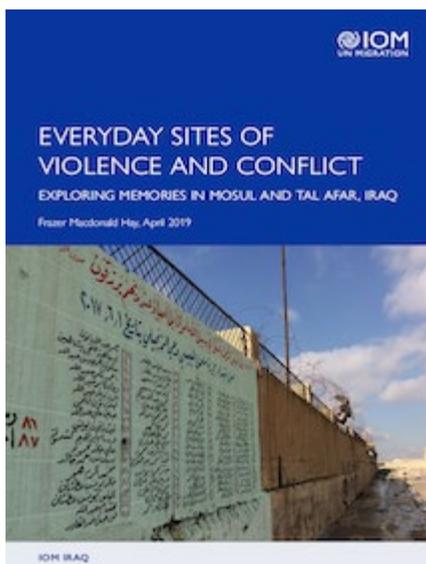
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Japan, IOM partner to address drivers of instability and fragility in displacement and return locations in Iraq

IOM and the Government of Japan launched an innovative project that aims to address the drivers of instability and fragility in locations of displacement and return in Iraq. Offering a timely response to the challenges facing Iraq, this project will support the Government of Iraq to tackle the drivers of instability in both the security and development domains, thereby building more resilient communities and improving trust and confidence in government institutions.

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In a new report, "Everyday sites of violence and conflict: Exploring memories in Mosul and Tal Afar" IOM Iraq looks at everyday "places and spaces" such as schools, markets, and houses which are now imbued with memories of violence which require acknowledgement as part of a

with Iraq Parliament Speaker Mohammed Al Halboosi. [Read more](#)

IOM MENA Regional Director Carmela Godeau and IOM Iraq Chief of Mission Gerard Waite, met with the Secretary General of the Iraqi Government's Council of Ministers Dr. Mahdi Al Alalak. [Read more](#)

IOM senior delegation met with the second deputy of the governor of Basra, and with Sabah Al-Bazuni, Head of Basra's Provincial Council. [Read more](#)

IOM distributed emergency NFI, and sealing-off shelter kits to displaced families in Missan governorate. [Read more](#)

The Japanese Ambassador to Iraq, Mr. Naofumi Hashimoto, and IOM Iraq Chief of Mission, Mr. Gerard Waite, visited IOM Community Centre for IDPs in Najaf. [Read more](#)

IOM Iraq Chief of Mission, Mr. Gerard Waite, met with Najaf Governor Louay al-Yasiri, and Chairman of Karbala Provincial Council Mr. Nassif Jassim to discuss internal displacement and return movement in the area. [Read more](#)

balanced approach to reconciliation.

The report considers the role and fragility of memory in post-conflict Iraq, and looks at ways in which it might be taken into consideration while working in areas where trauma related to experiences of conflict and displacement obstructs social cohesion. [Read more...](#)

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