

# **"One of the hardest parts of my job is to connect *Iraq* to the *war on terror*."**

**— President Bush, CBS Evening News, Sept. 6, 2006**

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## **THEN**

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Collaborative operational links between Saddam Hussein and al-Qaeda: 0

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Estimated number of insurgents in Iraq in 2003: 5,000

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Bush Administration estimates of Saddam Hussein's WMD arsenal: 18 mobile biological weapons labs, 25,000 liters of anthrax, 550 artillery shells with mustard, 30,000 empty munitions and enough precursors to increase the stockpile to as much as 500 tons of chemical agents, 1,000 tons of chemical agent from 6,500 bombs left over from the Iran-Iraq war, 100-500 tons of chemical agent, high specification aluminum tubes, 36 Scud missiles (600-900 km range), R&D for a 1,200 km missile.

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Estimated number of al-Qaeda members worldwide in 2001: 20,000

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Number of al-Qaeda terrorist attacks in the five years before 9-11: 3

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## **NOW**

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Estimated number of foreign fighters operating in Iraq in July 2006: Between 800 and 2000

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Estimated number of insurgents in Iraq in July 2006: More than 20,000

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Number of operational weapons of mass destruction found in Iraq: 0

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Estimated number of al-Qaeda members worldwide in 2006: 50,000

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Number of al-Qaeda attacks in the five years since 9-11: 30

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Number of days Osama bin Laden has been at large since US military operations commenced in Afghanistan: 1,784

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Number of audio or video tapes bin Laden has released to global circulation since 9-11: 24

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