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Iraq: Summary of U.S. Casualties

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Summary

The following casualty table was compiled by the Department of Defense, as tallied from DOD press releases. **Table 1** provides statistics on fatalities during Operation Iraqi Freedom, which began on March 19, 2003, and is ongoing, as well as on the number of fatalities since May 1, 2003. Statistics may be revised as circumstances are investigated and as all records are processed through the U.S. military's casualty system. This report will be updated semiweekly, but more frequent updates are available at DOD's Web site at [http://www.defenselink.mil/news/]. Click on "OIF Casualty Update."

A detailed casualty summary which includes data on deaths by cause, as well as statistics on soldiers wounded in action, is available at the following DOD Web site: [http://web1.whs.osd.mil/mmid/casualty/OIF-Total.pdf].

Fatalities	March 19, 2003, to the Present	May 1, 2003, to the Present
Hostile	193	78
Non-Hostile	109	86
Total	302	164

Table 1. Operation Iraqi Freedom Fatalitiesas of September 22, 2003, 10:00 a.m.

Source: DOD press releases.

Note: The President's statement about combat operations in Iraq having ended can be found in the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*, May 1, 2003, p. 516.