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US Soldiers: Beating Iraqi Prisoners Was "Routine"

by Michael in New York on [9/24/2005 11:44:00 AM](#)

More proof that **the beating and torture of prisoners held by the US was routine**, widespread and condoned from above.

Three former members of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division say soldiers in their battalion in Iraq routinely beat and abused prisoners in 2003 and 2004 **to help gather intelligence on the insurgency and to amuse themselves....**

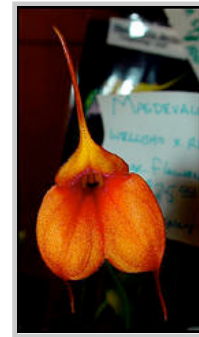
The **abuses reportedly took place between September 2003 and April 2004, before and during the investigations into the notorious misconduct at the Abu Ghraib prison** near Baghdad. Senior Pentagon officials initially sought to characterize the scandal there as the work of a rogue group of military police soldiers on the prison's night shift. Since then, the Army has opened more than 400 inquiries into detainee abuse in Iraq and Afghanistan, and punished 230 enlisted soldiers and officers.

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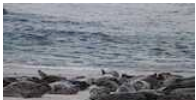
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