

Advice On Failure From An Expert

Saddam Hussein says that the Coalition has “misjudged the difficulty” of occupying Iraq.

Well, of course *he* thinks it's an impossible task. As the only living person ever to have lost power in Iraq, a man whose judgement on this subject has proved **spectacularly inaccurate** in the past, Saddam is arguably the least qualified person in the world to give such advice.

Unless, perhaps, he means to advise the Coalition: “if you want to succeed in Iraq, on no account do **what I did**”. Don't worry, Saddam, they won't. They are doing **something entirely different**, of which you have literally no conception.

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Least qualified?

(1) One other living person has lost power in Iraq, namely General Jay Garner
(<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/05/13/iraq/main553573.shtml>).

(2) Failing at something doesn't necessarily make you unqualified to give advice on how to do it well.

(3) Saddam did manage to 'occupy' Iraq for over two decades.

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