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Violence against women increases sharply

Violence against women and girls has sharply increased in Iraq compared to the time before last year's war, says Amnesty International in a feature published today on **news.amnesty**.

The assassination attempt against the only female member in the Iraqi cabinet, Nisreen Mustafa al-Burwari, earlier this week, clearly shows the urgent need for security. Many women and girls live under constant fear of being harassed, beaten, abducted, raped or murdered.

Read the full story on http://news.amnesty.org/mav/index/ENGMDE14310320042004

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