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Iraqi Labor Leaders Protest Unemployment



(ABC7)

June 20 (ABC7) — A group of Iraqi labor leaders are in the Bay Area talking about what they describe as the war's detrimental effect on the labor picture in Iraq.

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An oil workers' union president from Basrah spoke before a crowded church in Berkeley Sunday. He and five others are on a US tour sponsored by a group called US Labor Against the War.

The group says unemployment in Iraq has spiked to 70 percent since the US-led invasion.

They say the US continues to develop strategies to sell off Iraq's publicly-owned enterprises to private American companies.

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