

It appears a good chunk of the money being spent to rebuild Iraq went to private security companies protecting the people doing the rebuilding. **The exact cost still isn't known**, but auditors think the U.S. has paid private security companies well over \$6 billion to guard diplomats, troops, Iraqi officials and reconstruction workers in Iraq.

The special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction says that's about 12 percent of the \$50 billion Americans have spent for reconstruction.

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