Mr. Speaker, tomorrow this House will be treated to a

real interesting historical event. The Prime Minister of Iraq will be

here. His article today in the Wall Street Journal says:

He goes on to talk about one province of Iraq that has some stability

and makes that appear that that is the Iraq that he is here to

represent. If one reads the European newspapers, the Independent, and I

will enter this into the Record, the Independent from Great Britain

says, and the title of this article is,

They talk about the fact that Mr. Maliki yesterday met with Tony

Blair

in London, where he talked about the fact that things were going just

fine. But the article goes on to say that senior Iraq officials are

saying that the break-up of the country is inevitable.

This is a quote from one:

The foreign minister said in an interview with the Independent,

before joining Mr. Maliki in London

but

then he painted a picture of a deeply divided administration where

senior Sunni members praise the anti-government insurgents as the

heroic resistance.

So you have ministers inside the government praising the insurgency

that is making this huge instability in the country. To show you how

bad it really is, there is an average of 100 deaths of Iraqis every

single day. This month there will be more killed than were killed in

June.

3,148 people died in sectarian violence. A civil war. Even the New

York Times now calls it a civil war. And the Prime Minister is going to

come here and try and tell us that everything is just fine.

Now, that is a part of our domestic politics, it is to give the

American people and the Members of Congress a feeling that things are

just going swimmingly. But what the Iraqis are saying to reporters from

the Independent is, the government is all in the green zone, like the

previous one, the one that was in before. And

That is a quote from Mahmoud Othman, a

veteran Iraq politician.

He said,

The Iraqi crisis will now receive much less

humanitarian attention because of what is going on over in Lebanon. It

is taking the focus off. And we have Mr. Maliki coming in and standing

behind me tomorrow, and he will say that things are going just fine.

Now, clearly this is not true. And what is happening in Iraq is that

the leadership is now deciding the south will be for the Shiia, the

north will be for the Kurds, and the west will be for the Sunnis. It

will be tied into Jordan. Jordan already has a million Sunnis living in

it. People who have fled from Baghdad because they are not safe,

bankers, university professors, doctors, the intelligentsia, anybody

with any money in the Sunni community has left Baghdad because it is

such a dangerous place.

And the decision now is only how do they break it up, and what do

they do about the oil revenue. This situation is an absolute mess. On

top of it all, Mr. Maliki has taken the position that what is going on

in Lebanon as caused by the Hezbollah is okay. He is encouraging it. He

thinks it is a good thing.

Now, this is a man that we hold up as our democratic leader. But the

fact is that the country is in absolute chaos, and the Members of this

House should understand that tomorrow when they listen to the speech

that the American newspapers are not telling you what is going on in

Iraq.