



Attorney General Jon Bruning

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Attorney General Bruning in Northern Iraq

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(Lincoln, Neb) Attorney General Jon Bruning is in northern Iraq this week at the request of the Kurdistan Regional Government, which is trying to increase connections with U.S. leaders in order to tell Americans about “the other Iraq.” The Kurdistan Region in northern Iraq is a place where there is personal security and political stability. The purpose of the trip is for Kurds to build relationships with American state leaders and point out that there is a different part of Iraq.

“Saddam Hussein treated the Kurds brutally, yet they are prospering,” said Bruning. “The democracy here is a sign of success and the people are reaching out to Americans.”

Bruning met with Kurdistan Regional Government Foreign Minister Falah Bakir, Planning Minister Othman Shwani and Agricultural Minister Abdul-Aziz Tayeb Ahmad on Monday.

Today Bruning toured what’s called the “Red House,” where Hussein tortured and killed thousands of Kurds. Tomorrow he will meet with Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani.

Bruning is also joined by Michael S. Steele, the former Lt. Gov. of Maryland and State Sen. Jason Atkinson of Oregon along with other government officials and business leaders. The trip is sponsored by the Kurdistan Regional Government. This is Bruning’s fourth trip to the Middle East.

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