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*Cordially invite you to*

***IN THEIR OWN WORDS:  
READING THE IRAQI INSURGENCY***

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**Wednesday, March 8, 2006**

**3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**B1-B Conference Room**

**1800 K Street NW**

**Washington, DC 20006**

*A briefing by*

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If the U.S. hopes to win the war of legitimacy in Iraq, it must better understand the message communicated by Iraq's armed opposition and why it resonates with its constituents.

Join International Crisis Group's **Robert Malley** and **Peter Harling** for a discussion about Crisis Group's recent report, [In Their Own Words: Reading the Iraqi Insurgency](#), which examines the communication methods of Iraqi insurgency groups since mid-2003. Through an exhaustive analysis of web sites, chat rooms, leaflets, magazines and videos, Crisis Group reveals the emergence of an increasingly confident, well-organized and information-savvy armed opposition. The U.S. must take these factors into account if it is to understand the insurgency's resilience and learn how to counter it.

The Crisis Group report was recently featured on [ABC News Nightline's "Inside Look at the Insurgents"](#).

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