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## **Pope Francis: to Iraqi faithful, “You suffer war, from one side and the other. I pray for you, visit had been scheduled this year”**

“Among you, there is a large group from Iraq”. In his greetings to the Arabic-speaking faithful, the Pope made some improvised remarks to a group of visiting Iraqis. “I tell you, I am very close to you”, he said. “You are a ‘battleground’. You suffer war, from one side and the other, I pray for you and for your country, which I had been scheduled to visit this year”.

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