

U.S. refuses to commit money to Iraq's reconstruction



Washington, Feb 15 (RHC)-- The United States is refusing to commit any direct money for reconstruction in Iraq, after the U.S.-led coalition bombing campaign against ISIS militants destroyed homes, schools, hospitals and critical infrastructure across wide swaths of Iraq.

The United Nations says 40,000 homes were destroyed in Mosul alone. At an international conference in Kuwait this week, the Iraqi government has asked for \$88 billion to rebuild. But so far, other countries have pledged only a combined \$4 billion.

The United States has offered a \$3 billion loan. This comes after the U.S. Senate reached a 2018 budget deal that includes \$700 billion for the military.

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