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Inglis to make another trip to Iraq

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U.S. Rep. Bob Inglis will join a small group of House members this week for his second trip to Iraq and other Middle East hot spots.

The trip comes against a backdrop of near civil war in Iraq and an uneasy cease-fire between Israeli forces and Hezbollah guerrillas in southern Lebanon.



Inglis, a Travelers Rest Republican, now in his fourth term, will be accompanied by Reps. Chris Shays, R-Conn., Al Green, D-Tex., Steve Israel, D-N.Y. and Brian Higgins, D-N.Y. Shays is chairman of the House Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations.

They are scheduled to leave Wednesday and return Aug. 25.

Advertisement Other stops include Israel, Jordan, Sudan, Italy and the United Kingdom.

The delegation is expected to meet with Israeli officials for discussions on the proposed cease-fire and in Sudan to assess the situation in the Darfur region.

En route home, members will meet with Lebanese leaders in Rome and briefings in London with British counterterrorism officials regarding the recently foiled terror plot on transatlantic flights.

Inglis made his first trip to Iraq last year with South Carolina Sen. Jim DeMint where they met with Iraqi government officials, U.S. military commanders and South Carolina troops. More recently, Gov. Mark Sanford also traveled to Iraq, a trip that wasn't disclosed for security reasons until he was in-country.