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US hands over sovereignty of Iraq two days ahead of schedule

Handover ceremony happens quietly, US Marine believed taken hostage

Unannounced and in private, sovereignty has been handed over to the Iraqis two days early, formally ending 14 months of US occupation. Interim Iraqi prime minister Iyad Allawi was sworn in yesterday, hailed by president Ghazi Yawar "a happy day that all Iraqis have been looking forward to".

Meanwhile guerrillas have been mounting bloody attacks all month aimed at disrupting the handover, and several foreign hostages have also been seized over the past week. On Sunday images of a blindfolded US Marine were broadcast from the Arabic-language channel Al Jazira. The American's captors said they would kill him unless Iraqi prisoners were released. (See page 4)



Interim Iraqi president Ghazi al Yawar (left) and prime minister Iyad Allawi (second from right) at swearing-in ceremony / EPA

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Guilty consciences in paradise

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Ronaldinho effect brings stars to Barça



Cost of eight year road delay estimated at 645 million euros

Catalonia has "lost" 645 million euros since 1996, the year when the B40 ring road from Abrera to Roca de Vallès was due to open, according to Miquel Valls, the president of the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce. Completion of the project would have cut back on travel time and accidents, he claimed. (See page 7)



Calella de Palafrugel on the Costa Brava has clean water / EUDALDPICAS

Report says swimmers safe in clean seas off Costa Brava

A study by the Catalan Water Agency reports that the water quality along the Costa Brava is "very good". However, the study was unable to determine how much damage had been done to the water quality at the mouth of the river Fluvià after a discharge of fuel took place last week. (See page 2)

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Stage version of Bagdad Café opens in Barcelona



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