

news | [home](#) | [top](#) | [world](#) | [intl](#) | [natl](#) | [op](#) | [pol](#) | [govt](#) | [business](#) | [tech](#) | [sci](#) | [entertain](#) | [sports](#) | [health](#) | [odd](#) | [sources](#) | [local](#)
[Mid East](#) • [Europe](#) • [Asia](#) • [Africa](#) • [Latin Amer & Caribbean](#)

Freed Iran Envoy Says CIA Tortured Him

[Email this Story](#)

Apr 7, 10:05 AM (ET)

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - An Iranian diplomat freed two months after being abducted in Iraq accused the CIA of torturing him during his detention, state television reported Saturday.

Jalal Sharafi said the CIA questioned him about Iran's relations with Iraq and assistance to various Iraqi groups, according to state television.

"Once they heard my response that Iran merely has official relations with the Iraqi government and officials, they intensified tortures and tortured me through different methods days and nights," he said.

Sharafi was seized Feb. 4 by uniformed gunmen in Karradah, a Shiite-controlled district of Baghdad. He was freed on Tuesday.

Iran alleged the diplomat had been abducted by an Iraqi military unit commanded by American forces - a charge repeated by several Iraqi Shiite lawmakers. U.S. authorities denied any role in his disappearance.

Sharafi was a second secretary at the Iranian Embassy involved in plans to open a branch of the Iranian national bank. U.S. officials allege that Iran provides money and weapons to Iraqi Shiite militias.

His release came as Iran held a group of 15 British sailors and marines seized in the Persian Gulf, though Britain, the U.S. and Iran have all denied any links. The sailors were freed on Wednesday.



(AP) Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gives a medal of honor in Tehran, Iran, Wednesday, April 4,...

[Full Image](#)

Google sponsored links

[Saddest Thing on Internet](#) - You may have seen extreme poverty. But did you see this? Astonishing!
www.Poverty.com

[Beachfront Development](#) - 2 fabulous homes on 17km beach Very special lifestyle or investmnt
www.azzemoore.com.au

[Your own Forest in Panama](#) - Invest in Sustainable Forestry up to 11 % IRR, titled land
www.futuroforestal.com

other middle east news

- [Sunnis, Shiites Join in Radio-TV Station](#)
- [Iran Expands Uranium Enrichment Effort](#)
- [Iraqis Protest to Mark Baghdad's Fall](#)
- [Turkey Warns Iraqi Kurds on Interference](#)
- [N.Korea: if Funds Freed, Inspectors In](#)
- [Iranian Bypasses Travel Ban](#)
- [Iraqi Sunni MP Denies Weapons Cache](#)
- [Insider: Missteps Soured Iraqis on U.S.](#)
- [Iraqi Leader Meets With Japan's Emperor](#)
- [Egypt Uncovers 2 Gaza Border Tunnels](#)



[email this page to a friend](#)

Copyright 2007 Associated Press. All right reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten, or redistributed.

[Spread the Word](#) | [We're Hiring](#)

My Settings: [Overview](#) | [Search](#) | [Email](#) | [Chat](#) | [Portfolio](#) | [Calendar](#) | [Groups](#) | [Profile](#)

IMPORTANT: We do not present our users with pop-ups or any other non-contextual advertising. Nor do we send email to our users. If you see or receive one of these items, it is coming from an outside source, either as a result of something you have previously downloaded or as an "exit" pop-up from the site you just visited. It is not coming from our site.

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Service](#) | [About Us](#) | [Our Mission](#) | [Sign In](#) | [Sign Out](#) | [Help Center](#)

© 2007 IAC Search & Media. All rights reserved.

Partner Sites: [Citysearch](#) | [CollegeHumor](#) | [Pronto](#) | [LiveDaily](#) | [Expedia](#) | [Hotels](#) | [Hotwire](#)
[Excite](#) | [Fun Web Products](#) | [iWon](#) | [Smiley Central](#)