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Staten Island Group Helps Iraqi Boy Who Lost His Arm In The War

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An Iraqi boy who lost his arm during the war is getting the help he needs in the United States, thanks to an organization on Staten Island.

After U.S. troops swept through his home town of Basra, Iraq, 14-year-old Ali Ameer ventured into his school and picked up a bullet from an arsenal hidden by Iraqi soldiers. It exploded and severed his hand and arm.

Ameer's trip to the U.S. is sponsored by the Global Medical Relief Fund, a Staten Island-based group helping children who have lost limbs get fitted for prosthetics.

Ameer was fitted for his arm on Thursday at Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia.

Nine more Iraqi children will be coming to the U.S. for treatment in upcoming months.