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M. Kanie en N. Medema, "[Tanks in Babylon](#)," in *SICAmag* (The Netherlands), 25 ([end of March] 2005): interview with René Teijgeler [yes, I know, here his name is spelled with an "ij" again while in [van Elk April 28, 2005](#) it's with a "y" although even in that article we find one "ij" spelling mixed in; in the distant past, Dutch spelling was not fixed and "y," "ÿ" and "ij" were used interchangeably; nowadays a proper name should have a fixed spelling though... at least in Belgium that's the case but maybe not in the Netherlands?]: *How did you feel when you saw the damage caused by tanks in Babylon?* I don't have time for feelings now, my colleague was murdered, I had a meeting scheduled with an Italian journalist the day she was kidnapped: when I'm back home, then I'll have time to think about it; in the 1990s, corrupt Ba'athist officials started smuggling hundreds of artifacts out of Iraq; their leader was Arshad Yasin, the brother-in-law of Saddam Hussein, according to Minister of Culture Mufid el-Jaza'iri; this is also when the illegal trade in artifacts to Iran, Pakistan and then to the rest of the world started in Iraqi Kurdistan; the illegal trade has grown a lot worse than under Saddam, e.g., recently 3,000 pieces on their way to Iran were intercepted at the border by customs agents; Teijgeler negotiated the closing down of the military base at Babylon with Polish, Ukrainian and Mongolian troops; at first, the Polish command didn't allow in any Iraqi archaeologists to assess the damage; Teijgeler's position in Baghdad won't be filled when he leaves.