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Sounds like his reporting needs to be taken w a pound or two of salt.

**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J [mailto:SullivanJJ@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 25, 2012 05:26 PM  
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Nir Rosen is an American journalist known for his writings on the rise of violence in Iraq following the 2003 invasion, which form the basis of his first book, *In the Belly of the Green Bird* (2006).<sup>[3]</sup> He spent more than two years in Iraq reporting on the Coalition occupation, the relationship between Americans and Iraqis, the development of postwar Iraqi religious and political movements, inter-ethnic and sectarian relations, and the Iraqi civil war.

He has regularly contributed to leading periodicals, such as *Atlantic Monthly*, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times Magazine*, the *Boston Review*, and *Harper's*. He contributed to the footage of Iraq in Charles Ferguson's documentary *No End In Sight* and was also interviewed for the film. Rosen has written extensively against the surge in Iraq, notably in a March 2008 article for *Rolling Stone*.<sup>[4]</sup>

From 2005 to 2008, Rosen was a fellow at the New America Foundation.<sup>[5]</sup> In September 2007, he was the C.V. Starr Distinguished Visitor at The American Academy in Berlin.<sup>[6]</sup> On April 2, 2008, Rosen testified before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee at their hearings on political prospects in Iraq after the surge.<sup>[7][8]</sup>

From 2008 to 2011, Rosen was a fellow at the Center on Law and Security at the New York University School of Law,<sup>[9]</sup> until his resignation in the wake of his controversial statements about Lara Logan's sexual assault in Egypt.<sup>[10]</sup>

In March 2011, Mary Kaldor, Co-Director at the Center for Global Governance at the London School of Economics had hired Rosen as a research fellow to work on North Africa.<sup>[11]</sup> This created controversy due to Mary Kaldor's involvement in the LSE Libya Links affair.<sup>[12]</sup> After two days, Rosen resigned from his position as a fellow at the London School of Economics. An LSE spokesman said, "Nir Rosen today resigned his temporary visiting fellowship at LSE—which was an unpaid position."<sup>[13]</sup>

## **[edit] Controversy**

In February, 2011 Rosen commented to his Twitter account regarding Lara Logan, Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent for CBS News, who was beaten and sexually assaulted in the February riots in Egypt.<sup>[14]</sup> "Jesus Christ, at a moment when she is going to become a martyr and glorified we should at least remember her role as a major war monger," wrote Rosen.<sup>[15]</sup> Rosen suggested that she was trying to outdo Anderson Cooper, who was attacked but not sexually assaulted just days before, and that it would have been humorous had Cooper suffered a similar assault, saying "it would have been funny if it happened to Anderson too."<sup>[16][17]</sup> Rosen later posted an apology on Twitter<sup>[18]</sup> and resigned his position as a fellow at New York University's Center on Law

and Security.<sup>[19]</sup> Rosen stated that he did not read the CBS News press release<sup>[14]</sup> to which he had linked, and that at the time of his comments he did not know Logan's assault had been sexual.<sup>[20]</sup>

## **[edit] Beliefs & views**

Rosen believes that Hezbollah is not a terrorist organization, but rather a "widely popular and legitimate political and resistance movement".<sup>[21]</sup> In April 2008, when asked by then-Senator Joe Biden what could be done to improve the situation in Iraq, Rosen replied, "As a journalist, I'm uncomfortable advising an imperialist power about how to be a more efficient imperialist power. I don't think we're there for the interests of the Iraqi people. I don't think that's ever been a motivation."<sup>[22]</sup>