

The US Lied About How Many Troops Are in Iraq--Time to Get Them All Out! 22 Years After the Invasion

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Pentagon quietly increases number of US troops in Syria, Iraq



US officials recently admitted that they were hiding the actual number of American boots on the ground in Syria, citing diplomatic and security concerns. On Monday, the Pentagon hinted that the 2,500 troops in Iraq may also not accurately reflect the number of servicemembers there.

Friday Rally and March

On Friday, March 21, just a day after the 22nd anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq, there will be an event to mark the date. The US has more than 2500 troops in Iraq, which they admitted after the Assad regime fell in Syria, but they won't say how many are there. The initial invasion in 2003 was based on lies about Weapons of Mass Destruction. In 2024 it was revealed that then-President George W Bush thought invading this sovereign nation was a "mission from God." Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis perished in the Shock and Awe, subsequent US attacks and the "civil war." If there is any question that the US intended to stay, just look to the US embassy in Baghdad, the biggest in the world.

The Iraqi government has brought in people from Gaza and Lebanon for medical aid due to attacks by Israel. There will be no peace in the Middle East until the Israel/Palestine conflict is resolved and that occupation is ended. In 2002, Congress' vote to authorize the Iraq war was driven in part by 9/11 even though Iraq had nothing to do with those attacks. The Authorization is still on the books.

After the US assassinated Iranian General Qasem Soleimani on Iraqi soil in 2020, Iraq's Parliament voted for all US troops to leave. Yet they remain. An arrest warrant remains in effect for President Trump, who ordered the killing.

The Friday Rally for Peace and Justice has been held weekly since November, 2001. Begun by Portland Peaceful Response Coalition at that time, Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group has hosted since March, 2020.

Due to ongoing concerns about airborne viruses, we ask that participants mask up and stay distanced.

*Event coordinated by Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group,
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