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The Current Situation in Iraq

In 1948 a contingent of 18,000 was sent to Transjordan soon to be Jordan to defend the annexed Palestinian West Bank.

Iraq Before Saddam

It now may appear that the First Gulf War was a kind of finger in a dike that proved to have far more cracks than one finger could remedy. Years later, Saddam would return to Al-Awja to live with his mother, but after suffering abuse at the hand of his stepfather, he fled to Baghdad to again live with Talfah, a devout Sunni Muslim and ardent Arab nationalist whose politics would have a profound influence on the young Saddam. To be frank, after a while things start to sound normal to locals.

Iraq's Disappearance From Biden's Agenda Is a Big Mistake

In addition, significant delays have been occurring in the reconstruction work that is underway and more security related bottlenecks are expected.

US Imperialism After Iraq

Ken Surin

What is the future direction of US imperialism? The strategic choices being debated by ruling elites are framed by the disaster in Iraq. And while the exact outcome remains unclear, one thing is perfectly clear: the US has been defeated in its Middle East invasion.

To properly judge the US war we must remember its original goals. A compliant pro-US government, a steadily privatized economy run mostly by US capital, 14 permanent US military bases, and a Middle East ready for regime change in Iran, Syria and wherever else the US deemed necessary. None of this has been achieved nor likely will be.

Shelby Steele from Stanford's Hoover Institution lays out the original vision in investigative terms: "Victory in foreign war has always meant hegemony. You win, you take over... A complete American victory in Iraq would put that nation... entirely under American power and oversight. We would in fact 'own' the society as a colony." (Shelby Steele, "Our Unconscious Ambivalence," Wall Street Journal, 12/20/06, p. A15.)

In fact the opposite has occurred. Rather than a stronger and more threatening presence the world has witnessed the US military unable to control the battlefield and the US government unable to direct the political course of events. Iran emerges stronger, terrorist networks more organized and the region more unstable than before the war. A failure on this scale, comparable to Vietnam, will have far reaching ramifications in US ruling circles on the role and capabilities of the US military in the decades to come. Even Charles Krauthammer, who first popularized US unilateralism, admits: "The unipolar moment is now over." ("Glad Obama," "A uniform trend? How democracy worldwide is on the back foot," FT 1/17/07, p. 9)

But if the unipolar moment is over has the globalist era fully asserted itself? For all the power of economic globalization there is a political and military disconnect. In Does world elites benevolent political violence and turmoil during a "golden period" of economic integration and success, Martin Wolf, "A divided world of economic success as political turmoil," FT, 1/11/07, p. 111 Much of this success is centered on the war in Iraq and growing protectionism. While capitalizing globalization continues open to political structure and corresponding military policy seems aimed at nationalism.

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Iraq's Evolving Paramilitaries Will Have an Impact on State and Society

That move provoked armed protest in Kurdistan and by the autumn of 1961 serious fighting had broken out in the north, engaging the army in a campaign of repression. In Constantinople the Janissaries dominated the court; in Egypt and Iraq, farther from the centre, the mamelukes achieved autonomous power.

U.S. Relations With Iraq

A Trade and Investment Framework Agreement between the United States and Iraq came into force in 2013, and a U.

The Current Situation in Iraq

While in hiding, Saddam released several audio recordings, in which he denounced Iraq's invaders and called for resistance.

The Current Situation in Iraq

These interests include not just the safety of the U.

Federalism and Iraq's Constitutional Stalemate

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