

## U.S. Now at War Against Iraq and Iran

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*On January 9th, Iraq's Prime Minister and Parliament again [ordered all American troops out](#), but on January 10th the AP headlined ["US dismisses Iraq request to work on a troop withdrawal plan"](#) and reported that the U.S. State Department "bluntly rejected the request, saying the two sides should instead talk about how to 'recommit' to their partnership." It was not a "request" from Iraq; it was a command from them; and the U.S. and Iraq relate as conqueror and conquered, not as "partners." Consequently: the U.S. Government, now that it has been so unequivocally ordered to leave, is back again, unequivocally, to its invader-occupier role in Iraq.*

The AP report went on to say that, "The request from Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi pointed to his determination to push ahead with demands for U.S. troops to leave Iraq." Again there was that false word "request." The AP report said that U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo asserted, in reply, "Our mission set there is very clear. We've been there to perform a training mission to help the Iraqi security forces be successful and to continue the campaign against ISIS, to continue the counter-Daesh campaign." Though that's the invader-occupier's excuse, the reality is that the U.S. needs Iraq in order to invade Iran, which is the U.S. Government's objective, though not overtly stated.

Already, America's assassination in Iraq of Iran's top general **Qasem Soleimani** on January 3rd is an enormous act of war against Iran. It is intended to obliterate Iran's main strategist, and this successful attack against Iran inside Iraq is a devastating first strike, by the U.S. Government against Iran.

So: now, the U.S. is at war against both Iraq and Iran.

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