

US Troops Raid Iran Consulate General in Northern Iraq

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U.S. forces on Thursday raided the Iranian consulate general in the Iraqi northern city of Erbil and arrested five of its staff.

An informed source told FNA that after breaking open the consulate's gate, the US troops disarmed and arrested the consulate's guards and entered the consulate building.

Iran's consulate general in Erbil was established upon the Iraqi government's request and for the purpose of facilitating visit to Iran by the Iraqi people.

After confiscating some documents and certain items in the consulate, the US forces left for an undisclosed place taking the arrested staff members with them.

In another case of the violation of the international law, the US troops last month also arrested two Iranian diplomats who were on an official visit to Iraq at the invitation of President Jalal Talabani.

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