

The Quagmire Continues: 14 Years in Iraq



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The US invaded Iraq on March 19, 2003. Even though most of the troops were withdrawn in 2011, they never left completely. With the US' war against the Islamic State starting in August 2014, there are now over 5000 troops in Iraq as "advisors," drone and conventional aircraft bombings, and, with the world's largest embassy, an unending occupation.

Although March 2017 marks 14 years since the Iraq War began, one also can look at January 1991– the start of "Gulf War Part 1"– as the start of what has now been over 25 years of US hostilities in Iraq. Meanwhile, though sanctions were put in place against the late Saddam Hussein's regime in 1990 to force Iraq to repay Kuwait for their invasion of that country, Iraq still has to make payments despite its dire financial and political situation.

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