

# *U.S. Army General Suggests Washington Might Send More Troops to Iraq*

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Tel Aviv, June 10 (RHC)-- The United States seems set for an increase in the number of American boots on the ground in Iraq where Takfiri militancy yet rages on despite airstrikes by a U.S.-led coalition.

On Tuesday, General Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke of "potential enhancements" to the U.S. mission in Iraq purportedly to train Iraqi forces. Dempsey made the remarks at a ceremony in the Israeli military headquarters in Tel Aviv, where he met with Israel's Lieutenant general Gadi Eisenkot.

"We've made some recommendations on potential enhancements to the training and equip mission," Dempsey said. His remarks followed those of Obama's about lack of a "complete strategy" towards ISIL's presence in the crisis-hit country.

Dempsey said an increase in the number of U.S. troops in Iraq was yet "to be determined," however reports said expansion of the training could mean sending more U.S. troops to Iraq. He further noted that the U.S. president has asked the military to "take a look at what we've learned over the last eight months in the train-and-equip program and make recommendations to him on whether there are capabilities that

we may want to provide to the Iraqis to actually make them more capable."

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