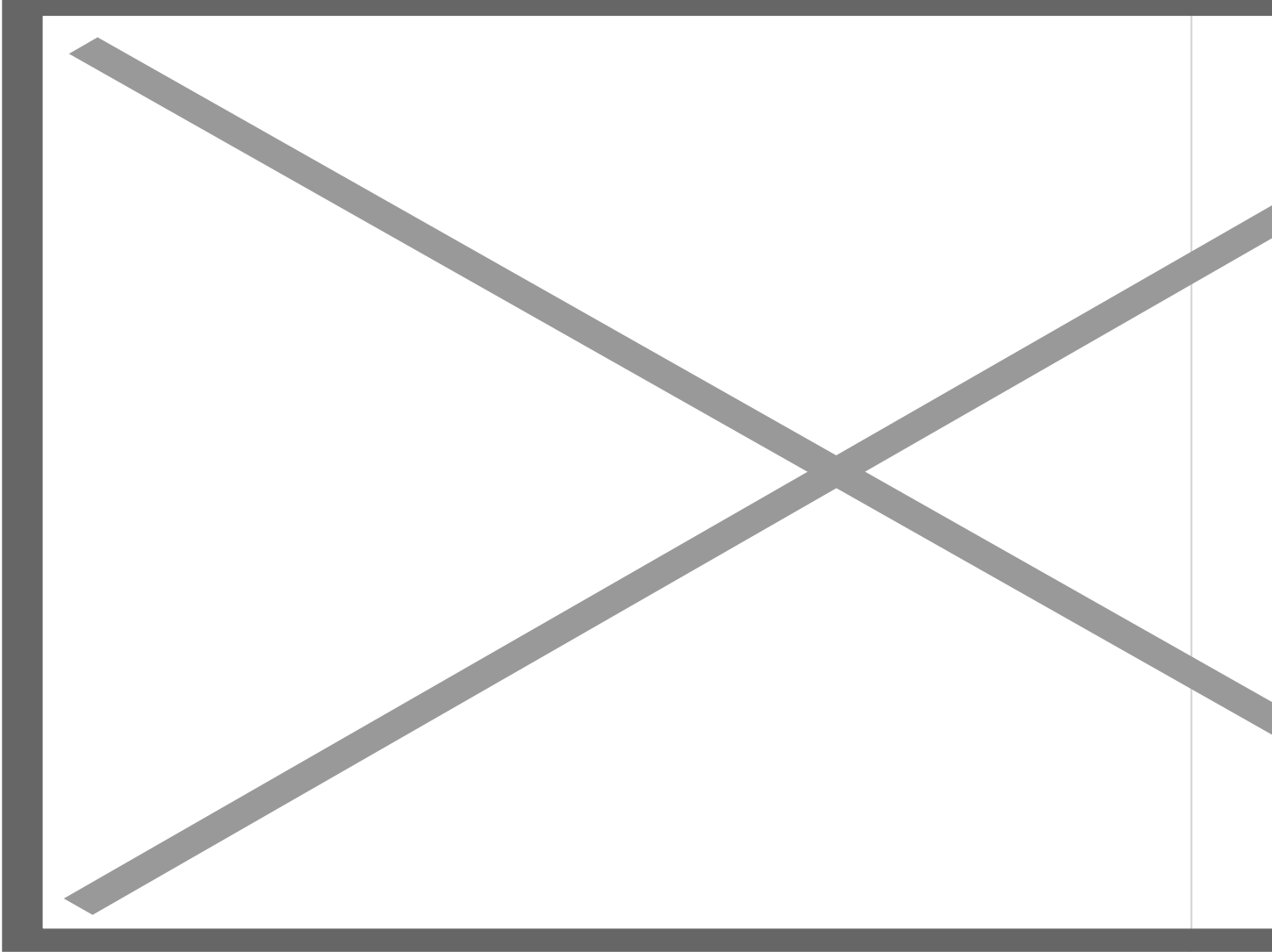


Iraq to release timetable for expulsion of U.S. occupation forces

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Baghdad, August 3 (RHC)-- A senior Iraqi lawmaker and head of a top anti-terror organization says Baghdad has set a timetable for the expulsion of the US occupation forces from the Arab country. Hadi al-Amiri, head of the Fatah (Conquest) Alliance in Iraq's parliament and leader of the Badr Organization, made the announcement in an interview with Al-Ahad TV on Saturday.

Pointing to the presence of foreign troops, including Americans, in Iraq, Amiri said, "The decision to withdraw these forces from Iraq is an irreversible decision and we will soon release a timetable for that."

The senior parliamentarian also said the issue of Gaza has become a "criterion for differentiating truth from falsehood," adding that Iraq's position on Gaza is clear and in support of the Islamic resistance.

"The blood of Martyr Ismail Haniyeh will be a trailblazer for the Islamic resistance until the victory over the Israeli regime is achieved," Amiri underlined.

Iraqi security officials said last Friday that an airbase housing the US's occupation forces in western Iraq had come under fresh attack amid continued regional uproar against Washington's unstinting support for the Israeli regime's genocidal war on the Gaza Strip.

Several rockets were launched against the Ain al-Assad Airbase, which is located in the Arab country's Anbar Province, the officials added.

Over the past years, the outpost, together with the al-Harir Airbase, which houses the American troops in the northern Iraqi Kurdistan Region, has come under numerous attacks in protest at the American forces' presence on the country's soil.

The Islamic Resistance in Iraq, an umbrella group of anti-terror fighters, has claimed responsibility for the attacks. Iraq adopted the law to expel foreign forces after Washington's assassination of top Iraqi and Iranian anti-terror commanders in 2020.

General Qassem Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, the second-in-command of the PMU, were martyred along with their comrades in a US drone strike authorized by then President Donald Trump near Baghdad International Airport on January 3 that year.

The two iconic anti-terror commanders are greatly revered for their key role in fighting and decimating Daesh in the region, most notably in Iraq and neighboring Syria.

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