

# *Former U.S. Military Chief Says War on Iraq Created Daesh Terrorists*

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Berlin, December 1 (RHC)-- The Daesh Takfiris wreaking havoc in Iraq and Syria were created due to the United States' erroneous policies that included the 2003 Iraq War, says a former US military chief.

In an interview with German newspaper Der Spiegel, retired Lieutenant General Michael Flynn, former U.S. special forces commander in Iraq and Afghanistan referred to the war as "a huge error." He told reporters: "The George W. Bush administration's Iraq war was a tremendous blunder that helped to create the self-proclaimed Daesh."

The retired U.S. military commander said: "The historic lesson is that it was a strategic failure to go into Iraq. History will not be and should not be kind with that decision."

He pointed to the rise of the Daesh Takfiri terrorist group and how the blinding emotions of September 11 led the United States in the wrong direction strategically. According to the former military chief, instead of determining why the U.S. was attacked by terrorists, the Bush administration was looking at locations to attack. "Then," Flynn said: "We strategically marched in the wrong direction."

In 2003, Bush ordered the invasion of Iraq under the pretext that former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction. In October 2004, however, a CIA report revealed that Saddam did not have any active WMD program at the time of the invasion.

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