

Quit Iraq Now

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On Aug. 3, President Obama spoke to his supporters: "If somebody asks about the war [in Iraq] . . . you have a pretty simple answer, which is **all our folks are going to be out of there by the end of the year.**"

Will President Obama act on it: withdraw all 47,000 U.S. troops from Iraq by Dec. 31?

The 8-year illegal war and occupation in Iraq has thus far **cost Americans some \$792 billion, taken nearly 4,500 American lives and killed 1 million Iraqis.**

The Iraqi government has been under intense pressure from the Obama administration to extend the U.S. occupation beyond the Dec. 31 deadline. Finally on Aug. 2, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki agreed to have talks about doing so. The U.S. wants to keep about 10,000 troops in Iraq as "trainers" and "advisors."

What is the reaction of the Iraqi people? According to Al-Iraqiya TV, **2.5 million Iraqis have signed a petition calling for U.S. troops to get out.** Even top members of the Iraqi government are saying no thanks. Iraqi Vice President Tareq al-Hashemi said that **a continued American military presence in Iraq would be "a problem, not a solution."**

Here at home, opinion polls have for years shown that **two-thirds of Americans oppose the Iraq War.** Opposition to a continued U.S. presence has also been building in Congress.

On Aug. 1, Rep. Barbara Lee introduced a **bipartisan bill H.R. 2757**, the Iraq Withdrawal Accountability Act. This bill would **prohibit the use of funds to maintain United States Armed Forces and military contractors in Iraq after December 31, 2011.**

If you want to end the Iraq war, call on Rep. Eliot Engel (845-735-1000), Rep. Nita Lowey (845-639-3485) and Rep. Nan Hayworth (845-206-4600) to co-sponsor this bill H.R. 2757, which will cut funds for the Iraq war after the end of 2011. Tell President Obama to stick to his promises and bring all the troops and military contractors home without delay or excuses.



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