
US FORCES ESTABLISH NEW BASE IN IRAQ NEAR BORDER WITH SYRIA

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Mahalawi added, The new base is close to the borderline with Syria, apparently aimed at monitoring the border to protect the US forces deployed inside Syria near the Iraqi-Syrian border.

The mayor noted that the military base is the second of its kind established in the Rumana subdistrict of Qa'im district. Another base was set up earlier this month.

Separately, Frahan al-Dulaimi, a member of Anbar provincial council, said US forces had not informed provincial authorities about the military bases.

Over 5,000 US troops have reportedly been deployed in Iraq to support government forces during the battles against Daesh Takfiri terrorists.

Former Iraqi prime minister Haider al-Abadi declared the end of military operations against Daesh in the Arab country on December 9, 2017.

On July 10 that year, he had formally declared victory over Daesh in Mosul, which served as the terrorists main urban stronghold in Iraq.

In the run-up to Mosul's liberation, Iraqi army soldiers and volunteer Hashd al-Shaabi fighters had made sweeping gains against Daesh.

Iraqi forces took control of eastern Mosul in January 2017 after 100 days of fighting, and launched the battle in the west on February 19 last year.

Daesh began a terror campaign in Iraq in 2014, overrunning vast swathes in lightning attacks.

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