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## **IRAQI OFFICIALS SAY US HELD TALKS ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL BUT BIDEN WHITE HOUSE DENIES REMARKS**

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A dose of confusion was recently dished out, as commentary from the office of the Iraqi prime minister and the Biden administrations special Middle East coordinator sent mixed messages about a potential withdrawal of American troops from Iraq.

The lack of clarity on a potential troop removal from Iraq first emerged after the office of Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi indicated in a Thursday statement that officials had discussed the mechanisms for withdrawing combat forces from Iraq with none other than Brett McGurk, who serves as the special coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa.

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