

Obama's Strategy in Counter-terrorism in the Arab Countries "with a Special Reference to Iraq"

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Synopsis

The US strategy toward the Middle East to counter-terrorism is determined by two methods. The initial method is making the right decision after exhausting all options and alternatives (diplomatic and then military instruments). Second, the US depends on the role of the security institutions and intelligence. Usually, it is not a direct military role, but the US has previously deployed American troops to Libya. These institutions are closely linked with the decision-makers who aim to enhance the US interests regardless of the interests of countries of the region. Regarding Iraq, Washington will have to rearrange the security situation. It has used ISIS as a pretext to push the Iraqi government to redeploy the US troops on Iraqi territory, especially after Obama's claim to Congress to authorize a war against the terrorist organization for a period of 3 years. Indeed, the United States sent three thousand of its military troops to Iraq as military advisors. In addition to the fragility of the situation in Iraq the US government aims to pressure some of the Gulf Cooperation Council states especially after the increasing the US - Iranian coordination.