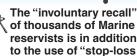
U.S. Army stretched



orders" which keep soldiers in their units after their active-duty commitment is complete. With a rotation ratio of 3:1 – three units are needed to keep one unit in the field – defence experts warn that the U.S. Army is now overstretched

U.S. troops in Iraq	138,000
U.S. troops in Afghanistan	20,000
Army (total inc. reservists) Total deployed abroad Troops issued with stop-loss 2003 2004 2006	595,950 248,500 orders 110,000 160,000 50,000
<u> </u>	186,660 50,970 to 35,000
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