

Changing U.S. troop strength in Iraq

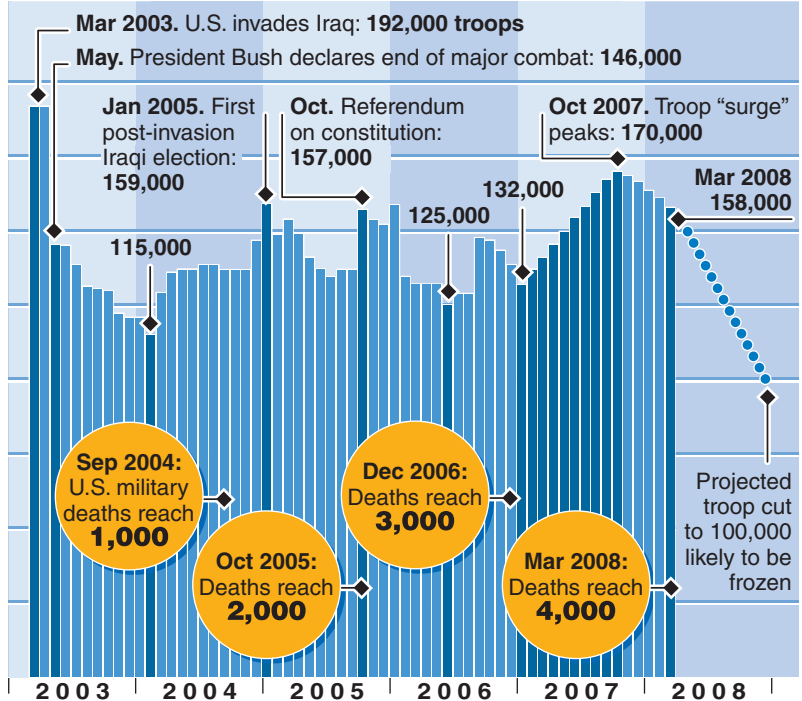
A secretive *Status of Forces Agreement* being finalised by President Bush could commit U.S. forces in Iraq for years to come. The agreement – which does not require Senate ratification – would negate Democrat presidential candidates' vows to cut troop levels within weeks of taking office



Barack Obama:
Pledge to begin troop cuts as soon as he becomes Commander-in-Chief



Hillary Clinton:
Drawback to begin within 60 days of her becoming president



Source: U.S. Defense Department

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