

U.S. to cut Afghanistan, Iraq troop levels

The U.S. will reduce troop numbers in Iraq and Afghanistan to their lowest levels in nearly 20 years of war, in a move reflecting President Donald Trump's pledge to end the country's long conflicts abroad

U.S. TROOP REDUCTIONS

■ Planned

■ Possible

Syria: Roughly 500 troops based in northwest to assist in fight against so-called Islamic State (IS)

Iraq: More than 500 troops to withdraw by mid-January, leaving force of 2,500 to combat IS

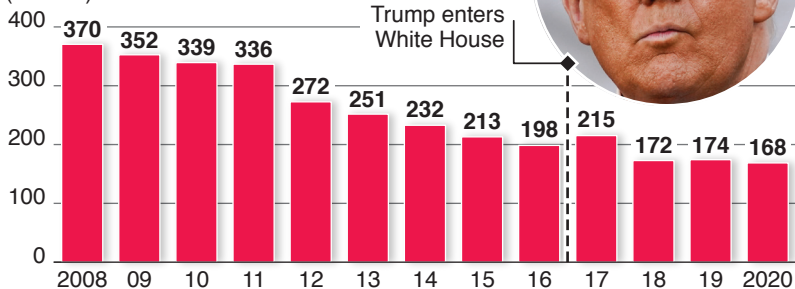
Afghanistan: U.S. to pull out 2,000 troops – leaving 2,500 to support NATO-led non-combat mission. 30-nation alliance relies heavily on U.S. for transport and protection

Somalia: About 700 troops focused on helping local forces defeat al-Shabab insurgency

500km
300 miles

U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL OVERSEAS, 2008-2020

Estimates as of Sep 30 each year
(in 000s)*



*Figures show active-duty personnel. They exclude U.S. Coast Guard, National Guard, reserve and civilian personnel, as well as troops in U.S. and its territories