

Iraq's "coalition of the reluctant"

Japan's decision to pull its troops out of Iraq further shrinks the U.S.-led "coalition of the willing" from 44 declared members in March 2003 to 26 members today. The original deployment of 25,000 personnel serving alongside U.S. forces has now been depleted by more than 10,500 troops



Date	Nations withdrawn	Military personnel	2005, Feb	Portugal	128
2004, Feb	Nicaragua	115	Feb	Moldova	Last of 24
Apr	Spain	1,400	Mar	Singapore	Last of 372
May	Dominican Rep.	302	Jun	Netherlands	1,345
May	Honduras	370	Dec	Ukraine	Last of 1,700
Jun	Norway	140 of 150	2006, Jan	Bulgaria	Last of 455
Jul	Philippines	51	Jun 15	Italy	2,700
Sep	New Zealand	61	All troops withdrawn by December		
Sep	Thailand	Last of 423	Jun 20	Japan	600
Dec	Hungary	300	Prime Minister <i>Junichiro Koizumi</i> announces withdrawal of all troops by end of July		
Dec	Tonga	44			

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