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Re: Armenian troops arrive in Iraq as part of U.S.-led Coalition

Below please find an excerpt of a report in the Financial Times regarding Armenia's participation in the U.S.-led Coalition in Iraq.



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[...] US officials have vowed to continue to push for more foreign troops, insisting that requests for help are made frequently by President George W. Bush during bilateral meetings with world leaders. Some senior US officials hope that the United Nations-backed election will be a spur to encourage new deployments.

"After this election is over, we have a chance now to, as an international community, support a new, elected Iraqi government," Condoleezza Rice, incoming secretary of state, said during her recent confirmation hearings. "And it may be a time that we can enhance the contributions of some members of the international community."

It is an effort that may have already paid off, albeit in a small way: last month, Armenia voted to send 46 soldiers to southern Iraq.

The troops arrived in the southern Iraqi town of Hilla on Friday.

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