

The U. S. Role in Iraq

Marina Kats believes that it is essential for our nation to fully support the fledgling democratic government in Iraq. Marina understands that setting precise timetables, as opposed to using clearly defined milestone objectives, to determine the schedule for the U.S. to withdrawal its troops from Iraqi soil would be a grievous mistake both strategically and morally. The enemies of the Iraqi government are also the enemies of the United States of America. Should the U.S. withdrawal its troops prior to the time when the Iraqis are: a) completely capable of governing themselves and - most importantly - b) completely able to provide for their own national security; the door would left wide open for terrorist entities such as Al Qaeda and terrorist states such as Iran to cannibalize the democratic Iraqi nation by provoking sectarian tensions and promoting a civil war.

An unstable Iraq would upset the delicate balance of power in the Middle East and Persian Gulf region that is so crucial to maintain. A premature American withdrawal would result in Iraq deteriorating into a bloody cesspool providing the perfect breeding grounds for future generations of radical terrorists hell-bent on destroying the U.S., Israel, and any other state that holds freedom and liberty as cherished values.

For these reasons Marina Kats has and will support the “Surge” that is helping us win the war in Iraq; “we must remain resilient in this theater and bring the conflict to a satisfactory conclusion by ensuring that the democratic Iraqi government annihilates the radical extremist elements that seek its ruin. In such a situation, I don’t believe that we can set an absolute timetable for the complete withdrawal of our military personnel.”

Marina Kats also understands that the cost of the war in Iraq has taken a great toll on the American treasury and she does believe that the financial cost of the war can still be offset by the sale of Iraqi oil. She supports an informal “oil for freedom” policy. The Iraqi nation has one of the richest reserves of oil to be found anywhere on earth. One way in which the war was originally going to be funded was through the proceeds generated from the sale of Iraqi oil, but this has never come to fruition. It is not too late now. Marina Kats believes that the people of the United States deserve this, and it would be especially appreciated in this era of high fuel prices and uncertainty in future oil supplies. The United States has given the Iraqi people the precious gift of freedom and exterminated a terribly vicious dictator along with his entire regime. Therefore, as part of the newly-negotiated agreement that will replace the UN-sanctioned role at year’s end, our nation deeply deserves to get some compensation for all of our many sacrifices of precious American blood and treasure to accomplish this end for the Iraqi people.

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Thus, for example, an Iraqi Air Force does not exist; it is appropriate that our armaments be purchased rather than bequeathed, as the country builds a complete military force.

Marina supports strengthening the US-led effort to stabilize Iraq, whether it is through the UN or through any other entities (such as NATO or a coalition-of-the-willing). This would include supporting Iraq's effort to hold regional elections, for such action would enhance international recognition of Iraq's achievements. As a result, it is anticipated that other countries will supplement efforts to satisfy ongoing humanitarian missions such as promoting national reconciliation, facilitating regional dialogue, and helping refugees resettle and prosper