

TABOO OPINIONS #7

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4-30-04 What does the quote below tell you?

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) - Iraqi security forces took over positions from withdrawing U.S. Marines on Friday, and a U.S. official said an agreement had been reached to allow an Iraqi security force to patrol the city and end the monthlong siege.

It tells me that after a month of huffing and puffing and threats, the American administration has caved in, demonstrated a lack of nerve, and is admitting that the 'insurgents' have won the battle of Fallujah.

We have been defeated. Because we were and are unwilling to pay the price of winning. That price is increased American casualties, increased Iraqi non-combatant casualties, Iraqi outrage, and worldwide bad press.

So now the 'insurgents' are able to come and go into and out of the city, bring in reinforcements and re-supply...

And do you believe a hastily created 'Iraqi security force' comprised of 1100 former Iraqi army soldiers, commanded by a former Iraqi army general [under the command of an American general] will be willing and able to go up against those fighters who stood off thousands of U.S. Marines for a month?

No. The 'insurgents' won. And their victory tells them and others they can take over other Iraq cities---and win!

That's the bottom line truth of the matter.

Now it's just a matter of putting the best face possible on the situation by lies, propaganda and denial and finding a good excuse for leaving.

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