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Will There Be A “Great Raid” Into Syria ?

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If CNN sources are correct, Pentagon officials are contemplating advising the president to send conventional ground troops to Syria. There are some good reasons to do that ; but if we do, it should be a short and decisive intervention with a clear goal. We don't need another long-term occupation of another Muslim dominated country.

ISIS is unique among the world's terror groups in that it has a standing army that is occupying major cities. Once that army is destroyed, ISIS becomes another band of terrorists on the run; we can live with that. The main sources of ISIS's military power are located in Mosul in Iraq and Raqqa in Syria. After two and a half years, the Iraqi armed forces have finally gotten to a point where they can retake Mosul, but the ongoing battle has gone on for months. Civilian and Iraqi Army casualties continue to mount, but they will eventually succeed in taking the city and destroying ISIS as a conventional military threat to Iraq's sovereignty. That leaves Raqqa, and the military situation in Syria is much different than Iraq..

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