

Breaking: Baghdad State of Emergency, Green Zone Stormed

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Supporters of Shia cleric Moqtada al-Sadr have stormed Baghdad's highly fortified, US established Green Zone, also home to the US Embassy, uninvited, the biggest in the world.

All staff of the Japanese, French, British, Australian, Jordanian, Emirates and Saudi Arabia Embassies have moved in to into the American Embassy, it is being reported.

Entrances have been reported sealed and tight security imposed to protect the Iraq Central Bank and other government banks, says an unconfirmed report. However, the Guardian contradicts stating that: "A guard at a checkpoint said the protesters had not been searched before entering. About ten members of the armed group loyal to Sadr were checking protesters cursorily while government security forces who usually conduct careful searches with bomb-sniffing dogs stood by the side." (1)



U.S. Embassy, Baghdad

Moreover: "Rudaw TV showed protesters chanting and taking selfies inside the parliament chamber where moments earlier MPs had been meeting."

As Al Jazeera explains: "It is the climax of weeks of political turmoil in Iraq that has seen MPs

hold a sit-in, brawl in the parliament chamber and seek to sack the speaker, stalling Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's efforts to replace party-affiliated ministers with technocrats."

The further chaos comes just two days after US Vice President Joe Biden arrived in Baghdad in a situation so chaotic for the US' puppet government that as the New York Times described it (28th April 2016) " ... the political situation in Iraq has become so fluid that Mr. Biden's team has sometimes been unsure whether officials he planned to meet with would still be in office when he arrived."

America's fortress Green Zone has been breached with thousands of protestors breaking in, with one shouting: "You are not staying here! This is your last day in the Green Zone", according to Al Jazeera (2) who reported that in Parliament: " ... some rioters rampaged through the building and broke into offices, while other protesters shouted: "peacefully, peacefully" and tried to contain the destruction ..."

Barbed wire was pulled across the road leading to the Green Zone exits: "preventing some scared lawmakers from fleeing the chaos."

The hated US imposed and fortified Zone - which was simply central Baghdad for all to wander under Saddam Hussein has finally been breached after thirteen years. Where another period of chaos will end, who knows, but meanwhile diplomats cower in the US Embassy, as factions Iraqis patience finally runs out over the tragedy and disaster that is the US and UK's illegally imposed "New Iraq."

"Iraq's are very quick to revolt", former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Tareq Aziz, told me in an interview before the invasion, listing the years and the fate of those the uprisings had been against. The decimation since has delayed a further one, but it seems it's time has arrived.

As for the outcome, updates follow. As we have wondered before in these columns, Embassy roof time for the residents and guests of the US Ambassador - again? Vietnam's spectre hovers?

Notes

1. <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/30/moqtada-al-sadr-supporters-enter-baghdad-parliament-building-green-zone>
2. <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/04/protesters-storm-baghdad-green-zone-parliament-160430120004964.html>

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