



### Timeline: U.S. Military Action in Iraq



**June 16, 2014** – The Obama administration announces the deployment of [275 military personnel](#) to protect the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.



**June 19, 2014** – The administration announces the deployment of [300 military advisers](#) to train Iraqi forces.



**June 26, 2014**- [Armed drones](#) begin flight patterns over Baghdad to protect U.S. military advisers in the area.



**June 30, 2014** – The administration announces the deployment of [200 more troops](#) to Iraq.



**Aug. 7, 2014** – President Obama authorizes the [first airstrikes](#) in Iraq “to protect American personnel in Iraq by stopping the current advance on Erbil by (ISIS) in Iraq as they fight to break the siege of Mount Sinjar.”



**Aug. 8, 2014** – The U.S. launches its [first airstrikes](#) in Iraq.



**Aug. 12, 2014** – The administration announces the deployment of [130 additional U.S. military personnel](#) to assess the scope of the humanitarian mission.



**Aug. 14, 2014** – President Obama authorizes [airstrikes](#) “to recapture the Mosul Dam.”



**Aug. 26, 2014** – President Obama authorizes [surveillance flights](#) over Syria.



**Aug. 28, 2014** – President Obama authorizes [airstrikes](#) “in support of an operation to deliver humanitarian assistance to the town of Amirli, Iraq.”



**Sept. 2, 2014** – Administration announces the deployment of [350 additional military personnel](#) to Iraq.



**Sept. 2, 2014** – Over [1,100 U.S. troops](#) are now deployed in Iraq.



**Sept. 6 2014** – U.S. launches [airstrikes](#) to defend the Haditha Dam in Anbar province.



**Sept. 8, 2014** – Between August 8 and September 8, the U.S. launched [145 airstrikes](#).