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Rep. Schakowsky: Petraeus Hints at Decade-Long Iraq Presence

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Gen. David Petraeus told a congressional delegation visiting the Middle East that success in Iraq will require

The commander of U.S. troops in Iraq, who will deliver a highly anticipated progress report next month, said

"It was pretty upbeat from his point of view," Schakowsky said. "He said he wanted to be frank and honest." The lawmaker added that she believes that the American public would "not tolerate" such a continued presence

A co-founder of the House Out of Iraq Caucus, Schakowsky chaired a bipartisan delegation of six Representatives

The delegation also included Reps. Tom Allen (D-Maine), Thelma Drake (R-Va.), Jeff Miller (R-Fla.), Jack

Schakowsky said she came away from the trip convinced that the United States was fighting the wrong war

"Because of our engagement in Iraq we can't afford to give [fighting al Qaeda leaders and a resurgent Taliban]

Schakowsky also described a meeting with an Iraqi deputy prime minister in which the official said that the

Other representatives reached different conclusions from the visit, as Republicans point to signs of military

“I continue to be optimistic about the future, continue to feel great pride in what our military has been able to accomplish,” Schakowsky said. “It will break down on partisan lines.”

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