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Abstract : The Iraqi armed had been disintegrated during the operation of invading Iraq by the United States in 2003. The problem of this study is to discover and analyze the reasons and the objectives behind the disbanding of the Iraqi Armed Forces in the aftermath of the Iraq-War 2003. The effects of such disbanding on the security of Iraq which had been left with no professional and experienced military institution. This study finds that the Iraqi Armed Forces had been disbanded not by any order, but by study finds that the Iraqi Armed Forces had been disbanded not by any order, but by the war itself and because the desertion of the soldiers and commanders from the battlefields. The lack of effective armed forces has affected the security, politics and the state building of Iraq. Several armed groups had played roles in the ethno-sectarian disputes which weakened the internal and external politics of Iraq.

Introduction

The Iraqi armed forces, which had been established in the sixth of January 1921, had been disbanded in the aftermath of the occupation of Iraq by the United States and its allies, in an order issued by Paul Bremer the administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority in May 2003. As military forces, the Iraqi armed forces should take the responsibility in protecting the borders of Iraq, provide the peace and security, and political and societal stability. The Iraqi armed forces were actively involved in the political and security life from external wars to internal involvements. Therefore, the disbanding of the Iraqi