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interested in putting the best face on the handover so of course it will play up the aspects of the Iraqi forces being under the control of and cheerfully taking US orders. Will the General really do that? I don't know. One report says some of the current Resistance fighters in Fallujah will join the Iraqi force in control of Fallujah. Does this mean these fighters have 'seen the light' and come over to the US side of things? Probably not. Does this mean the Iraqi force is compatible with at least some of the objectives of the Resistance? Probably. The recent use of Iraqi security forces against/in Fallujah shows a greater than 50% failure rate of those elements to support US military needs and objectives.

Those security forces are heavily infiltrated with Resistance members if the Iraqi Resistance is in any way competent (and they do seem to be). While US control, in the sense of giving orders to the Iraq forces and having them apparently followed, may seem to be in place when things are relatively quiet while the US is withdrawing, if things heat up again will the General (and his forces) be loyal to US or Iraqi objectives? Probably Iraqi. In a sense I suppose your question about whether or not the General and the members of his Iraqi force are collaborating with the Occupation could be ass backwards. It may be that the Occupation is collaborating with the General rather than the General with the Occupation. One way the General could indicate where he stands, not today maybe but next week or next month, is which flag he has at his headquarters - the Occupation flag or the Iraqi flag.

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