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- Growing violence by Islamic militants in Iraq such as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has caused the U.S. to increase its number of intelligence officers in Iraq. The ISIL has great territorial influence from the western Anbar province in Iraq to northern Syria.
- The U.S. has also begun to train Iraqi special forces in Jordan.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/25/us-usa-iraq-security-idUSBREA301YZ20140425>

Violence in Anbar has displaced almost 400,000 people

- Since December, government troops have been battling to take back areas of the western province of Anbar from a coalition of antigovernment tribal forces and global jihadists linked to Al-Qaeda.
- The violence in Anbar has displaced almost 400,000 people according to the International Organization for Migration.
- Source: Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty

<http://www.rferl.org/content/iraqs-rebellious-west-is-wild-card-in-upcoming-parliamentary-elections/25362109.html>

“When Iraq holds nationwide parliamentary elections April 30, it will be with parts of its Sunni west in armed revolt and amid rising fears the country could be edging toward civil war.”

Source: Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty
