

Embracing Asaib Ahl al-Haq: Pragmatism or Naivete?

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Some observers argue that the group's plans for Iraq will eventually cohere with U.S. interests, but this view ignores how its leaders are already pursuing the Hezbollah model of terrorist state capture.

On May 22, Iraqi Minister of Higher Education Naeem al-Aboudi made his second trip to the United Kingdom to discuss new initiatives for joint educational programs. The trip created pleasing images of Anglo-Iraqi cooperation, but few of the people Aboudi met likely realized that he is the cabinet member controlled by U.S.-designated terrorist movement Asaib Ahl al-Haq, a group that has killed scores of Americans and Britons since its formation by Iran and Lebanese Hezbollah in 2006...

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