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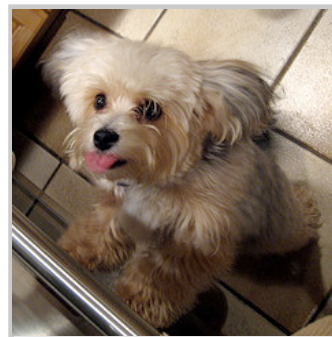
by Michael in New York on 10/29/2004 02:52:00 AM

That's Bush we're talking about, of course. Bob Herbert details the low morale of US troops in Iraq. He then quotes the work of NYT reporter Edward Wong, who interviewed many soldiers, who are bleak about Bush's claim that Iraqis being trained will soon be ready to take over major responsibilities.

"They said the Iraqi police and National Guard are unhelpful at best and enemy agents at worst, raising doubts about President Bush's assertion that local forces would soon help relieve the policing duties of the 138,000 American troops in Iraq. The marines said they could use better equipment from the Pentagon, and they feared that the American people were ignorant of the hardships they faced in this desiccated land."

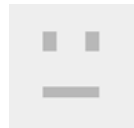


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