

Re: OT: British Army Chief calls for Iraq withdrawal

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On Sat, 14 Oct 2006 02:46:14 +0100, Eeyore
<rabbitsfriendsandrelations@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

John Larkin wrote:

Eeyore <rabbitsfriendsandrelations@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Why doesn't he quit
grandstanding and simply
launch a coup?

John

Yes, scary, it was my thought as well.
In 'olden days' the military acted (rightly or
wrongly) on behalf of our
politicians (i.e the nation) and kept their
thoughts to themselves. Loyalty
to the crown an absolute requirement.
This gobby twat should be quickly removed
from office, or better offered an
honourable discharge via his service
revolver.

Tony Blair isn't 'the Crown' yet.

Nor is the Army responsible to a narrow elitist clique within
New Labour.

Then who do they report to?

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Unlike you lot, our 'Premier' isn't the C-in-C. I believe the Queen notionally holds that position.

I don't know the precise details but I imagine they're effectively responsible to the MoD (like your DoD).

From:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commander-in-chief#United_Kingdom

The title Commander-in-Chief is rarely used by the Sovereign, but usually refers to local or service commanders-in-chief. However, it would not be incorrect to describe the Sovereign as being the Commander-in-Chief. Through longstanding parliamentary practice, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom has de facto command and control powers over the British Armed Forces.

Having said that, they behave responsibly on their own accord.

Sir Richard's remarks can hardly be construed as "behaving responsibly". Properly, he should have directed his remarks to his government instead of aiding and abetting the enemy by directing them to the media, assuring their world-wide dissemination.

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