

The U.S. has about the same number of private contractors in Iraq as uniformed service members, a new congressional report says — a history-making ratio that presents problems in keeping track of all the workers and highlights the difficulties of supporting extended military operations without a larger force.

The presence of private security companies has caused some consternation in military circles because some private guards are earning up to \$1,222 a day, compared to \$160 to \$190 earned in pay and benefits by a midgrade military member with similar skills.

**TVNL Comment: War is a racket and this one is a doozie!**

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