

Time's running out for reaching a security agreement with the U.S., and an accord is unlikely before the end of this year, Iraq's Sunni Muslim vice president said Monday.

The United Nations mandate that authorizes the U.S. military presence in Iraq will expire on Dec. 31 and without a so-called status of forces agreement, **it's questionable whether the U.S. will have a legitimate right to maintain its troops in Iraq**, Vice President Tariq al Hashimi told McClatchy.

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