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US starts with small numbers then steps up war: Activist

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Sending more than 4,000 US ground combat troops to Kuwait for possible confrontation with ISIL in Iraq is not aimed at “backstopping” US measures in the crisis-hit country but the “beginning of a new step-up” there, says author & investigative journalist Dave Lindorff.

It is “clearly preparation for something bigger” in Iraq and “probably” Syria, where the Takfiri militants are operating, Lindorff told Press TV on Saturday.

He was commenting on deployment of more than 4,000 US soldiers from Fort Carson’s 3rd Brigade, armed with heavy fighting force, who were preparing earlier to head for Iraq.

The US initially said it would only conduct airstrikes against ISIL inside Syria and Iraq along with some of its allies.

But now a “mission creep” is leading to a large-scale war such as the previous ones in Iraq and Vietnam, Lindorff noted.

“Most of America’s wars have started this way... Usually what the US does is more like what happened in Vietnam and what’s happening here”, he said, adding, they “start out with a small number” of troops who will start to fail and then they decide that they “can’t afford to lose” as “America’s prestige is on the line”.

“And it is ironic that the anniversary of real start of the Vietnam War, April 25th, is approaching just as we’re seeing this same thing happening again.”

The new deployment is of Fort Carson's heaviest force, armed with tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

According to the Colorado Springs Gazette, which initially reported the deployment on Friday, the soldiers have trained for more than a year for the Kuwait mission.

President Barack Obama has asked the US Congress for authorization of military action against the ISIL terrorists but has ruled out the possibility of a large-scale war in Iraq, similar to the previous one there or the one in Afghanistan.