

Lieberman: U.S. should weigh Iran action

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WASHINGTON - U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., Sunday said the United States should consider taking military action against Iran because of Iran's activity in Iraq.

Lieberman, appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation," said the United States should "be prepared to take aggressive military action against the Iranians to stop them from killing Americans in Iraq."

He said he was not talking about "a massive ground invasion of Iran," but he said the United States has to stop Iran's involvement in the fighting in Iraq.

"We've said so publicly that the Iranians have a base in Iran at which they are training Iraqis who are coming in and killing Americans," he said. "By some estimates they have killed as many as 200 American soldiers."

Lieberman said talking with Iran was insufficient.

"But if there's any hope of the Iranians living according to the international rule of law and stopping, for instance, their nuclear weapons development, we can't just talk to them," he said. "If they don't play by the rules we've got to use our force, and to me that would include taking military action to stop them from doing what they're doing now."

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