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**Pentagon: Insurgency FIVE Times Larger Today Than 18 Months Ago**

by Michael in New York on [6/23/2005 10:21:00 PM](#)

I watched ABC World News Tonight to see how they covered Karl Rove's remarks -- it was the fourth or fifth story after a drumbeat of bad news for Bush and was characterized as typical partisan attacks, rather than an offensive new low. (Better they'll be playing catch-up tomorrow.)

But in a related story on Iraq and the grilling of Rumsfeld, ABC News made an astute point. In trying to downplay the insurgency, the Pentagon estimated it was about 25,000 strong. Oops! In November, 2003, the Pentagon said the insurgency was about 5,000 strong. Some "last throes."



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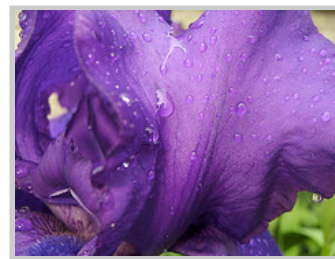
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