It's finally happening – Tony Blair is being SUED for war crimes by a Dubai-based lawyer

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Chris Turnbull 10/8/2016



Calls for Tony Blair to face justice are finally being met as a Dubai-based lawyer has announced he is to sue the former UK Prime Minister for war crimes committed during the Iraq war.

When Chilcot reported his findings it confirmed what many of us already thought about the Iraq war: Saddam Hussein did not pose an immediate threat to Britain, and evidence of weapons of mass destruction had been presented on incredibly shaky grounds. Yet despite these damning findings Blair remained without punishment, and the victims of the Iraq war remain with out any form of justice.

But that is about to change, as Nasser Hashem, an advocate from a Dubai-Cairo-London based law firm has decided to <u>launch legal proceedings</u> against Blair for the illegal invasion. They intend to prosecute him through the international Criminal Court, and the British courts.

In a press release they have stated the charges will be for:

"committing War Crimes and crimes against humanity"

They added:

"will take all the necessary legal procedures before the British courts to prove the violations and crimes against humanity that have been committed against human rights in Irag...

And:

...It is important to mention that the United Kingdom claims for human rights and world peace, at the same time violating the respect of humanity. We consider that this is contradicting and this major evidence that led to the division of Iraqis, murdering of innocent children, displacement of families and classifying the Arab countries as a source of terrorism. Consequently, we can consider that what happened in Iraq is not an invasion but it is breaching the sovereignty of state without any right for the purpose of hidden aims and accordingly the former British Prime Mister will be convicted"

If the firm successfully prosecutes Blair they will be using this as a basis with which to start a compensation claim against the UK and US governments for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of innocent people in Iraq.

The Iraq War has been described as one of the biggest war crimes since World War 2. The invasion was a defining moment in Blair's premiership, a war which was hugely unpopular with public, sparking the "million" march protests. But it had widespread support from MP's across the house. However a few choice MPs objected – Jeremy Corbyn, the current Labour leader, being one of them.

Iraq has marked out the legacy of Blair, and his brand of politics. The Labour Prime Minister was more than willing to support George W Bush in the so-called 'War on terror', as they attempted to "spread democracy".

The war in Iraq contained multiple human rights abuses, perhaps the most shocking being the use of depleted uranium ammunitions which have been linked to horrendous birth defects recently seen in Iraq.

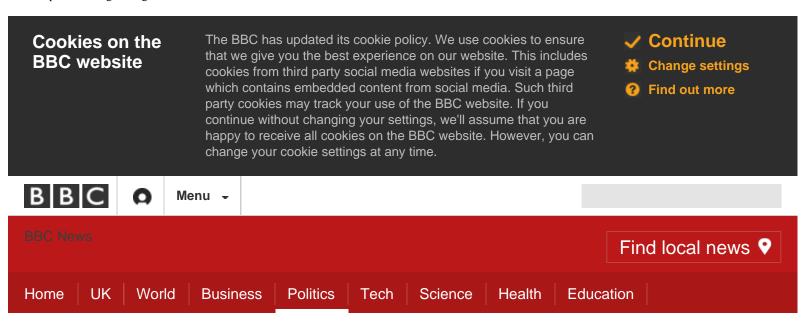
Since leaving office, Blair has gone on to work on work as an advisor for investment bank JP Morgan, and other high paid similar jobs in the financial sector. But perhaps most controversially he worked as a peace envoy to the Middle East, despite the carnage and destruction he and George W Bush unleashed in Iraq.

Hashem and his legal team are expected to announce further details about their legal action against Tony Blair imminently.

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Sir John Chilcot has outlined his findings on the UK's involvement in the 2003 Iraq War and the lessons to be learned from it.

The report spans almost a decade of UK government policy decisions between 2001 and 2009.

It covers the background to the decision to go to war, whether troops were properly prepared, how the conflict was conducted and what planning there was for its aftermath, a period in which there was intense sectarian violence.

The main points are:

Military action

- The UK chose to join the invasion of Iraq before all peaceful options for disarmament had been exhausted. Military action at that time was not a last resort
- Military action might have been necessary later, but in March 2003, it said, there was no imminent threat from the then Iraq leader Saddam Hussein, the strategy of containment could have been adapted and continued for some time and the majority of the Security Council supported continuing UN inspections and monitoring
- On 28 July 2002, the then Prime Minister Tony Blair assured US President George W Bush he would be with him "whatever". But in the letter, he pointed out that a US coalition for military action would need: Progress on the Middle East peace process, UN authority and a shift in public opinion in the UK, Europe, and among Arab leaders

Weapons of Mass Destruction

- Judgements about the severity of the threat posed by Iraq's weapons of mass destruction - or WMD - were presented with a certainty that was not justified
- Intelligence had "not established beyond doubt" that Saddam Hussein had continued to produce chemical and biological weapons
- The Joint Intelligence Committee said Iraq has "continued to produce

chemical and biological agents" and there had been "recent production". It said Iraq had the means to deliver chemical and biological weapons. But it did not say that Iraq had continued to produce weapons

 Policy on the Iraq invasion was made on the basis of flawed intelligence assessments. It was not challenged, and should have been

The legal case

- The circumstances in which it was decided that there was a legal basis for UK military action were "far from satisfactory"
- The invasion began on 20 March 2003 but not until 13 March did then Attorney General Lord Goldsmith advise there was, on balance, a secure legal basis for military action. Apart from No 10's response to his letter on 14 March, no formal record was made of that decision and the precise grounds on which it was made remain unclear
- The UK's actions undermined the authority of the United Nations Security Council: The UN's Charter puts responsibility for the maintenance of peace and security in the Security Council. The UK government was claiming to act on behalf of the international community "to uphold the authority of the Security Council". But it knew it did not have a majority supporting its actions
- In Cabinet, there was little questioning of Lord Goldsmith about his advice and no substantive discussion of the legal issues recorded

Military preparedness

- There was "little time" to properly prepare three military brigades for deployment in Iraq. The risks were neither "properly identified nor fully exposed" to ministers, resulting in "equipment shortfalls"
- Between 2003 and 2009, UK forces in Iraq faced gaps in some key capability areas - including armoured vehicles, reconnaissance and intelligence assets and helicopter support
- It was not sufficiently clear which person in the department within the Ministry of Defence had responsibility for identifying and articulating such gaps

 Delays in providing adequate medium weight protected patrol vehicles and the failure to meet the needs of UK forces for reconnaissance and intelligence equipment and helicopters should not have been tolerated

Iraq's aftermath

- Despite explicit warnings, the consequences of the invasion were underestimated. The planning and preparations for Iraq after Saddam Hussein were "wholly inadequate"
- The government failed to achieve the stated objectives it had set itself in Iraq. More than 200 British citizens died as a result of the conflict. Iraqi people suffered greatly. By July 2009, at least 150,000 Iraqis had died, probably many more. More than one million were displaced

Lessons to learn

- The report found Mr Blair overestimated his ability to influence US decisions on Iraq; and the UK's relationship with the US does not require unconditional support
- It said ministerial discussion which encourages frank and informed debate and challenge is important. As is ensuring civilian and military arms of government are properly equipped
- In future, all aspects of any intervention need to be calculated, debated and challenged with rigour. Decisions need to be fully implemented

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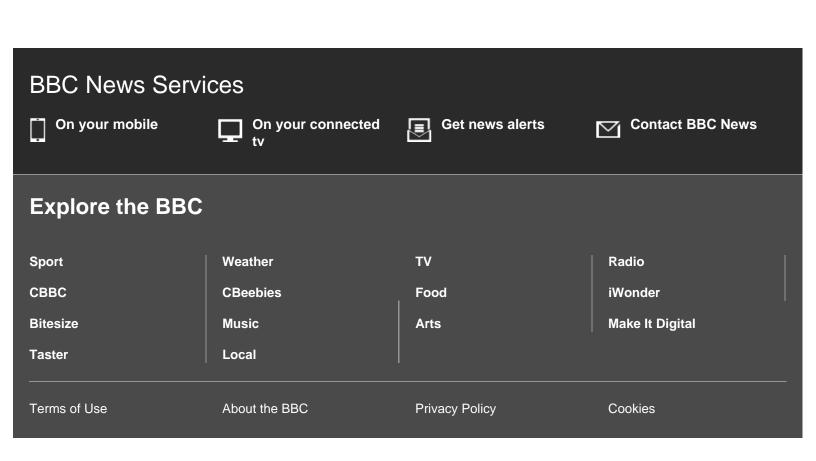
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His team will start legal procedures before UK courts against former prime minister for crimes against humanity

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Dubai: A Dubai-based lawyer has started legal action against former British prime minister Tony Blair, seeking his prosecution for committing war crimes and crimes against humanity during the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Advocate Nasser Hashem and his partners in London will register the criminal case against Blair this month at the International Criminal Court and British courts for breaching human rights and committing war crimes that killed thousands of Iraqis.

Hashem and his partners in Cairo, Dubai and London decided to take legal action against the former prime minister after the publication of Chilcot's report on the Iraq war in July. Former British prime minister Gordon Brown announced an inquiry in 2009 and the inquiry's chairman Sir John Chilcot announced his findings in a public statement in July.

Speaking to Gulf News, advocate Hashem said: "Since the results of the inquiry were announced earlier this summer, my partners [in Cairo, Dubai and London] and I have decided to take Blair to court for the war crimes and crimes against humanity that were committed in Iraq. We are taking this legal procedure against Blair since he took the decision [in his capacity as the British prime minister then] to participate with the United States in the invasion of Iraq in 2003 without the permission of the UK's House of Commons. He produced unreasonable, bogus and wrong information to the House of Commons, according to Chilcot report, and based on that information, the UK participated in that war."

Hashem said Blair falsely and unfoundedly told the House of

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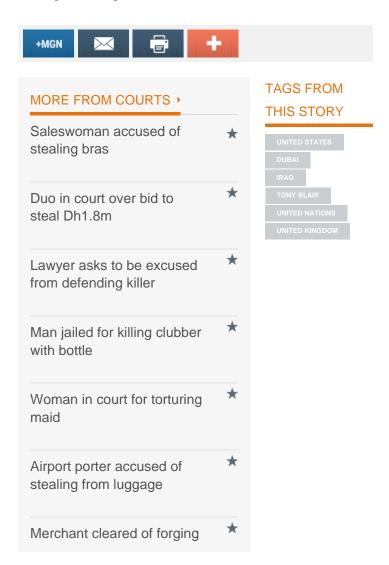
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President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Commons that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction and biological weapons before the war was launched against Iraq.

According to the Chilcot report, Saddam Hussain did not pose an urgent threat to British interests and that the intelligence regarding weapons of mass destruction was presented with unwarranted certainty. Also, the report said UK and the US had undermined the authority of the United Nations Security Council.

"Based on all the lies and allegations that Blair produced before the members of the House of Commons, the decision to go to war alongside with the US was taken. Thousands of Iraqis were killed, injured, displaced and/or shattered. Blair committed war crimes against the people of Iraq and violated human rights. He should be taken to court for the crimes he committed," said Hashem.

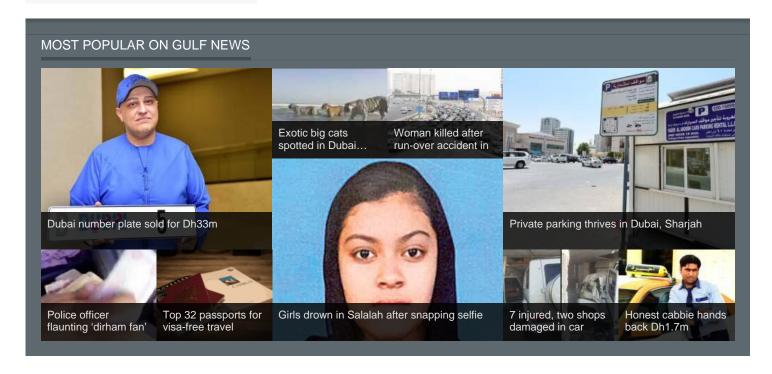
A media statement issued earlier by Hashem and his partners said: "Our office in London will take all the necessary legal procedures before the British courts to prove the violations and crimes against humanity that have been committed against human rights in Iraq and breaching the human rights that was settled by International Organisation for Human Rights and to prove the oppression of Blair against Iraq, that led to the destabilisation of the Arab countries, (and) for taking wilful decision and committing grave acts." Hashem and his legal team are expected to announce further details about their legal action against Blair soon.



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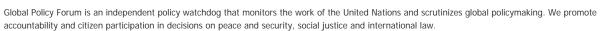
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'Million' march against Iraq war



Some marchers took hours to reach Hyde Park

In Depth Hundreds of thousands of people have taken to the streets of London to voice their opposition to military action against Iraq.

> Police said it was the UK's biggest ever demonstration with at least 750,000 taking part, although organisers put the figure closer to two million.

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There were also anti-war gatherings in Glasgow and Belfast - all part of a against the war so the worldwide weekend of say that he has the protest with hundreds of rallies and marches in up to 60 countries.

They came as UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, in a speech warning of "bloody consequences" if

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He did not "seek unpopularity as a badge of honour", he said, "but sometimes it is the price of leadership and the cost of conviction".

Shortly after he spoke, at around midday GMT, a tide of banner-waving protesters began surging through central London.

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They cheered, shouted, sounded horns and banged drums, waving signs with slogans 'No War On Iraq' and 'Make Tea, Not War'.

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Contingents arrived in the capital from about 250 cities and towns across the UK.

The three-and-a-half mile march - organised by Stop the War Coalition, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) and the Muslim Association of Britain - was started early by police, over concern at the number of people gathering.

Two separate meeting points were used before the streams converged in Piccadilly Circus and made their way to Hyde Park for a rally.

Christian message

Organiser John Rees said the turnout had been fantastic with an "electric atmosphere but also very serious and determined".

Leading the demonstrators into the park was Italian student Giancarlo Suella, 29, who held a banner reading: 'Bush And Blair, A Good Christian Will Never Kill'.

He said: "I came to England to make my point to Mr Blair, it's hard to believe what he is doing."

All police leave in the capital was cancelled for the event but Scotland Yard said it passed off almost without incident.



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but later four anti-war activists were arrested after more than 20 people held a sit-down protest at Piccadilly Circus.

The protesters - who were part of the Voices in the Wilderness UK pressure group - were taken to a local police station and the road was reopened at 2015 GMT.

Andy Todd, assistant deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said the crowd had been tolerant and patient and "the biggest I have experienced."

The police estimate of 750,000 people could be an underestimation due to people bypassing official routes or going straight to Hyde Park without joining the main march.

At the rally, Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy told the crowd he was not persuaded

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by the case for war.

With "misleading" evidence provided by the government, "it's no wonder that people are scared and confused", he said.

High profile speakers

Former US presidential candidate the Rev Jesse Jackson also spoke and led the crowd chanting "give peace a chance, keep hope alive".

Among other high-profile supporters were writer Tariq Ali, ex-minister Mo Mowlam, London's mayor Ken Livingstone, actress Vanessa Redgrave, human rights campaigner Bianca Jagger and former MP Tony Benn.

Playwright Harold Pinter made a rare public speech, saying America was "a country run by a bunch of criminal lunatics with Tony Blair as a hired Christian thug".

Hollywood actor Tim Robbins, also attending, told BBC News the crowds were "what democracy looks like".

If Mr Bush and Mr Blair ignored them "they are not rightful leaders of a democracy", he said.

There was one gesture of support for military action to remove Saddam Hussein elsewhere in London during the rally.

Writer Jacques More, 44, from Croydon, south London, stood with a placard outside the Iraqi section of the Jordanian embassy in central London, saying that although a last resort war was necessary "when evil dictators rule and murder their own people".

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Blundering Tony Blair quits as Middle East peace envoy – only Israel will miss him

For Arabs – and for Britons who lost their loved ones in his shambolic war in Iraq – Blair's appointment was an insult

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Tony Blair's time as Middle East envoy representing the US, Russia, the UN and the EU has come to an end AP

Tony Blair's time as Middle East envoy representing the US, Russia, the UN and the EU has finally

come to an end. Eight years after he took up the role, Blair tendered his resignation and left one question: how come a war criminal ever became a "peace envoy" in the first place?

The people of the Middle East – and much of the world – have been asking this question ever since Blair was appointed the Quartet's man in Jerusalem, solemnly and hopelessly tasked to bring "peace" between Israelis and Palestinians. Was his new mission supposed to wash the blood from his hands after the catastrophe of the Bush-Blair invasion of Iraq and the hundreds of thousands of innocents who died as a result?

For Arabs – and for Britons who lost their loved ones in his shambolic war in Iraq – Blair's appointment was an insult. The man who never said he was sorry for his political disaster simply turned up in Jerusalem four years later and, with a team which spent millions in accommodation and air fares, managed to accomplish absolutely nothing in the near-decade that followed.

Blair appeared indifferent to the massive suffering of the Palestinians – he was clearly impotent in preventing it – and spent much of his time away from the tragedy of the Middle East, advising the great and the good and a clutch of Muslim dictators, and telling the world – to Israel's satisfaction – of the dangers represented by Iran.

The more prescient he thought he was, the more irrelevant he became in the eyes of the region he was sent to protect. A Blair supporter once defended him on Channel 4 by recalling how he had travelled to the Middle East almost 100 times – without realising the essential irony: that Blair abandoned the region almost 100 times for more rewarding destinations.

Blair was supposed to produce more than the easy panaceas that slipped from his lips, the most outrageous of which was his contention that resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict could be easier than ending the Northern Ireland crisis. But the Palestinians have much more in common with the Irish Catholics cleansed from their lands by the Protestant planters of the 17th century than with the pitiful historical battle in the province, whose resolution proved to be Blair's only lasting accomplishment.

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If only he had resigned more than two years ago, after Palestinian leaders had themselves characterised his job as "useless, useless,". Israel, of course, would never have described him as this. Stoutly condemning the campaign for Israel's "delegitimisation", Blair talked about this as a form of bias which was "an affront to humanity" – a choice of words he never used about the massive civilian casualties inflicted by Israel on the Palestinians of Gaza.

The Arabs will now wait to see if the Quartet will repeat its folly by appointing an even more unsuitable candidate – a truly difficult task – although many in the region think the whole panjandrum must be abandoned. Eight years ago, there just might have been the slimmest chance of bringing a Palestinian state into being. Today there is none.

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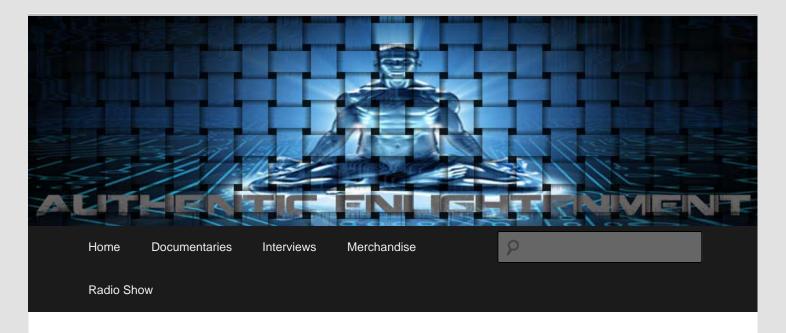
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The United States may be finished dropping bombs on Iraq, but Iraqi bodies will be dealing with the consequences for generations to come in the form of birth defects, mysterious illnesses and skyrocketing cancer rates.

Al Jazeera's Dahr Jamail reports that contamination from U.S. weapons, particularly Depleted Uranium (DU) munitions, has led to an Iraqi health crisis of epic proportions. "[C]hildren being born with two heads, children born with only one eye, multiple tumours, disfiguring facial and body deformities, and complex nervous system problems," are just some of the congenital birth defects being linked to military-related pollution.

In certain Iraqi cities, the health consequences are significantly worse than those seen in the aftermath of



the atomic bombing of Japan at the end of WWII.

The highest rates are in the city of Fallujah, which underwent two massive US bombing campaigns in 2004. Though the U.S. initially denied it, officials later admitted using white phosphorous. In addition, U.S. and British forces unleashed an estimated 2,000 tons of depleted uranium ammunitions in populated Iraqi cities in 2003.

DU, a chemically toxic heavy metal produced in nuclear waste, is used in weapons due to its ability to pierce through armor. That's why the US and UK were among a handful of nations (France and Israel) who in December refused to sign an international agreement to limit its use, insisting DU is not harmful, science be damned. Meanwhile, the Pentagon's refusal to release details about where DU munitions were fired has made it difficult to clean up.



Today, 14.7 percent of Fallujah's babies are born with a birth defect, 14 times the documented rate in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Fallujah's babies have also experienced heart defects 13 times the European rate and nervous system defects 33 times that of Europe. That comes on top of a 12-fold rise in childhood cancer rates since 2004. Furthermore, the male-to-female birth ratio is now 86 boys for every 100 girls, indicating genetic damage that affects males more than females.



(On a side note, these pictures are rather sanitized compared to other even more difficult to look at images. See here if you can bear it.)

If Fallujah is the Iraqi Hiroshima, then Basra is its Nagasaki.

According to a study published in the Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and

Toxicology, a professional journal based in the southwestern German city of Heidelberg, there was a sevenfold increase in the number of birth defects in Basra between 1994 and 2003.

According to the Heidelberg study, the concentration of lead in the milk teeth of sick children from Basra was almost three times as high as comparable values in areas where there was no fighting.

In addition, never before has such a high rate of neural tube defects ("open back") been recorded in babies as in Basra, and the rate continues to rise. According to the study, the number of hydrocephalus ("water on the brain") cases among new-borns is six times as high in Basra as it is in the United States.

This isn't isolated to Fallujah and Basra. The overall Iraqi cancer rate has also skyrocketed:

Official Iraqi government statistics show that, prior to the outbreak of the First Gulf War in 1991, the rate of cancer cases in Iraq was 40 out of 100,000 people. By 1995, it had increased to 800 out of 100,000 people, and, by 2005, it had doubled to at least 1,600 out of 100,000 people. Current estimates show the increasing trend continuing.

As Grist's Susie Cagle points out, "That's potentially a more than 4,000 percent increase in the cancer rate, making it more than 500 percent higher than the cancer rate in the U.S."

Dr. Mozghan Savabieasfahani, an environmental toxicologist based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, told Jamail that "These observations collectively suggest an extraordinary public health emergency in Iraq. Such a crisis requires urgent multifaceted international action to prevent further damage to public health."

Instead, the international community, including the nation most responsible for the health crisis (hint: it starts with a "U" and ends with an "S"), is mostly ignoring the problem.

To make matters worse, Iraq's healthcare system, which was once the envy of the region, is virtually nonexistent due to the mass exodus of Iraq's medical doctors since 2003. According to recent estimates, there are currently fewer than 100 psychiatrists and 20,0000 physicians serving a population of 31 million Iraqis.

Dahr Jamail was on Democracy Now this morning discussing the horrific effects of military-related pollution in Iraq:

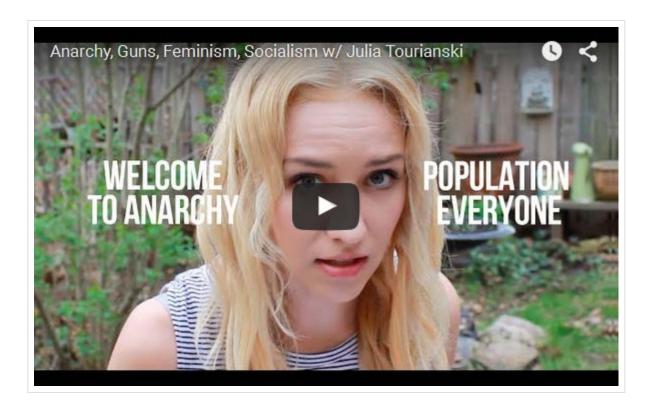




Yanar Mohammad, President of the Organization for Women's Freedom in Iraq was also on Democracy Now and addressed the toxic legacy of birth defects in Iraq.

http://refreshingnews99.blogspot.in/2013/04/iraqi-birth-defects-worse-than-hiroshima.html

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Tuan Asif on May 14, 2015 at 12:42 am said:

Amercians and british did this heinous crime to humanity in Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghans and they self Labelled themselves as the most civilized people on earth. Is this civilized?

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Anita Johnson on September 19, 2013 at 8:00 am said:

This is why I'm anti-war. So many innocent people are affected either directly or indirectly.

Reply ↓



Stereotypical White Racist on July 20, 2013 at 5:09 pm said:

So many fucking retards here. Jesus Christ. Came across this post from someone I've seriously been considering unfriending. I know he believes this bullshit 100%. I'm sick and tired of people who buy into these stories because it somehow fits their anti-government anti-establishment anti-thecountryilivein agendas. Grow the fuck up. No the world and governments aren't perfect but at least fucking do a little research. How can you just buy this shit without a second thought? Fucking people like this are the reason democracy is such a failure.

Reply ↓



Graeme Sutherland on May 11, 2015 at 8:47 pm said:

democracy IS AN ILLUSION we are run by NWO Satanists, a global masonic satanic paedophile network, that is the real leaders. Presidents are actors, in a grand scam theatre show!

Reply ↓



Suzanne Marie on May 28, 2015 at 1:14 am said:

yep



Kalar Walters
on May 13, 2015 at 11:56 am said:

"Children of American veterans face a much higher risk of birth defects than the general population, according to Birth Defect Research for Children (BDRC), a non-profit organization that provides parents with information about birth defects and support services for their children."

http://therenodispatch.blogspot.co.uk/2013/01/exclusive-birth-defects-increasing.html

Reply ↓



Nick Moore on May 13, 2015 at 11:17 pm said:

Why the hell do you honestly believe that someone would be sick enough to write this article, and then have a bunch of graphic designers come up with Photoshopped images this horrific — or worse — just to promote "bullshit"?

Fucking people like you are the reason HUMANITY is such a failure.

Reply ↓



Suzanne Marie on May 28, 2015 at 1:23 am said:

I know, right....

Adriana McBride



on May 14, 2015 at 3:04 pm said:

Firstly, nothing of value is taught in the schools thanks to govt intervention, so it's not 100% people's fault they are not using critical thinking, and where do you think these pictures came from? Photoshop...? I don't think so...

Reply ↓



lizzie (@lizardbe) on May 14, 2015 at 11:11 pm said:

keep your head stuck in the sand if you are comfortable there

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Peter Toth on May 15, 2015 at 7:56 am said:

READ! http://www.theguardian.com/environment/earth-insight/2013/oct/13/world-health-organisation-iraq-war-depleted-uranium

Reply ↓



cvbeats

on May 15, 2015 at 10:14 am said:

How can you be so stupid and close minded? Did you do your research? Birth defects in Iraq are well documented by many outlets and publications. Are you one of those people who still believes the earth is flat? Your friend should unfriend you, ya dumb ass.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/05/10/fallujah-birth-defects-ra_n_571119.html

Reply ↓



Jan on June 30, 2013 at 1:11 am said:

Would not all soldiers and journalists deployed in the area have been exposed to the fallout from these bombings also? Is there any evidence that their offspring has been affected? I think that what the US has done is deplorable in many instances, but these accusations need to be backed up with solid proof!

Reply ↓



brendan

on August 2, 2013 at 7:39 am said:

i agree there should be more facts but the bombings were meant to hit Iraqis so the Americans in general were affected on a much less severe level

Reply ↓



Kalar Walters on May 13, 2015 at 11:56 am said:

http://therenodispatch.blogspot.co.uk/2013/01/exclusive-birth-defects-increasing.html

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Stein Atle Bauge on May 13, 2015 at 7:08 pm said:

Yes there is, both US and British soldiers and their families have been affected because of the numerous friendly fire incidents. Do 1 minute research...

Reply ↓



Frankenfurter on June 30, 2013 at 12:38 am said:

This was happening even before the war guys, come on, do your research and look into it. This article is a load of crap trying to push an agenda. I'm not saying it's completely falsified, but do yourself the favor and research this issue online, the ENTIRE middle east suffers from these issues from INDUSTRIAL pollution and family genetics (a lot of inbreeding between families).

Reply ↓



Kalar Walters

on May 13, 2015 at 11:57 am said:

Maybe that "agenda" has a little meat on its bones.

http://therenodispatch.blogspot.co.uk/2013/01/exclusive-birth-defects-increasing.html

Reply ↓



Methos William on June 29, 2013 at 4:11 pm said:

holy shit, Dean, this is a sin, travesty, one of man's ugliest times that no won knew. I swear that that president, once the truth is exposed, as it has thart he made up the weapons of mass destruction and the deck of cards bullshit, no wonder they hate us. thanks man, damn i have to say that this is a low point in our history

Reply ↓

and mankind.



krystal on June 29, 2013 at 1:10 pm said:

Ridiculous that some of you people read a story on the internet and believe

everything it is saying. Wow, how easy was this to get you to talk so incredibly bad about your country while you live here under it's protection and enjoy your freedoms. They showed like 3 pictures of babies with deformities and gave you a story and you took the bait hook line and sinker. Yes, everyone is entitled to their opinion but why don't you go find out true facts before you start bashing your country and blaming your country for things you do not know they did.

Reply ↓



Nathanael Massey on July 7, 2013 at 8:33 pm said:

its the LibTARD mindset of "blame America, yet the Extremist world can do no wrong; no matter how many American soldiers or whoever have to die..Or take the fall

Reply ↓



Kimberly Kennedy on May 14, 2015 at 12:23 am said:

"we" are the extremists Mr. Massey. sorry to see you all squirming in such denial and anger at your own reflection, but the sooner you come to terms with the truth, the sooner you will begin to heal. You are living in the heart of the empire; an empire that will destroy itself from within...and your antagonizing words above only further prove the inevitability of its demise...



Kris Littman on May 15, 2015 at 3:53 pm said:

No, really, we love our country. We hate the violent, war mongering, traitorous, bigoted, religious zealots that are trying to ruin this country – you know, the folks who use incredibly stupid made up names for others rather than engaging in intelligent debate on a subject. Actually, there are a lot of countries in the middle east who love war and violence and live where religion

and belief (rather than facts and law) rule the day. You would be much more comfortable among that crowd...



Kalar Walters on May 13, 2015 at 11:58 am said:

Don't be such a nationalist. You're sounding like a Nazi.

http://therenodispatch.blogspot.co.uk/2013/01/exclusive-birth-defects-increasing.html

Reply ↓



cvbeats on **May 15, 2015 at 10:16 am** said:

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Nathanael Massey on June 27, 2013 at 7:17 pm said:

What al' Hatred conveniently forget to mention in their slander, was that the US DID NOT use chemical weapons in Iraqi.

what the conveniently forget to mention is that SO-damn-insane DID USE chemical weapons on his own people—and Chemical weapons cause birth defects

Reply ↓



Methos William on June 29, 2013 at 4:11 pm said:

bullshit

Reply ↓



Nathanael Massey on July 7, 2013 at 8:29 pm said:

is that an assumption.. or can you back up what you want to think the truth is with actual evidence

as it stands right now the only BS that I'm aware of, is the lack of evidence that you have provided to prove what you consider BS



Holly Hayes on May 12, 2015 at 5:26 pm said:

Incorrect. The U.S. used chemical warfare in Fallujah in 2004, the exact same chemical as what was used in Syria three years ago that the U.S. almost went to war with them over.

They literally admitted it, you cannot possibly deny this.

Reply ↓



Stein Atle Bauge on May 13, 2015 at 7:15 pm said:

if this insane is Syria there is no proof they used CW, it was a pretext for intervention (they were winning with conventional weapons and had

nothing to gain from CW). The use of DU in Iraq is official and the consequences well-known if you want to look.

'For some reason' the contamination has not been systematically documented but studies have been done that show the link.

Reply ↓



Stein Atle Bauge on May 13, 2015 at 7:20 pm said:

sorry, of course Saddam used CW but in a limited area and tried and tested WW1 style stuff that will not cause defects. if we go back to the Iran-Iraq war I suppose the Iranians should be in trouble if that was a factor.



cvbeats on **May 15, 2015 at 10:19 am** said:

The U.S. used depleted uranium rounds among other things. We were giving a briefing in Iraq about the dangers and side effects of this round. Yes it is true. Many vets also have health issues including the one typing this reply.

Reply ↓



cvbeats on **May 15, 2015 at 10:21 am** said:

"SO-damn-insane DID USE chemical weapons"... The he acquired from the United Stated.

Reply ↓



Self-Confidence on June 13, 2013 at 3:23 pm said:

These deformities – and rates – are absolutely terrifying. A cyclops baby without a nose? The child would never survive in this world with people calling them a cyclops. The U.S. history books teach us that the U.S. is against nuclear weapons because of the horror that was hiroshima, when really the U.S. government overall couldn't care less what it puts other countries through as long as it can paint a myth to the U.S. people that it is great.

Reply ↓



karina on June 12, 2013 at 11:23 pm said:

I'm ashamed to be American in this moment. Also, a lot of other moments when I think about the stupid shit we do.

Reply ↓

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valerie on June 8, 2013 at 3:46 am said:

Cant stand american government, they flaming well think their gods, so much for a country that reckons their so for religion, and believe in god, they go about throwing their toys out the pram when ever a country dont comply with them, over oil, minerals, their wealth, and give out so much bullshit as an excuse to enter the country to murder innocent people, rape and pillage the country, take everything from it and leave it with nothing, the uk is as bad to, people need to wake up and stop believeing all the crap their told on cnn, fox news and from them incharge, their being brain washed.

Reply ↓



Peter on June 7, 2013 at 6:33 am said:

We were afraid of Sadam and now the Iraqi's get to pay for that fear. What's the problem?

Reply ↓



Sharon Poole on June 7, 2013 at 1:02 am said:

And we wonder why there is "blowback"? Stupid arrogant humans.

Reply ↓



Moni Garcia on June 6, 2013 at 8:16 pm said:

Yo por eso no tengo lastima por los de E.U.U!

Reply ↓



Marjorie Ginder

on **June 27, 2013 at 10:37 pm** said:

Moni, la realidad es que los ciudadanos y el gobierno son dos cosas distintas. Estaria completamente de acuerdo contigo si tu comentario se tratara de los poderosos y no el pueblo.

Reply ↓

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Leo Van Cleynenbreugel on June 6, 2013 at 9:27 am said:

we humans are used to blame others.

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AGI on June 6, 2013 at 9:05 am said:

If the Iraqi healthcare system is almost completely depleted, who diagnoses all these cases of "neural tube defects"? who is doing the public health/healthcare work to ensure this is really happening? In a country as large as Iraq, with such a high birth rate, there will be cases of birth defects—they occur everywhere with certain "normal" rates, so the pictures mean nothing. If the numbers are real, then this is a tragedy, but I would like to know where they are from.

Reply ↓



Sara

on June 7, 2013 at 8:20 am said:

What an ignorant comment. Most of these detects are plain to see and there is a constant birth defect rate throughout the world. Defects go up after wars, nuclear incidents, etc. Even a layman without a PhD can notice more babies being born with extra limbs, no eyes, etc, im sure not all doctorz were killed although that was probably the intention. That war and its supporters are pure evil.

Reply ↓



Shekoofeh on June 6, 2013 at 5:02 am said:

WHAT IS POLITICS REALLY????

what should we do? what can we (non-politicians) do?

Reply ↓



phillipe on June 5, 2013 at 8:58 pm said:

Blow our buildings and your nation will suffer!

Reply ↓



Sara

on June 7, 2013 at 8:15 am said:

Phillip, you need to get better informed and stop your revisionist history. Iraq did not blow any US buildings. You are showing your racism and ignorance. The made up reason for going into Iraq was because of weapons of mass destruction that were never found. This was admitted by the government years ago. It was an oil grab and to systematically destroy the strongest military forces in the region.

Reply ↓



Dan Plesse

on June 7, 2013 at 8:59 pm said:

Phillipe who or what caused the 9/13 Molten Waterfall at WTC 1, and WTC 7 to fall? Was that 19 guys with U.S Military address?

Reply ↓



Jone on May 24, 2013 at 3:34 am said:

I believe that modern nuclear warfare plays a significant role in today's prevalence of in-vivo mutations and birth defects. If diagnostic radiation from CAT scans and x-rays is hazardous, it stands to reason that isotop-emitting bombs will have massive consequences too. HOWEVER, I think this article has abused with propaganda and with false, photo shopped images. It's a shame that nothing can be trusted that's read in media. They always corrupt the truth!!!!

Reply ↓



AoriHanazari

on June 5, 2013 at 6:26 pm said:

How are these photoshopped?

Reply ↓



boulanouar on May 22, 2013 at 9:57 am said:

لا حول و لا قوة الا بالله

Reply ↓



Nisar Ahmed on May 20, 2013 at 12:52 pm said:

Please make the American and the British people aware what has happened in iraq in their name!!

Reply ↓



Nisar Ahmed on May 20, 2013 at 12:50 pm said:

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Peggy on May 19, 2013 at 5:35 pm said:

I've seen at lease two of these pictures somewhere before and they were NOT associated with Iraq. Propaganda?

Reply ↓



Adil

on June 14, 2013 at 7:10 am said:

why dont you go to iraq and find out for yourself?

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Jamie on May 17, 2013 at 8:36 pm said:

What role did the chemical weapons deployed by Saddam Hussein against his own people play in this??

Reply ↓



AoriHanazari

on June 5, 2013 at 6:25 pm said:

It has skyrocketed after the US invasion not before. So while Hussein's

weapons did have an effect, so did US's weapons have an effect as well. $\text{Reply} \downarrow$

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martin tickner on May 17, 2013 at 1:54 pm said:

Always said it was wrong. USA ARE ALWAYS INTERFERING IN OTHER COUNTRIES AFFAIRS.

Reply ↓

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Christina on May 15, 2013 at 9:55 pm said:

this is sad. America should have to help pay for their medical problems along with the other countries that were there putting the poison out there.

Reply ↓



Ribeekah Grant (@mauvalange) on May 15, 2013 at 6:11 pm said:

OMG. This is terrible. Who is exposing this to the American people.

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ASA on May 15, 2013 at 9:12 am said:

It really amazes me to see that certain people can carry on living their lives with peace while staining their hands with the blood of millions of people! They should fear the day when all their doings is turned on them!

Reply ↓



gunners on May 15, 2013 at 2:25 am said:

America is to blame for all this. Who in the world gave America the "father of all nations" status. Why do they have to be the ones at the forefront of the so called world peace keeping. Their methods are have failed the lives of many and killed so many people in Iraq. Look what they have done in Iraq. Look what they have done in Lybia. Now their eyes are on Syria and Iran. These people are taking their interests (to be the world's most powerful nation) at the expense of people lives.

When shootings happens in America killing 12 people(e.g the colorado shooting) they cry so much and that will mek worldwide headlines. But the question is if they cry about killings in their own country why do they kill. How many people have they killed in Iraq? How many people have they killed in Lybia? How many people have they killed in Afganstan? We need to unite against this people

Reply ↓



Maria Kelley

on June 6, 2013 at 10:34 pm said:

Take your ass back to whatever country you came from, or find another country to live in. Go live in the Middle East yourself, preferably in one of the countries you just listed.

Reply ↓



on **June 7, 2013 at 2:49 am** said:

Maria, everyone is entitled to their own opinion and Gunners is doing just that, if we are not prepared to listen, accept and learn from others point of view then we are saying this behaviour of our governments is acceptable, which it is not. Unfortunately the USA is one of the most powerful countries, thus giving it a certain 'Big headedness' when it comes to sanctions and votes. And if the smaller countries don't oblige to what the ruling parties want at that time, then all hell breaks lose. Gunner does make a sad but true point with the shootings in the US. We cry at loss of our own and look for someone to blame. More than often without proof.



I am American myself. I see the horrible things that the US has done. How can you not care? And I am not a liberal, so don't start with the leftist/liberal insults – I'll just laugh.



Okay? I don't see your point in telling anyone "go find another country to live in." Do you think anyone is going to go live in another country just because you curse at them and tell them to? The U.S. government is not allowed to just deport people for disagreeing with it – this is a democracy. If you don't believe in democracy, perhaps you're the one who should go find another country to live in.

Just Dance

on June 7, 2013 at 8:16 am said:



So Saddam Hussein didn't use chemical weapons on his own Kurdish people? Gee remember that? about 5000 died and maybe this would also create some birth defects in the one's that survive.... I'm no expert but maybe it got into the water supply,.... I'm sure there's lot of propaganda on both sides as there is in all wars, but let's blame America for everything is just plain stupid

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Truth on May 14, 2013 at 5:58 pm said:

ya blame it all on bush and cheney. its our fucked up societies fault. look at Hiroshima. can you blame that on them to?

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on May 16, 2013 at 11:16 pm said:

Japan started the war with us, we didn't want it. It was different, different times, and government.

Reply ↓



Ali Cat

on **June 7, 2013 at 8:25 am** said:

Are you sure about that?

Or was it all neatly retold for the glory of the US His-story? The NWO plot spans many generations of 'Old Money' families who pass on power and wealth to their children, in exchange for their burnt miserable souls.

Perhaps any country who goes up against the US, France or the UK has reason. They are most likely just trying to stand up to

the school yard bullies!

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Nina on April 12, 2013 at 6:53 pm said:

Iraq War,it's totaly Mistake. This is Bush & Cheny's Plan for Oil. We destroyed Iraq & we lost so many Man & Women Soldiers of America. Who Gain? Two Bush & Cheny. We need justice about this,we didn't find any Nuclear in Iraq. Why???

Reply ↓



Paul Mitford

on May 13, 2013 at 5:38 am said:

Nina, Bush, Cheney, Rice and Rumsfeld should be made to live the rest of their lives in Iraq, in Fallujah.

Reply ↓



Ananda

on May 14, 2013 at 2:03 am said:

agreed...



Be Rea

on February 7, 2014 at 6:36 am said:

and don't ferget Hillary



Nina, it wasn't just about oil... until Americans and the rest of the world learn about the financial ponzee scheme established at the Breton-Woods agreement of 1944 in New Hampshire that is kept in place by the military of NATO countries the whole world is liable to fall for the same "let's give democracy to these oppressed people using bombs" logic that has caused so much bloodshed and misery in Iraq, Llbya, and soon to be Syria/Iran. Please, everybody needs to do their own research on a few terms: "petro-dollar", "new world order", and "money masters."

I noticed on this website their is a section called "Obama-birther nonsense"... unfortunately President Obama is complacent in all of this and is only allowed to keep his office because he is cooperative with the real powers that be that are behind the Federal Reserve. (don't believe me?... do some research into it) The sooner my brothers and sisters on the so-called "left" wake up and stop wasting their time protecting a faker the sooner we can come together as a people to call for the changes that need to happen to heal this country and the world.

Reply ↓



David Sautner on May 15, 2013 at 4:41 pm said:

My sense is that the intent of the Power Elite was/is to reduce through extermination 7 billion humans to a population of 500,000 through infanticide and genocide. These pictures illustrate their intent to rule "by any means necessary" through the annihilation of consciousness. We as a people should use these photographs the Power Elite's capacity for wickedness and Satanic cruelty.

Anthon



So very TRUE. The FEDERAL RESERVE is correct. BUT, please specify who and what this EVIL FORCE is behind the Federal reserve as the Atheist Zionists who also KILLED FFK for not going along with the Zionist LOBBY who is BEHING all the FILTH in the world today. EVIL.



Paradoxical Intellectual on May 17, 2013 at 6:04 pm said:

the people that benefited the most was the centralized banking system.

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Tony Blair's time as Middle East envoy representing the US, Russia, the UN and the EU has finally

come to an end. Eight years after he took up the role, Blair tendered his resignation and left one question: how come a war criminal ever became a "peace envoy" in the first place?

The people of the Middle East – and much of the world – have been asking this question ever since Blair was appointed the Quartet's man in Jerusalem, solemnly and hopelessly tasked to bring "peace" between Israelis and Palestinians. Was his new mission supposed to wash the blood from his hands after the catastrophe of the Bush-Blair invasion of Iraq and the hundreds of thousands of innocents who died as a result?

For Arabs – and for Britons who lost their loved ones in his shambolic war in Iraq – Blair's appointment was an insult. The man who never said he was sorry for his political disaster simply turned up in Jerusalem four years later and, with a team which spent millions in accommodation and air fares, managed to accomplish absolutely nothing in the near-decade that followed.

Blair appeared indifferent to the massive suffering of the Palestinians – he was clearly impotent in preventing it – and spent much of his time away from the tragedy of the Middle East, advising the great and the good and a clutch of Muslim dictators, and telling the world – to Israel's satisfaction – of the dangers represented by Iran.

The more prescient he thought he was, the more irrelevant he became in the eyes of the region he was sent to protect. A Blair supporter once defended him on Channel 4 by recalling how he had travelled to the Middle East almost 100 times – without realising the essential irony: that Blair abandoned the region almost 100 times for more rewarding destinations.

Blair was supposed to produce more than the easy panaceas that slipped from his lips, the most outrageous of which was his contention that resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict could be easier than ending the Northern Ireland crisis. But the Palestinians have much more in common with the Irish Catholics cleansed from their lands by the Protestant planters of the 17th century than with the pitiful historical battle in the province, whose resolution proved to be Blair's only lasting accomplishment.

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If only he had resigned more than two years ago, after Palestinian leaders had themselves characterised his job as "useless, useless". Israel, of course, would never have described him as this. Stoutly condemning the campaign for Israel's "delegitimisation", Blair talked about this as a form of bias which was "an affront to humanity" – a choice of words he never used about the massive civilian casualties inflicted by Israel on the Palestinians of Gaza.

The Arabs will now wait to see if the Quartet will repeat its folly by appointing an even more unsuitable candidate – a truly difficult task – although many in the region think the whole panjandrum must be abandoned. Eight years ago, there just might have been the slimmest chance of bringing a Palestinian state into being. Today there is none.

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'Million' march against Iraq war



Some marchers took hours to reach Hyde Park

In Depth Hundreds of thousands of people have taken to the streets of London to voice their opposition to military action against Iraq.

> Police said it was the UK's biggest ever demonstration with at least 750,000 taking part, although organisers put the figure closer to two million.

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There were also anti-war gatherings in Glasgow and Belfast - all part of a against the war so the worldwide weekend of say that he has the protest with hundreds of rallies and marches in up to 60 countries.

They came as UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, in a speech warning of "bloody consequences" if

Iraq was not confronted, directly addressed those marching.

backing of his people Francesca Morrison Click here for

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pictures and more opinions from the march

He did not "seek unpopularity as a badge of honour", he said, "but sometimes it is the price of leadership and the cost of conviction".

Shortly after he spoke, at around midday GMT, a tide of banner-waving protesters began surging through central London.

■■ OPEN IN NEW WINDOW: Anti-war protests

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They cheered, shouted, sounded horns and banged drums, waving signs with slogans 'No War On Iraq' and 'Make Tea, Not War'.

The BBC's Matt Prodger "The threat of war remains as strong as ever"

Reverend Jesse Jackson "We must choose peace"

Charles Kennedy, Liberal Democrat leader:

"Today across the world the people are speaking"



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Contingents arrived in the capital from about 250 cities and towns across the UK.

The three-and-a-half mile march - organised by Stop the War Coalition, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) and the Muslim Association of Britain - was started early by police, over concern at the number of people gathering.

Two separate meeting points were used before the streams converged in Piccadilly Circus and made their way to Hyde Park for a rally.

Christian message

Organiser John Rees said the turnout had been fantastic with an "electric atmosphere but also very serious and determined".

Leading the demonstrators into the park was Italian student Giancarlo Suella, 29, who held a banner reading: 'Bush And Blair, A Good Christian Will Never Kill'.

He said: "I came to England to make my point to Mr Blair, it's hard to believe what he is doing."

All police leave in the capital was cancelled for the event but Scotland Yard said it passed off almost without incident.



There were a handful of Click here to see UK arrests for minor mostly protests in pictures public order offences,

but later four anti-war activists were arrested after more than 20 people held a sit-down protest at Piccadilly Circus.

The protesters - who were part of the Voices in the Wilderness UK pressure group - were taken to a local police station and the road was reopened at 2015 GMT.

Andy Todd, assistant deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said the crowd had been tolerant and patient and "the biggest I have experienced."

The police estimate of 750,000 people could be an underestimation due to people bypassing official routes or going straight to Hyde Park without joining the main march.

At the rally, Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy told the crowd he was not persuaded

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by the case for war.

With "misleading" evidence provided by the government, "it's no wonder that people are scared and confused", he said.

High profile speakers

Former US presidential candidate the Rev Jesse Jackson also spoke and led the crowd chanting "give peace a chance, keep hope alive".

Among other high-profile supporters were writer Tariq Ali, ex-minister Mo Mowlam, London's mayor Ken Livingstone, actress Vanessa Redgrave, human rights campaigner Bianca Jagger and former MP Tony Benn.

Playwright Harold Pinter made a rare public speech, saying America was "a country run by a bunch of criminal lunatics with Tony Blair as a hired Christian thug".

Hollywood actor Tim Robbins, also attending, told BBC News the crowds were "what democracy looks like".

If Mr Bush and Mr Blair ignored them "they are not rightful leaders of a democracy", he said.

There was one gesture of support for military action to remove Saddam Hussein elsewhere in London during the rally.

Writer Jacques More, 44, from Croydon, south London, stood with a placard outside the Iraqi section of the Jordanian embassy in central London, saying that although a last resort war was necessary "when evil dictators rule and murder their own people".

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World In pictures: UK's anti-war England protests

People from across the United Kingdom Wales and Ireland have been out in their Politics thousands to support a day of anti-war Business marches. More than half a million people Entertainment converged on London, while other cities, Science/Nature including Dublin and Glasgow, hosted their Technology own demonstrations.



About 25,000 people rallied outside the Labour party conference in Glasgow



Anti-war demonstrators included Bob Crow, general secretary of the RMT and writer Tariq Ali



Muslim women joined a multi-cultural throng of protesters

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Anti-war protesters dressed as Tony Blair and George Bush march down London's Whitehall





The message on banners was plain and simple



About 100,000 protesters gathered in Dublin



It took hours for marchers to make their way to a rally at London's Hyde Park

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The Iraq vote: one year on

On March 18 last year MPs voted to back Tony Blair's mission to use military means to 'ensure the disarmament of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction'. It was a debate which split the Labour party, and divided the country.

One year on, its consequences are still being felt. British troops remain in Iraq, controversy still surrounds the legality of military action and the issue continues to undermine the government's attempts to focus on domestic reforms.

The vote itself also set parliamentary precedent. Never before had a British government sought prior approval for military action. Many involved that day believe one will not be able to embark on military action again without MPs' approval.

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The agony of decision

March 18 2004, Oliver King: MPs have viewed every development regarding the Iraq war through the prism of their vote that day.

MPs who voted for the war



Michael Ancram, shadow foreign secretary
'We were not supporting the prime minister, we
were supporting something which was right.'
Michael Ancram's Commons speech



Ann Clwyd, human rights envoy to Iraq
'To be rid of Saddam has got to be better than
anything else.'
Ann Clwyd's Commons speech on Iraq



Colin Pickthall, PPS to Jack Straw
'It was probably the worst day of my life, never mind my parliamentary career.'

MPs who voted against the war



John Denham, former home office minister
"I decided I was going to resign at 2.30am."
John Denham's Commons resignation speech



<u>Jeremy Corbyn, Labour backbencher</u>
'The day was fascinating for its intensity - the numbers of people outside, the passion.'

Alex Salmond, SNP Westminster leader

'The atmosphere on the day outside Westminster was so charged, so electric.'



Alex Salmond's Commons speech



Michael Moore, Lib Dem deputy foreign spokesman

'The tension in the place was very real, everyone felt the adrenaline.'

Michael Moore's Commons speech

The motion

The Commons emergency motions on Iraq

The government's motion and rebel amendments for the March 18 2003 Iraq debate.

The speeches

Full text: Tony Blair's speech

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A day for whips, knives and arm-twisting

March 19 2003: MPs jockey for position in run-up to crucial vote.

'The US takes on responsibilities others shirk'

March 19 2003: William Hague prompted laughter on all sides of the house when he mocked Charles Kennedy and Clare Short for inconsistent behaviour over Iraq.

'Our prime minister has been ill served by the US'

March 19 2003: Britain and the US would create a dangerous precedent which would place the stability of the world at risk by launching a pre-emptive attack against Iraq, the former Home Office minister, John Denham, warned.

Wrong war, wrong time, wrong enemy, warns Labour rebel

March 19 2003: Duncan Smith and Kennedy clash after Tory leader backs Blair and questions Lib Dem reservations.

Our comment and analysis

PM goes over the top and survives skirmish in no man's land

March 19 2003, Simon Hoggart: It was by far the most important speech he has ever made, and somehow, from somewhere, Tony Blair managed to dredge up undiscovered reserves of energy, to find that last can of petrol in the trunk.

History's verdict

March 19 2003, Guardian leader: MPs lose on the war but win a battle.

The vote

Blair battles on after record rebellion

March 19 2003: 139 Labour MPs in record revolt - but government still wins mandate for war.

MPs who voted against Blair

March 19 2003: Full list of anti-war MPs in last night's vote.

MPs for turning

March 19 2003: The Labour MPs who switched sides in last

night's Iraq vote.

Resignations

Commons ovation for Robin Cook as he quits cabinet and rounds on Blair and United States

March 18 2003: Robin Cook last night let rip months of frustration with Tony Blair's Iraq policy when he used his cabinet resignation speech to warn colleagues that "history will be astonished at the diplomatic miscalculations" which now look certain to bring war in a matter of days.

Home Office minister leads handful of government resignations

March 19 2003: John Denham, the Home Office minister, last night headed a surprisingly small number of resignations from the government.

Sixth aide resigns over Iraq

March 19 2003: A sixth ministerial aide today confirmed he had quit the government over the Iraq crisis, saying he did not think there was sufficient international backing for a war.

Short's u-turn: 'It would be cowardly to quit'

March 19 2003: Clare Short's decision to stay in government was greeted with grateful relief by ministers yesterday as they braced themselves for last night's Commons rebellion.

Outside the Commons

Trust Tony's judgment

March 18 2003, Bill Clinton: If a majority of the security council had adopted the Blair approach, Saddam would have had no room for evasion and might have disarmed without bloodshed.

Cherie Blair ends taboo by canvassing MPs

March 19 2003: Cherie Blair's phone calls to select friends in the parliamentary Labour party attempting to persuade them to back the government illustrate the new role she has carved out for herself as the prime ministerial spouse.



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