

What are you going to do?



The person above has been burned to death. The photo was taken in 1991 as this man, probably a conscripted soldier, was retreating from Kuwait City, back to his home and family, *after the war*. As he travelled back to the family he was forced to leave by Saddam Hussein, American pilots bombed him and thousands of other retreating soldiers and civilians, burning them all to death.

Blair and Bush tell us that the war they want to start in Iraq is all about freedom and ending world terrorism. They tell us that Iraq is a world threat. They want you to think that "Iraq" is the same as "Saddam Hussein". They want you to forget that any war in Iraq is going to kill thousands of Iraqi people. People like you and your family. What are you going to do about it?

This is what Bush and Blair want you to forget:

- The bombing of the Al-Amiriya bunker, killing about 400 women and children. Here's an eyewitness description from a western journalist:
"Nearly all the bodies were charred into blackness; in some cases the heat had been so great that entire limbs were burned off. Among the corpses were those of at least six babies and ten children, most of them so severely burned that their gender could not be determined. Rescue workers collapsed in grief, dropping corpses; some rescuers vomited from the stench of the still smouldering bodies."
- British and American planes bombed civilian installations such as water treatment plants; schools; hospitals; gas and electricity generators. The Clark commission concluded that these attacks had violated the Geneva Convention which bans countries from attacking that which the civilian population needs to survive.



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- Approximately 1.8 million Iraqi civilians have died since the war because of US and UK actions. HALF A MILLION of these people have been aged under five years old. The US Secretary of State said that she thought that 'the price is worth it'. Try and picture FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND mothers crying over their dead babies. Worth it?
- During the Gulf War, the US and UK dropped enough bombs on Iraq to equal seven Hiroshimas. Most of these were old fashioned, hideously inaccurate bombs. Here's another western journalist:

'After 20 minutes of this carpet bombing, there would be a silence and you would hear the screaming of children and people, and then the wounded would be dragged out. I found myself with everyone else trying to treat the injuries, but the state of people generally was one of pure shock. They were walking around like zombies.'
- Two days before the end of the war. American soldiers were kept busy at night. They drove bulldozers and buried Iraqi troops alive in their trenches. Not one of these vehicles was hit by enemy fire!

What CAN you do?

Get involved with the anti-war effort. There are many opportunities to act or offer your support. Get involved in direct action at Shannon airport. Protest against the refuelling of U.S. aeroplanes there. Write to your MP/TD and tell them to warn the government that you don't support its plans to kill more Iraqi citizens. Don't let the MP/TD fob you off with their opinion. They get thousands of euro a year to represent YOU and YOUR opinion!

You can stop the needless deaths of thousands of people. The pressure is on the politicians who have been lying to you about the danger of Iraq, but they are fighting back. They have been trying to trick you into thinking that the Iraqi people are the same as Saddam Hussein. They want you to forget that the Iraqi people are mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, husbands, wives, friends and neighbours. They want you to agree to their plans to murder these people or, at least, not to complain about it too much.



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