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I believe George W. said he was planning a war on Terrorism prior the war, and you can't add humanitarian reasons to the list? man...maybe we shoulda just stayed out of the European Theatre in WWII then, because Hitler wasnt an immediate threat to us. No ties to terrorism:

<http://www.cfr.org/publication.php?id=7702>  
"CFR Publications" What kind of support has Iraq given terrorists?

Safe haven, training, and financial support. In violation of international law, Iraq has also sheltered specific terrorists wanted by other countries, reportedly including:

- \* Abu Nidal, who, until he was found dead in Baghdad in August 2002, led an organization responsible for attacks that killed some 300 people.
- \* Palestine Liberation Front leader Abu Abbas, who was responsible for the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro cruise ship in the Mediterranean. Abbas was captured by U.S. forces April 15.
- \* Two Saudis who hijacked a Saudi Arabian Airlines flight to Baghdad in 2000.
- \* Abdul Rahman Yasin, who is on the FBI's "most wanted terrorists" list for his alleged role in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

Iraq has also provided financial support for Palestinian terror groups, including Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the Palestine Liberation Front, and the Arab Liberation Front, and it channeled money to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers. In April 2002, Iraq increased the amount of such payments from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Experts say that by promoting Israeli-Palestinian violence, Saddam may have hoped to make it harder for the United States to win Arab support for a campaign against Iraq.

"CFR Publications" What ties have been alleged between Iraq and al-Qaeda?

In October 2002, CIA Director George Tenet announced that the CIA had received uncorroborated reports that:

- \* Senior-level contacts between Iraq and al-Qaeda stretch back a decade.
- \* Iraq and al-Qaeda have discussed the provision of safe havens and reciprocal nonaggression.
- \* Iraq has provided training to al-Qaeda members in chemical weapons and conventional explosives.
- \* Al-Qaeda leaders have tried to cultivate contacts in Iraq who could help them acquire weapons of mass destruction.
- \* Some al-Qaeda members who fled Afghanistan took refuge in Baghdad and elsewhere in Iraq.