
Subject: Re: After Downing Street

Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Wed, 29 Jun 2005 19:31:00 GMT

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Doitle wrote on Wed, 29 June 2005 15:09 Yes I beleive he was a threat, yes I beleive they were harboring terrorists, yes I beleive they had WMDs. We have a real government, we don't need an inquiry. Who the hell cares what the reasoning was. We are in Iraq. Iraq has a new government. Everything is peachy. I tell you we'd probably be years ahead of our time if it wasn't for all the whiners. We'd have cured cancer and colonized another planet probably. We're always held back though by everyone bitching and complaining. I am an American citizen. I don't care if their mission statement changed.

How was Saddam a threat, which terrorists were they harboring, and why do you believe they had WMDs? BTW, are you suggesting the ends justify the means?

gbullI 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>

Hitler was an immediate threat to us, though, what with his being allied with Japan, Japan attacking us, and his attacking other countries in order to occupy them and kill non-Aryans. Saddam wasn't doing that.

gbull"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.

So Saddam paid an unsubstantiated amount of money in \$25,000 increments to an unknown number of suicide bombers who would attack Israeli frontier villages? How is that an imminent threat to the U.S. again?

*: "Reportedly" by who? Is this a case of "someone said Saddam supported these guys?"

"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.

These are uncorroborated reports. That means no evidence other than someone said it, basically. I can make an uncorroborated allegation that Sensen Brenner is a five-headed space alien, but that doesn't make it true.

Oh, and you both seem to have avoided the majority of my post. Are you conceding those points to me?
