

**OIL WARS**  
**EPISODE II**  
**CLONE OF THE ATTACK**

**INFO BOOKLET**

The United Nations is charged with the collective task of securing peace, justice and prosperity for the nations of the world. Both the US and Britain, the prime movers pushing for a war with Iraq, are currently attempting to bribe and cajole other members of the UN into supporting an attack on Iraq.

If some or a majority of the UN bends to this pressure, they are serving an injustice not just on the people of Iraq, but on the people of this planet, for they will be defying the wishes of the inhabitants of this planet and defying their own charter.

# United Nations Charter



**WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DETERMINED**  
To save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.....  
To reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of nations large and small.....

## AND FOR THESE ENDS

**To practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and**  
**To unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and**  
**To ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and**  
**To employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,**

## INTRODUCTION

In 1991 George Bush Senior invaded Iraq under the pretext of saving Kuwait from invasion. More than 100,000 Iraqi people died during this war and 90,000 have died each year since as a result of US supported sanctions.

In 2003, George Bush Junior wants to invade Iraq because he claims that Saddam Hussein is holding weapons of mass destruction and defying United Nations resolutions.

However the real reason for both of these wars is the exact same:- control of Iraq's lucrative oil fields. Nothing more, nothing less.

It is an Oil war and a clone of the first attack.

When we examine what the United States claims are its reasons for pushing ahead with military action some interesting facts are uncovered.

- The US military possesses the largest stockpile of weapons of mass destruction ever compiled in the history of mankind and all the while continue to develop even more devastatingly effective killing machines. In fact \$355 billion will this year be wasted by George Bush on war material. These weapons will be used to slaughter 1000's of Iraqi's in the coming months.
- The only difficulty the US has with weapons of mass destruction is that they can't get enough of them, particularly chemical and nuclear weapons. Agent Orange was used to devastating affect in Vietnam during the US's intervention in that country and was responsible for the deaths of untold numbers of people.
- Saddam is a tyrant however when it was in America's interest to cosy up to Hussein, there current hostility was nowhere to be seen. Not only did senior US administration figures visit their newfound enemy, they in fact supplied him with many of the weapons that Saddam has used to kill with.

More and more the USA and Britain are becoming involved in 'Resource Wars'. Wars whose primary objective is to gain control of the resources of another nation; whether they be oil, gold, labour or some other product that has a monetary value.

Irish republicans have always stood by the people of the world who have been opposed to this type of imperialism. We again stand by the millions world-wide opposed to this latest act of illegal, immoral by George Bush, Tony Blair and their cronies.

# REMEMBER TO FORGET

A few months ago, George Bush was telling an audience in Cincinnati about "nuclear holy warriors". Forget for a moment that we still can't prove Saddam Hussein has nuclear weapons. Forget that that particular Bush speech was just a re-hash of all the "ifs" and "buts" and "coulds" that have been spurted out already

We've got to fight "nuclear holy warriors". That's what we have to do to justify the whole charade through which the White House and Downing Street, is now taking us.

Remember to use the word "terror". Use it about Saddam Hussein, use it about Yasser Arafat, and use it about anyone who opposes America's foreign policy. Bush used it in that particular speech 30 times in half an hour - that's 1 "terrorism" a minute.

But now let's list exactly what we must forget if we are to support this madness. Most important of all, we absolutely must forget that former US president Ronald Reagan dispatched a special envoy to meet Saddam Hussein in December 1983. It's essential to forget this for three reasons.

- **Firstly, because Saddam was already using gas during the Iran/Iraq war - which is one of the reasons why the US is now supposed to go to war with him.**
- **Secondly, because there was a special envoy sent to Iraq to arrange the re-opening of the US embassy - in order to secure better trade and economic relations with the Butcher of Baghdad.**
- **Thirdly, because the envoy was - wait for it - current US Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld. Now you might think it strange that Mr Rumsfeld, in the course of one of his folksy press conferences, hasn't mentioned anything about this interesting tit-bit. You might think he would have wished to enlighten us about the evil nature of the criminal with whom he so warmly shook hands. But no.**

Strangely, Mr Rumsfeld is silent about this. As he is about his subsequent and equally friendly meeting with Tariq Aziz, the Deputy President of Iraq - which just happened to take place on the day in March, 1984, that the UN



released its damning report on Saddam's use of poison gas against Iran. The American media are silent about this too, of course. Because we must forget.

We must forget, too, that in 1988, as Saddam destroyed the people of Halabja, Northern Iraq, with gas, along with tens of thousands of other Kurds - when he "used gas against his own people" in the words of Messrs Bush/Cheney/Blair etc-Bush Snr provided him with \$500m in US government subsidies to buy American farm products. We must forget that in the following year, after Saddam's genocide was complete, Bush Snr doubled this subsidy to \$1bn, along with germ seed for anthrax, helicopters, and other so-called "dual-use" material that could be used for chemical and biological weapons.

And when Bush Jnr promises the Iraqi people "an era of new hope" and democracy after the destruction of Saddam - as he did in the above mentioned speech - we must forget how the Americans promised Pakistan and Afghanistan a new era of hope after the defeat of the Soviet army in 1980 - and did nothing.

We must forget how Bush Snr urged the Iraqis to rise up against Saddam in 1991 and - when they obeyed - did nothing.

We must forget how Bush Jnr promised to "stand by" Afghanistan before he began his bombings last year - and has left it now an economic shambles of drug barons, warlords, anarchy and fear. He boasted that the people of Afghanistan have been "liberated".

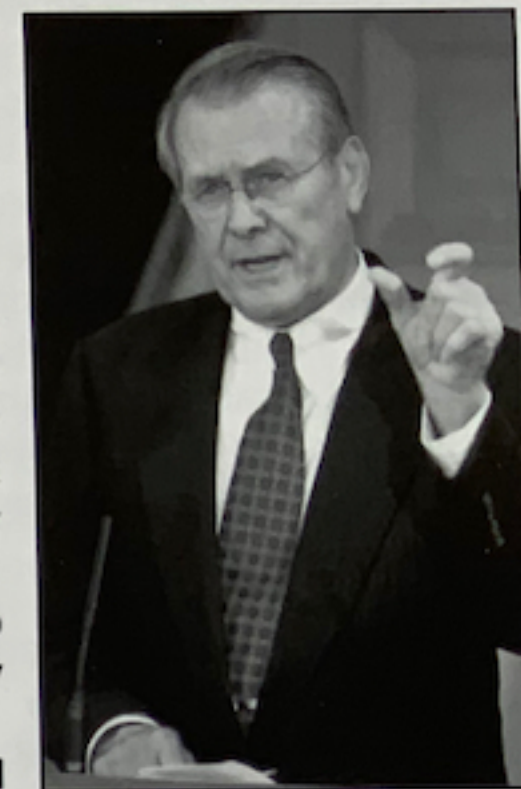
We must forget, as we listen to the need to reinsert arms inspectors, that the CIA covertly used UN weapons inspectors to spy on Iraq.

And of course, we must forget about oil. Indeed, oil is the one commodity - and one of the few things which George Bush Jnr knows something about, along with his ex-oil cronies Cheney and Rice and countless others in the administration - which is never mentioned.

In all of Bush's 30 minute anti-Iraq speech - pleasantly leavened with just two minutes of how "I hope this will not require military action" - there wasn't a single reference to the fact that Iraq may hold oil reserves larger than those of Saudi Arabia, that American oil companies stand to gain billions of dollars in the event of a US invasion, that, once out of power, Bush and his friends could become multi-billionaires on the spoils of this war.

We must ignore all this before we go to war.

We must forget.



Donald Rumsfeld

# OIL, OIL, OIL

This is not a war against Saddam Hussein. Well protected and surrounded by loyal troops just as the misery of UN sanctions fell on his people and not him so he will be spared the worst of the American and British invasion. This is a war against 22 million people suffering in Iraq who are to be murdered in order for America to obtain control of an even larger slice of the oil market.

Once an American puppet government is installed in Iraq their oil companies will have access to 112 billion barrels of oil. This oil will be held in trust by the American government for the Iraqi people, who won't be consulted on that issue, and the profits used to pay for the cost of the war.

America has enough oil reserves to last for ten years. Iraq's oil reserves will last for the next 500. Some 70% of the world's proven oil reserves are in the Middle East. According to Michael Renner of Worldwatch Institute, "US oil deposits are increasingly depleted, and many other non-Opec fields are beginning to run dry. The bulk of future supplies will have to come from the Gulf region."

Those of us opposed to the war are not Anti-American. Are the tens of thousands of American citizens who marched through Washington anti-American? Are the 72 American cities including Chicago, Seattle and Philadelphia whose City Councils have passed motions condemning the war now part of the Axis of Evil? The State Senate of Maine and the House of Representatives in Hawaii have also passed motions condemning the war. Are they in league with Saddam?

No-one who opposes the war in Ireland supports Saddam Hussein or ever has done. The British and American governments however have funded him and armed him over the decades. The Americans even helped his Ba'ath political party gain power. And it was beef exports approved by the Fianna Fáil government that helped keep Saddam's armies well fed as they massacred the Kurds and other minorities.

America never objected to Saddam's atrocities when it was arming and funding him. But the problem America has with Saddam is not that he is an evil and



brutal dictator, but that he is no longer an evil and brutal dictator who follows their orders. Saddam's removal will simply mean a more compliant thug installed in Baghdad.

Nor is this war about weapons of mass destruction. Former UN Weapons Inspector Scott Ritter said "It was possible as early as 1997 to determine that, from a qualitative standpoint, Iraq had been disarmed. Iraq no longer possessed any meaningful quantities of chemical or biological agent and the

industrial means to produce these agents had either been eliminated or were subject to stringent monitoring. The same was true of Iraq's nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities. As long as monitoring inspections remained in place, Iraq presented a WMD-based threat to no one.'

Last December the US government edited the 12,000 page dossier of Iraq's weapons declaration prior to releasing it to the world claiming they needed "a little editing".

Included in the information edited out were the names of 150 American, British and other foreign companies that supplied Iraq nuclear, chemical and biological weaponry, some of it illegally. An arsenal that no longer exists.

Other states actually have weapons of mass destruction and seem immune from attack. Israel has a large arsenal of nuclear weapons targeted at Arab cities, has violated 64 UN resolutions

and daily brutalise the Palestinian people. But no-one seems to be suggesting UN Arms Inspectors be sent to Israel.

Republicans have struggled for a just peace in Ireland for a long time and seen many of our members and supporters killed for in the struggle for democracy in Ireland. We know only too well the cost of violence. We know as well the necessity of standing up to imperialist aggression, from wherever it comes and in whatever guise it presents itself.

War on Iraq is imperialist conquest dressed up as a crusade for human rights. It is morally and ethically wrong to support it and it is a violation of Irish neutrality and simple human decency to assist the American and British governments in murdering hundreds of thousands of Iraqi people.

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Console yourself  
we are many  
who from our expensive houses  
and warm clothes  
in a cold  
and dark hospital  
we think of you dying  
and we get a chill  
through our spine.

We raise the temperature  
we wear more and more  
warm clothes  
but your cold hand  
has grasped our soul  
in a last attempt  
to stay alive.

# *To a child in Iraq*

Only they can not feel the cold  
they who kill you  
because their soul  
is colder than death.

And I have no weapons  
able to defend you  
only words  
which  
in the secret  
illegal  
basements  
of my loneliness  
I create.



# “Humanitarian Interventions” — The UK/US Record

The true horror of the Bush/Blair axis' intent to invade Iraq, and their enthusiasm to do so with or without the support of the UN Security Council, is so appalling in its implications it can only be grasped, in its reality, by looking at recent Anglo-US global 'humanitarian interventions'.

Here are some recent exploits of the US and their ally, Britain, on the global stage. **PANAMA:** In 1989 the US invaded Panama, a little Central US vassal state known for the Canal and its poverty, with the alleged purport of capturing and bringing to 'justice', Bush Senior's old pal and agent from the CIA, Noriega, who like Osama bin Laden, a previous ally of the US, had outlived his usefulness. 8,000 people were killed in the poorest Barrio of Panama City.

**SOMALIA:** In 1992 US marines landed on another famine stricken state - Somalia - in another 'humanitarian intervention' code named 'Operation Restore Hope'. This time it was General Aidid, another US 'friend', whom the marines set out to capture 'dead or alive'. Between 7000 and 10,000 Somalis were killed in restoring hope.

**SUDAN:** In 1998 Clinton ordered a missile attack on the Al-Shifa pharmaceutical plant in Sudan, claiming it was a chemical weapons facility, but which was well known as the only plant supplying 90% of basic medicines which effectively treated malaria and Tuberculosis, a lifeline to some 100,000. As a result, "Tens of thousands died, at a reasonable guess" according to German ambassador to Sudan at the time.

**PALESTINE:** The so-called peace process in Palestine was and is nothing except a 'misleading and humiliating farce'. Israel, with continued support and aid from US, pits a huge nuclear-armed military force with tanks, fighter jets and helicopter gunships against crowds of youth with slingshots. 90% of those who have been killed in this war have been Palestinian civilians, 45% under eighteen years old, and 60% killed in their workplaces, schools and homes, or order to corral Palestinians in apartheid-type Bantustans on a fraction of their land.

**AFGHANISTAN:** American and British special forces relentlessly carpet bombed famine stricken Afghanistan last year, 'justified' as a way to catch Osama bin Laden, in revenge for 9/11, despite the fact that the funding, personnel for 9/11 came from the US 'close friend and ally, Saudi Arabia. The attack on Afghanistan was planned and notified to Pakistan's Foreign Minister in July 2001.

The US and UK collaborated with the Northern Alliance warlord, General Rashid Dostum, a brutal tribesman, now Minister of Defence, whose reputation includes chaining men to tracks of tanks. The US alliance peppered the country with cluster bombs, leaving an estimated 70,000 unexploded bomblets, to install a friendly regime, to enable a pipeline across the country from the Caspian sea to the Indian Ocean.

## REJECTION OF INTERNATIONAL TREATIES

The United States has rejected a host of international treaties as not applying to them - rejecting biological verification procedures, and the banning of the use and development of chemical weapons, rejection of an international comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty, rejection of the World international criminal court, a world wide ban on landmines, and the rejection of Kyoto and international efforts to combat global warming.

With this history are you surprised that US thinks nothing of flying in the face of world opinion and attacking Iraq?

## *Some interesting facts about the first Gulf War*

### DESERT STORM

US General 'Storming Norman Schwarzkopf, leader of the first Gulf War, code-named 'Desert Storm' drove Saddam Hussein's army out of Kuwait and ruthlessly bombed supposedly military targets with precision smart bombs, we're told. In fact a mere 7% of the weapons used in Desert Storm were 'smart' and 70% of the 88,500 bombs dropped on Iraq and Kuwait - the equivalent of 7 Hiroshima's - missed their targets completely.

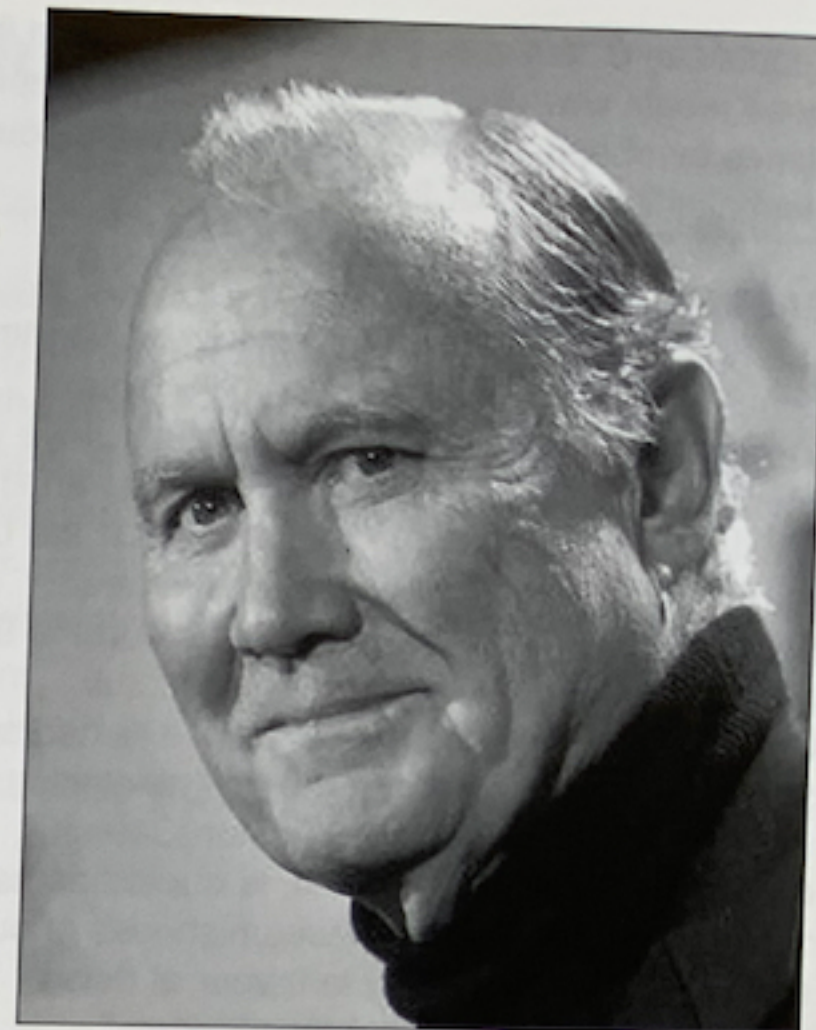
### ANOTHER TURKEY SHOOT?

In fact as 'storming Norman' went about his turkey shoot on the road to Basra, as New York Newsday disclosed later, 3 brigades of the US 1st Mechanised Infantry Division "used snow ploughs mounted on tanks and combat earth movers to bury thousands of Iraqi soldiers - some still alive - in more than 70 miles of trenches." General Schwarzkopf indicated to Congress that at least 100,000 Iraqi soldiers were dead.

This takes no account of civilian casualties then or since. Reliable figures are placed at over 100,000 civilian dead.

### SAVING THE REPUBLICAN GUARD

Saddam's elite Republican Guard, on their retreat from Kuwait, was left untouched by United States forces. As the vanquished Iraqi army retreated north from Kuwait the Shi'a people in the south of Iraq rose up in revolt to replace the Saddam regime. The



Former US General  
'Storming' Norman Schwarzkopf

Republican Guard was given right of passage through the American lines to subdue these rebels who likely as not would have toppled Saddam's regime. Instead US planes overhead, watched Iraqi helicopters pour kerosene on fleeing refugees and set them alight with tracer fire.

#### GASSING THE KURDS

The Kurds in the North of Iraq also rose up, and the Republican Guard, spared by the US, was successful in suppressing their uprising. Five years later Saddam used his tanks to suppress another uprising in Kurdish town, Arbil, and whilst the US planes in the 'no-fly area', circled overhead, Saddam's Republican Guard rounded up the 96 members of the CIA funded Iraqi National Congress, and executed them. The US had saved Saddam again, this time in the mid nineties.

It was of the Kurds, that Winston Churchill, Colonial Secretary at the time, is quoted as saying "I do not understand this squeamishness about the use of gas. I am strongly in favour of using poisoned gas against uncivilised tribes."



#### DEPLETED URANIUM

What the US did do was to bomb with depleted uranium, right across the southern battlefields. Estimates suggest that 40 - 48% of the population in this area will develop cancer. These rounds were solid Uranium 238, not coated or tipped, but solid uranium.

And with the UN sanctions, so enthusiastically pushed through by the US and Britain, Iraq was denied the equipment and expertise to decontaminate the battlefields.

Denis Halliday, Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations resigned in disgust saying, "5000 children are dying every month. I had been instructed to implement a policy that satisfies the definition of genocide - a deliberate policy that has effectively killed well over a million individuals, children and adults."

#### "THE RIGHT PRICE"

"*We think the price is worth it. . . .*" - US Ambassador, Madeleine Albright, when asked if the deaths of half a million Iraqi children was a price worth paying for sanctions.

**THIS IS THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.  
IT IS YOURS TO OPPOSE.**

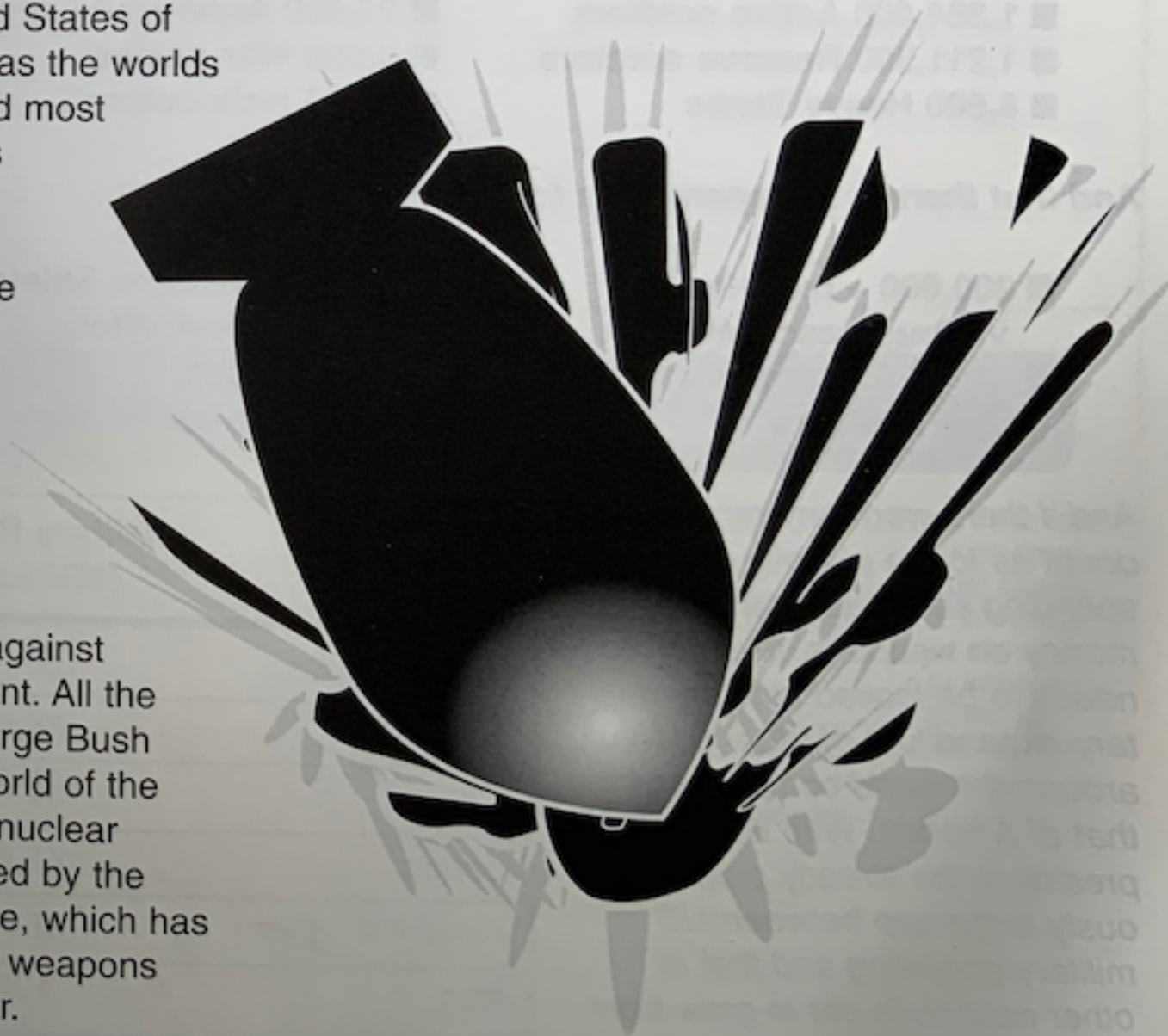
## America's Weapons of Mass Destruction

US president George Bush Jnr accuses the Iraqi regime of possessing Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). The undeniable facts surrounding WMD are that the USA holds by far the most potent and lethal combination of WMD that the world has ever witnessed. And they aren't afraid to use them either. Whether it be with nuclear weapons in Japan, Chemical and Biological weapons in Vietnam or 1000lb 'Daisy-cutter' bombs in Afghanistan, America has proved time and time again that their only concern surrounding WMD is finding the opportune time to use them.

Currently president George W. Bush is requesting \$399.1 billion for the military in for 2004. In all, the administration plans to spend \$2.7 trillion on the military over the next six years.

#### NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The United States of America has the worlds largest and most dangerous Nuclear weapons programme and are in fact the only nation to have ever used nuclear weapons against an opponent. All the while, George Bush tells the world of the supposed nuclear threat posed by the Iraqi regime, which has no nuclear weapons whatsoever.





### OTHER WMD

And the US is no slouch either when it comes to other Weapons of Mass Destruction. George Bush's current armourey includes:

- 1,384,400 Active soldiers
- 1,211,500 Reserve soldiers
- 8,500 Heavy Tanks
- 24,000 Armoured Cars
- 9,000 War planes
- 7,000 Helicopters

And that there are preparations for a further

- 200,000 + missiles of various descriptions
- 14,000 Helicopters and War Jets
- Missile Defence Shields and Spy satellites
- 8,000 Tanks
- 6,700 Armoured cars

And if there were any remaining doubt as to the insanity of spending such vast sums of money on weapons, then all that needs to be looked at is the military expenditure of other nations around the world compared to that of America. With Bush as president the already preposterously large gap between US military spending and that of other nations is set to grow from the current rate.

Selected Countries	Military Budget (\$Billions)
United States	399.1
Russia	65.0
China	47.0
Japan	42.6
United Kingdom	38.4
Iraq	1.4

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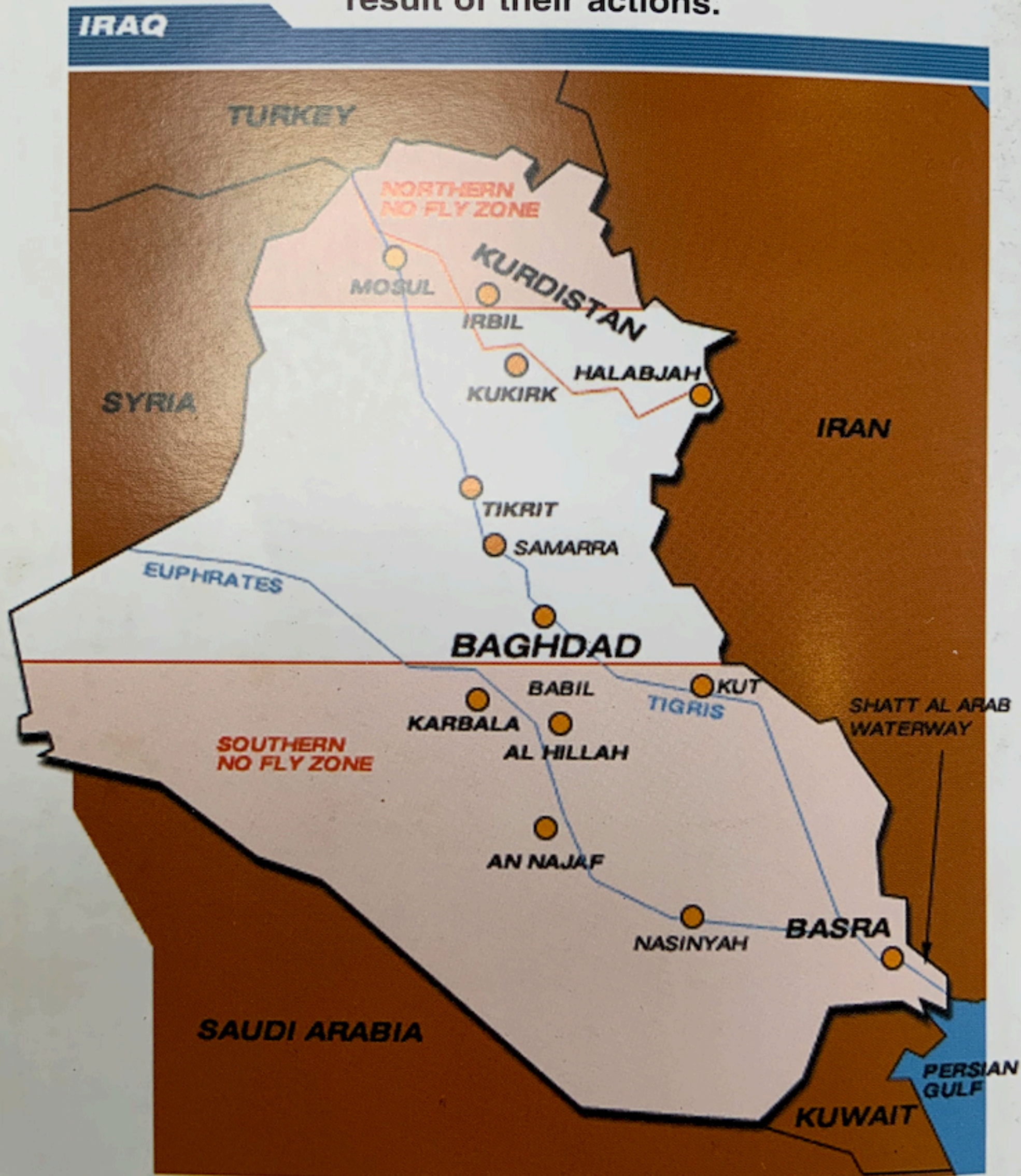
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Is this the type of world that we want to live in?  
A world in which oil is more important than a human beings life?  
We call on people across Ireland and across the globe to use whatever means they have to prevent this war from taking place.

***NO BLOOD FOR OIL***

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