

As for Iraq's alleged support of international terror, European anti-terrorism police and prosecutors say there is no evidence to back up this claim.

## Defend all Victims of War—Not Just One

More than a million Iraqis have died in the decade since the Gulf War from poverty and disease—the result of war and sanctions. Two hundred children die every day from lack of clean water and proper nutrition.

3.5 million Palestinians live in what the British ambassador to Israel described as “the biggest detention camp in the world.” Civilians face curfews, house demolitions, mass arrest, injury, torture and death at the hands of Israeli occupation forces. Unemployment is at 65%, and 50% of the population live on less than \$2 a day.



Translation: “Ain Al-Hilwa refugee camp, for Palestinian refugees”

## Oppose all Proponents of War, Not Just One

The plans of the US, Israel and their allies for regional domination will only lead to more war and continued dictatorship. The path to peace and security for all lies in ending the sanctions that are killing the Iraqi people and ending the Israeli occupation that is destroying Palestinian life. When the Iraqis and Palestinians are able to raise their children in safety; work, study and control their own lives; when there is region-wide disarmament of WMD, then there will be a real move towards democracy.

We call on Canada to stop participating in the sanctions against Iraq, to pressure Israel to end its occupation of Palestinian land and to refuse to participate in war in the region.



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[www.canpalnet.ca](http://www.canpalnet.ca) (“resources”)

# Iraq and Palestine: Two Fronts of the Same War

“If the Americans attack Iraq, it's in our [Israel's] interest as well as that of the Americans.”

(Israeli Interior Minister Eli Yishai,  
Globe and Mail, October 23, 2002)



Over 400,000 in anti-war protest,  
Italy, November 9, 2002



## Shared Vision

There's a connection between US war plans for Iraq and Israel's war against the Palestinians. The symmetry of Israeli and US interests is openly talked about by top strategists in the Bush administration. The vision: US control of the Middle East with Israel as the strongest power in the region.

## Shared Interests

The US wants control of the land, resources and people of the Middle East. After "liberating" Iraq, the US and its allies would want to be compensated for their efforts with oil revenues and contracts, cutting out their competition. By controlling the world's second largest oil reserve they'd prevent Iraq, with or without Saddam Hussein, from rivaling Israel for regional domination.

US and Israeli strategists also hope that the instability a war against Iraq brings will give them the opportunity to restructure the entire region as they see fit. If that means reshuffling client regimes like Egypt, Jordan or Saudi Arabia in the hope that they will repress their own populations more effectively, then so be it.

War also gives Israel the opening it's looking for to swallow up the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem as part of 'Greater Israel'. It wants the land but doesn't want the people. Expulsion of the Palestinian population is openly talked about by Israeli officials.

This threat of ethnic cleansing may be a ploy to scare Palestinians into settling for an agreement that will give them a state in name only. Either way, a war against Iraq will also be a war against the Palestinian struggle for political independence.

That struggle has been a source of hope for independence and democracy to the people of the Middle East. US and Israeli strategists dream of crushing that hope in order to stabilize the rule of client regimes, thus maintaining their own dominance in the region.



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*"We have never had such relations with any president of the United States as we have with you. And we have never had such cooperation."*

(Sharon on Bush, AP, October 17, 2002)

## Double Standards mean Double Talk

George W. Bush says Saddam Hussein is a "grave and gathering danger" to the world since he has or will have weapons of mass destruction (WMD), violates UN resolutions and supports international terror.

But the US is silent about its own production and use of WMD. It is silent about Israel's use of nerve gas against Palestinians and its stockpile of nuclear and biological weapons.

Bush points out that Iraq has contravened 16 UN resolutions but he makes no mention of Israel's violation of 68 UN resolutions.

When the US demanded that Iraq agree to UN weapons inspections, Iraq said it would admit inspectors under existing UN resolutions. Bush said this wasn't good enough. The US then twisted arms at the Security Council to force through a new resolution that could provide a pretext for war.