

“Arrest Tony Blair for War Crimes”: UK Parliamentary Petition

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Former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair should be arrested and indicted for war crimes in the Middle East.

The following petition has recently been registered on the UK Parliament's website.

This Petition can be signed by British citizens and British residents.

British citizens living overseas are eligible to sign the petition.

Our message to the British government: Tony Blair is a war criminal under international law.

THE CAMERON GOVERNMENT IS COMPLICIT IN SUPPORTING A KNOWN WAR CRIMINAL IN DEFIANCE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (NUREMBERG).

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Petition

Arrest Tony Blair for war crimes in the middle east and misleading the public.

Tony Blair led us into a war, using lies and deception, resulting in the death of thousands of our soldiers and hundreds of thousands of civilians. His actions have given rise to instability in the region and terror groups the freedom to rise. He should be arrested and put in prison.

Sign this petition

533 signatures



10,000

 **At 10,000 signatures...**

At 10,000 signatures, government will respond to this petition

Background

- In March 2003, Mr. Blair, while Prime Minister, likely participated with several high-ranking United States leaders in committing the crime of aggression against Iraq.
- The crime of aggression is the “supreme international crime,” as declared by the Nuremberg Tribunal in 1946.
- In addition to being prohibited by international law, the crime of aggression is a crime also defined by the International Criminal Court in the Hague, over which it may have the opportunity to exercise jurisdiction in the coming years. “Resort to a war of aggression is not merely illegal, but is criminal.” United States v. Hermann Goering, et al., 41 AM. J. INT’L L. 172, 186, 218-220 (1946); see also Charter Int’l Military Tribunal, art. 6(a), Aug. 8, 1945, 59 Stat. 1546, 82 U.N.T.S. 279.
- In 2004, Secretary General Kofi Annan declared the Iraq War illegal and in contravention of the United Nations Charter.¹
- In 2006, a former prosecutor at the Nuremberg Trials, Benjamin Ferencz, stated that the Iraq War was a “clear breach of law.”² “There’s no such thing as a war without atrocities, but war-making is the biggest atrocity of law.”
- In 2010, a Dutch inquiry concluded that the Iraq War had no basis in international law.³
- In 2010, Hans Blix, the former chief weapons inspector for the United Nations, stated that it was his “firm view” that the Iraq War was illegal.⁴
- In 2012, judges empanelled before the Kuala Lumpur War Crimes Tribunal, an independent commission headed by former judges and involving input from several international law scholars, concluded that a prima facie case existed that Mr. Blair committed the crime of aggression against Iraq. The tribunal reported its findings to the International Criminal Court in the Hague and entered the name of Mr. Blair in its “Register of War Criminals.”
- In 2012, Archbishop Desmond Tutu summarized that the “immoral” invasion, “premised on a lie,” has “destabilized and polarised the world to a greater extent than any other conflict in history,” and questioned why Mr. Blair was not “made to answer” for his actions in the Hague.⁵
- In May 2014, former Prime Minister John Major urged Mr. Blair to seek publication of all his pre-war communications concerning the Iraq War. To this day, the Iraq War Inquiry headed by Sir John Chilcot has been forced to negotiate as to what communications it can and cannot release in its report.⁶

Excerpt from Inder Comar, Esq’ [Letter to Save the Children, demanding that the STC Rescind the Global Legacy Award to Tony Blair](#), December 2014

This letter was send on behalf of Felicity Arbuthnot, Michel Chossudovsky and Denis Halliday in response to the Global Legacy Award (the “Award”) given by Save the Children to former Prime Minister Tony Blair on November 19, 2014, formally requesting that Save the Children rescind the Award forthwith.

[Lawyer’s Letter to “Save the Children” \(STC\): Rescind the “Global Legacy Award” to Alleged War Criminal Tony Blair](#)

Notes

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6 "Chilcot Inquiry: John Major urges Blair to get Bush conversations published," Lizzie Dearden, The Independent, May 30, 2014, available at <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/chilcot-inquiry-john-major-urges-blair-to-get-bush-conversations-published-9459173.html> (last accessed December 5, 2014).

7 "Ask 'Save the Children' To Revoke Their Annual Global Legacy Award Given To Tony Blair," available at <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/stop-save-the-children-charity-from-giving-tony-blair-their-annual-global-legacy-award> (last accessed December 5, 2014).

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