

# US Military committed War Crimes in Fallujah

Open Letter to the International Criminal Court of Justice

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To the Most Honourable Judge Luis Moreno-Ocampo,

I am writing your honour to ask that the International Criminal Court of Justice investigate allegations that American military forces committed war crimes in Fallujah, Iraq in the year 2004. The crimes which allegedly occurred there are numerous and disturbing to any sane, decent, and moral human being. There have been numerous reports that American military forces used chemical weapons during the assault on Fallujah (namely, white phosphorous). It also appears that the American military killed large numbers of unarmed civilians (including many infants and young children). There have also been allegations that American military forces denied or delayed medical care to the residents of the town of Fallujah. In addition, you may be aware that video footage exists of an American soldier shooting a wounded, unarmed Iraqi man in the town of Fallujah. There is also video and audio of an Apache helicopter pilot being given the order to "take out" a large number of unarmed people running down a road in Fallujah. And, surely, the destruction of so many homes, businesses, and mosques was unwarranted, a complete "overkill", and constitutes a war crime. It left very large numbers of civilians homeless, without a livelihood and forced to face the painful reality that their places of worship lie in ruins. The links which follow are but a few of the sources and foundations for these allegations. I implore your honour, in the name of decency and justice, to open an investigation into this matter and bring to justice any, and all, individuals who are found responsible for committing war crimes and crimes against humanity.

- 1) In Dahr Jamail's website, "MidEast Dispatches" <http://dahrjamailiraq.com/>, he provides a gallery of 72 photographs that he himself took in Fallujah. The gallery can be found here: <http://dahrjamailiraq.com/gallery/album28?page=1>
- 2) The Centre for Research on Globalisation website [www.globalresearch.ca](http://www.globalresearch.ca) contains video of an Apache helicopter killing unarmed people who were running down a road. The video can be found here: <http://globalresearch.ca/articles/FAL409A.html>
- 3) There are two documentary videos which document what happened in Fallujah in 2004. One is called "Fallujah: the Hidden Massacre". In this video, a member of the American military recounts how the order to use white phosphorous was broadcast over radios. The

video also offers evidence of other crimes. Here is a link to the video:

<http://video.google.ca/videoplay?docid=8905191678365185391&q=Fallujah%3A+hidden+massacre&total=38&start=0&num=10&so=0&type=search&plindex=0>

The Seond video is entitled, "Fallujah, Operation Phantom Fury" and can be found here:

<http://video.google.ca/videoplay?docid=5763436135046925462&q=fallujah&total=2736&start=0&num=10&so=0&type=search&plindex=7>

4) The following article from the Guardian newspaper also presents a compelling account of what happened in Fallujah in 2004:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2005/nov/22/usa.iraq1>

5) The following is a link to the Democarcy Now website which contains video evidence of the execution of a wounded Iraqi. The linked page also contains a discussion between Amy Goodwin (the host) and attorney Jules Lobel of the Center for Constitutional Rights about potential crimes committed in Fallujah. Here is the link:

[http://i3.democracynow.org/2004/11/19/u\\_s\\_war\\_crimes\\_in\\_fallujah](http://i3.democracynow.org/2004/11/19/u_s_war_crimes_in_fallujah)

6) This is another video which documents the execution of a wounded person in Fallujah:

[http://www.metacafe.com/watch/145745/fallujah\\_raw\\_footage/](http://www.metacafe.com/watch/145745/fallujah_raw_footage/)

7) The following is a video in which Dahr Jamil explains what happened in Fallujah:

<http://video.google.ca/videoplay?docid=6522901172037059005&q=fallujah+war+crimes&total=18&start=0&num=10&so=0&type=search&plindex=4>

8) And yet another video which documents the crimes committed in Fallujah:

<http://video.google.ca/videoplay?docid=2563239062034747546&q=fallujah+war+crimes&total=18&start=0&num=10&so=0&type=search&plindex=6>

9) This news article contains eyewitness accounts of what happened in Fallujah, including reports of American soldiers shooting at ambulances. The article appeared in the NewsWales website:

<http://www.newswales.co.uk/?section=Politics&F=1&id=6831>

10) The following website also contains information about a variety of crimes committed in Iraq since the beginning of the invasion:

<http://www.brusselstribunal.org/>

I believe that there is sufficient evidence to launch an investigation into what happened in Fallujah, Iraq in 2004. I pray that you will agree and take all necessary steps to ensure that justice is served. Thank you for your time and consideration. I have sent copies of this email to four individuals at media outlets and research centres as well as three private citizens due to a fear of retaliation by the United States governemnt.

Sincerely,

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