

WAS THE “IRAQ WAR” ILLEGAL?

Small minds would jump to this conclusion based on rumors or opinions from the pundit news media. However, **is it that simple?**

First off, so what if a war is illegal? If one war is illegal then all wars are illegal. Wars kill people. Killing people is usually illegal... unless you are a Muslim... and then killing people is perfectly legal as long as you follow Islamic/Sharia law. And who has the final say anyway? Do the governments of the two or more nations or factions at war decide? Do nations not involved get to play judge and jury? Does the UN (which does not speak for all countries on planet Earth yet) get to play god? All questions as yet unanswered.

Perhaps the facts would help shed some light on U.S. and international foreign policy towards Iraq and what really led up to the removal of the Ba'ath government in Iraq... and people crying about legality, etc.

First off, the Iraq government, from the day Saddam Hussein (and his sons and his Ba'ath Party) took control of Iraq until he was finally pulled out of his rat hole on December 13, 2003, was a continual crime against humanity. Nothing Saddam Hussein ever did was “legal”. He ruled via **terrorism**. And any country with any balls is now fighting a “**war on terror**” and will be for years to come, until or unless all **terrorists**, and especially the “radical Islamic terrorists”, are eradicated from planet Earth (and the sooner the better).

Saddam Hussein actually started **the “Iraq War”** by invading Kuwait on **Aug 2, 1990**. Furthermore, President George H. W. Bush (not George W. Bush) then organized and lead the 34 nation coalition forces against Saddam which began the serious phase of **the war** in question, also known under other names, such as **Gulf War, Persian Gulf War, First Gulf War, Gulf War I, Kuwait War, First Iraq War**, or simply and more accurately **the “Iraq War”**. This phase of **the war** was actually a counter attack officially began on **Jan 17, 1991 (not in 2003)**.

During this war a “cease fire agreement” was signed on **Feb 28, 1991** (this, however, did not end **the war**). Both President George H. W. Bush and, later, Bill Clinton (and others) continued to *police* Saddam Hussein and his Ba'ath government (via many UN resolutions, no fly zones, etc.) after this “cease fire agreement” (a “cease fire agreement” does NOT mark the actual end to any given war) was implemented. These *police* efforts continued up to the point in time (after 9/11) when George W. Bush, whom also continued to *police* Saddam Hussein and his Ba'ath government, was in office. While there was a cease fire condition in progress (not unlike the one between NATO and North Korea which still exists today) the actual **war** was not over.

During this entire time, if anyone pissed off Saddam Hussein and his Ba'ath government they either died (usually in very sadistic and horrific ways) or someone attempted to kill them; including an attempted assassination on President George H. W. Bush. And, during this time, Saddam Hussein and his Ba'ath government violated the “cease fire agreement” **on not just one but many occasions**. Once a cease fire agreement is broken, technically, **the war** is back on, should either faction decide to continue the fighting at any given time. In other words, a cease fire agreement usually isn't worth the paper it is written on (ask North Korea or Russia for example). And this was definitely true when it came to Saddam Hussein and his Ba'ath government.

The long and the short of it is that the U.S., the UK and several of the other coalition forces (including Canada) danced around with Saddam Hussein and his Ba'ath government for many years more than they should have. But, in the end, they (including Canada and many other nations BTW) finally decided to get rid of him.

You can argue until the cows come home as to the “legality” of what took place. But, the long and the short of it was that the UN is and always has been a corrupt, worthless organization and the UN never filed any charges or did anything short of making “accusations” as to the legality or illegality of the **entire**

Iraq War from **Aug 2, 1990** until **December 13, 2003** or until **2005** when the new **Republic of Iraq** government was placed into power.

From that point on the “**Iraq War**” (one of the longest wars, next to the Korean War, which is also going on to this very day) was technically over and the **Republic of Iraq and NATO forces were actually allies** fighting against insurgent forces from the old Ba'ath party and Iranian supported terrorists and various other Sunni militias, such as Jama'at al-Tawhid wal-Jihad which became Al-Qaeda in Iraq in October 2004, and which targeted Iraq and Coalition forces as well as civilians, mainly Shia Muslims, further exacerbating ethnic tensions.

During 2005-2006 and onward fighting continued and reached its highest levels of violence, more war crimes and scandals were made public, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the leader of Al-Qaeda in Iraq, was killed by U.S. forces and Iraq's former dictator Saddam Hussein was sentenced to death in 2006 for crimes against humanity and hanged... and that was the best thing that ever happened in Iraq in its entire stinking history.

Summary Blow by Blow:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_War (and the real beginning of “Saddam Hussein caused climate change”?)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_War#Coalition_forces_enter_Iraq

Post ceasefire violation responses...

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq_Liberation_Act

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq_Resolution (the key to the kingdom)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq_Resolution#International_law (no legal charges ever filed or upheld)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Iraq#Recent_history_.282003.E2.80.93present.29

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraqi_governorate_elections,_2005

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq#Government_and_politics

And now, thanks to Obama tucking tail and running...

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_State_of_Iraq_and_the_Levant

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