

Wanted

for Crimes Against Humanity



Donald Rumsfeld

Crimes of War

Rumsfeld is in violation of international laws concerning war crimes for his leading role in the U.S. government's wars of aggression against Afghanistan and Iraq, by having:

As part of the Bush administration, planned and executed an unprovoked military assault on Afghanistan, and launched a so-called "preventative" war against Iraq.

Orchestrated and participated in an elaborate series of lies and deceptions to justify the invasion of Iraq, including by publicly claiming to know where non-existent "weapons of mass destruction" were located.

Inflicted massive pain and suffering and death on Afghani and Iraqi people through the use of depleted uranium weapons (poisoning), phosphorous bombs (burning), and anti-personnel cluster bombs (mutilation).

Carried out a policy of "collective punishment"—devastating entire Iraqi towns such as Fallujah, due to anti-occupation sentiment and the actions of some Iraqis.

Directly killed at least 4,000 Afghans with U.S. bombings, and directly killed with U.S. firepower—or indirectly as a consequence of the U.S. occupation—as many as 650,000 Iraqis.

Crimes of Torture

Rumsfeld is in violation of the Geneva Conventions on treatment of prisoners of war by being responsible for the abuse, torture and murder of prisoners in U.S.-run detention facilities in Guantanamo, Afghanistan and Iraq by having:

Directly authorized and/or allowed interrogation techniques that include the use of extreme temperatures, withholding food, sensory and sleep deprivation, naked isolation in cold, dark cells and "stress positions" that cause increased levels of pain.

Pressured subordinates to "produce results" through these types of interrogations.

Done nothing to end the torture and abuse of prisoners despite being repeatedly informed—over an 18-month period—about specific acts of torture and abuse.

Denied, dismissed, and minimized the existence of torture and abuse when evidence of these crimes became publicly known.

ALERT: While Rumsfeld is being forced out of office, and while there is even an attempt to legally charge him with war crimes in Germany, the Bush regime and their vicious program – including Rumsfeld's crimes – remain in power and in full effect, and remain absolutely unacceptable. Nothing important will change – and there will be no justice – without mass political resistance from below directed at this regime. And Democratic politicians who rode to office promising change must have their feet held to the fire of that mass political resistance.