

Iraq charges U.N. with war crimes

On Jan. 24, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz sent a communiqué to U.N. Secretary General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar holding him personally responsible for war crimes committed by the United States in the name of the United Nations and the "new world order." The indictment concludes with a listing of numerous civilian facilities bombed by the U.S.-led forces, including food storage warehouses, medical clinics, residential areas, and poultry farms. Excerpts follow:

Since the imperialist United States, NATO, and Zionist aggression began at 2300 hours on 17 January 1991, the attacking forces have been committing heinous premeditated crimes against Iraqi citizens and against the economic, cultural, scientific, and religious assets of our great people, which is one that has made a centuries-old contribution to human civilization.

On all occasions—in the course of our meeting at Amman on 31 August 1990 and during your visit to Baghdad on 11 and 12 January 1991—we have constantly indicated and have explained to you in a clear and detailed manner that the basic fact with regard to the events which preceded and followed 2 August 1990 is that the imperialist United States, NATO, and Zionist alliance and its treacherous adherents among the regimes of the region have had the objective, as they continue to do, of destroying resurgent Iraq, which is pursuing a free and independent policy and which proudly rejects imperialist and Zionist hegemony over the region and over its resources. Everything that has happened has taken place within the framework of a conspiracy hostile to the hopes of peoples for freedom, sovereignty, independence and relations of equality, which are the very principles and objectives for the achievement in defense of which the United Nations is supposed to have been established. . . .

The deliberate and brutal attacks launched on behalf of the United Nations by the forces of the criminal Zionist-imperialist alliance on civilian, economic, humanitarian, medical, cultural, and religious targets and on citizens and their families in all parts of Iraq—documented examples of which are provided to you in the present letter—give cogent proof of the fact that the governments participating in this alliance have the sole objective of taking vengeance on the proud people of Iraq and its militant leadership because of their opposition to the imperialist goals of those governments.

It is indeed shameful for the United Nations that these premeditated crimes should be committed under the cover pro-

vided by resolutions adopted by the Security Council. . . .

Hundreds of millions of people in the world, in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, who have suffered from the oppression and the crimes of the former colonialists and the new imperialists, are today finding the so-called new international order of which the arrogant former colonialists and the new imperialists are speaking to be a dark age of intimidation and threats against those peoples aspiring to freedom and independence and fighting for relations of equality. The removal of the balancing role formerly played by the Soviet Union opens wide the way for the arrogant former colonialist and new imperialists once again to impose hegemony and intimidation, not only by the use of new and innovative methods, as is well known, but also by the old methods, namely aggression and open military occupation. What is new is that the colonialist technique as witnessed in past centuries has this time been used under the cover provided by iniquitous resolutions fabricated in the name of the United Nations which the governments of the imperialist colonialist alliance succeeded in having adopted by means of pressure, intimidation, blackmail, and bribery.

The states that endorsed those resolutions did so for the motives indicated and you, personally, bear responsibility to history and to mankind for the heinous crimes being committed against the free and militant people of Iraq.

Interview: Rifaat el Saeed

Bush blocked road to peaceful solution

Rifaat el Saeed is a member of the Egyptian Parliament and the official spokesman for Egypt's seven opposition parliamentary parties. These parties, in addition to his own Democratic Alignment, include the Labor party, the Liberal party, the Green party, the Young Egypt party, the Muslim Brotherhood, the Communist Party, and the Nasserite party. He was interviewed by telephone by Joseph Brewda on Jan. 29.

EIR: According to the statements of George Bush and the U.S. media, the Arab world stands fully behind the U.S. Persian Gulf policy. The Egyptian people, Bush claims, support what the U.S., France, and Britain are doing right now against Iraq.

El Saeed: It is a big lie to say that Egyptians support what is going on in Iraq right now. I just returned from a city where hundreds of journalists at their club were announcing their