



- Their relationship is prompted by mutual hatred for the United States, Israel, the Saudi royal family, and by bin Ladin's interest in both WMD and future safehavens.
- A senior al-Qaida terrorist, now detained, who had been responsible for bin Ladin's training in Afghanistan, reports that al-Qaida was intent on obtaining WMD assistance from Iraq.
  - According to this source deceased al-Qaida leader Muhammad 'Atif did not believe that al-Qaida labs in Afghanistan were capable enough to manufacture BW and CW.
  - He turned to Iraq for assistance.
  - Iraq agreed to provide chemical and biological weapons training for two al-Qaida associates starting in December 2000.

#### Iraq's Deplorable Human Rights Record

- Saddam Hussein's regime is unsurpassed in its brutality and viciousness.
- Who makes these claims against Saddam Hussein?
  - The US Government, through years of reporting to Congress and through our intelligence collection efforts;
  - Major international human rights organizations, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch;
  - The UN Commission on Human Rights; and
  - Hundreds of Iraqi refugees who have escaped that regime.
- What has the international community found and documented?
  - The regime practices systemic and indiscriminate torture, detention, disappearance, expulsion, and murder.
  - Rape is a policy of the Iraqi government, used for torture and intimidation.

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- Dr. Blix has also reported that Iraq has illegally imported 380 SA-2 rocket engines. These are likely for use in the al-Samoud 2. Their import was illegal on three counts:
  - Resolution 687 prohibited all military shipments into Iraq.
  - UNSCOM prohibited the use of these engines in surface-to-surface missiles.
  - And they are for a system that exceeds the 150km range limit.
  
- Some of these engines were acquired as late as December after the Council passed Resolution 1441.
  - UNSCOM discovered that Iraq had an active Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) program with ties to its chemical and biological weapons programs.
  - We also know from technical intelligence that Iraq has flown a UAV in a racetrack pattern to a range of 500km.
    - This violates the 150km range limit adopted and gives lie to Iraq's December 7<sup>th</sup> declaration which implies a range of 80km.

#### Ties to Terrorism - A Long History

- Iraq has been involved with terrorism for decades:
  - Palestinian terrorist groups, including the Palestine Liberation Front, train in Iraq;
  - Saddam funnels money to the families of suicide bombers;
  - Iraq has hosted conference attended by Palestine Islamic Jihad;
  - Hamas opened an office in Baghdad in 1999;
  - Saddam's Iraqi Intelligence Service (IIS) has been involved in dozens of attacks, planned and/or attempted assassinations since the 1990s, including a worldwide campaign of foiled attacks against U.S. Embassies during the Gulf war and plans to attack Radio Free Europe.

#### Iraq and Al Qaida: What We Know Today

- Iraq harbors a deadly terrorist network headed by senior al-Qaida operative Musab al-Zarqawi -- a Palestinian-Jordanian, and collaborator of Usama Bin Laden. Before moving his operational hub to Iraq, he directed an al-Qaida training camp in eastern Afghanistan until late 2001.

### Chemical Weapons

- As with biological weapons, Iraq has never accounted for vast quantities of chemical weapons, including:
  - 550 artillery shells filled with mustard agent;
  - About 30,000 empty chemical munitions; and
  - Enough precursors to produce much as 500 tons of chemical agents).
  
- Dr. Blix also recently cited 6,500 unaccounted for aerial chemical bombs, which would contain around 1,000 tons of chemical agents.
  
- Iraq could not, and did not need to, make its chemical weapons manufacturing mobile. Instead, it is carrying out these activities under the cover of dual-use civilian manufacturing.
  - Satellite imagery documented transshipment activity of chemical weapons at a site called al-Musayyib.
    - This was later corroborated by a witness.
  - After the transshipment was over, further imagery revealed that the complex was sanitized, including bulldozing and grading to conceal evidence from inspectors.
  
- Secretary Powell detailed extensive reporting on covert procurement efforts for chemical and biological agent production.
  
- He also played a taped conversation between officers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Republican Guard (which oversees the garrison at al-Musayyib).
  - In this conversation, the junior officer is ordered to "remove the expression nerve agents" from wireless instructions.
  
- Secretary Powell cited reports that Iraq has experimented on human beings with chemical or biological agents.

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TALKING POINTS ON SECRETARY POWELL'S  
UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION

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General

- The international community's goal for UNSCR 1441 is to disarm Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq.
- Lead UN Inspector Hans Blix said in his January 27 report that "Iraq appears not to have come to a genuine acceptance -- not even today -- of the disarmament which was demanded of it."
- Today Secretary Powell shared with other Security Council members information about:
  - Iraq's weapons of mass destruction;
  - Iraq's systematic efforts to conceal prohibited materials.
  - Iraq's involvement in terrorism; and
  - Iraq's abuse of human rights.
- He presented material from a variety of sources -- U.S. and foreign, human and technical.
  - This represents an unprecedented effort to declassify sensitive material.
  - The DCI carefully assessed the impact of and concurred with the declassification.
  - We have taken this step because Iraq's weapons present real and immediate dangers to the region and the world.
- Although Secretary Powell did not present all that we know (to protect the lives of our sources and the methods of our intelligence), he laid out a thorough and deeply troubling case that Saddam and his regime:
  - Possess WMD;
  - Are working to acquire more and more lethal WMD;
  - Continue to hide current stocks and procurement efforts;
  - Continue to harbor and sponsor terrorists; and
  - Have made no attempt to disarm as required by the international community.

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