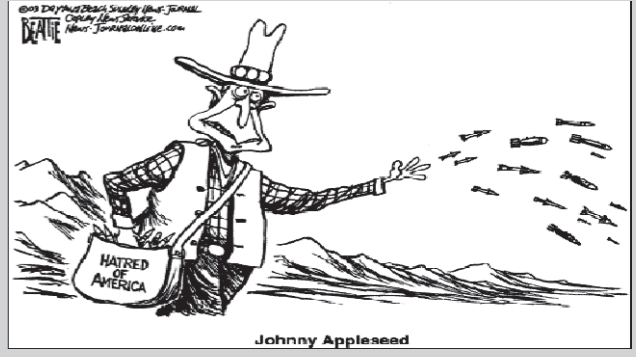


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How many more years of Bush?

What was supposed to be a fight against terrorism has now become a "witch-hunt" against countries that oppose American views of the "new world order".

George W. Bush is the one man who had the means to shape the future of the world. With the powers bestowed upon him as the leader of the only superpower remaining...

We are in Iraq to



- A. Find and destroy weapons of mass destruction
B. Combat terrorism
C. Force regime change
D. Protect the free world's oil supply
E. Annoy the French
F. All of the above

The more worrying issue in hand right now is that the American Presidency runs on a four-year mandate and G.W. Bush has only completed two. God help the world!

Violent anti-war protest in Dhaka

It is disturbing to see the violent protests this weekend in Dhaka. The so-called "peace-loving devotees" decided to burn effigies, break office windows...

I wonder how destruction of properties can bring peace let alone make any change of the situation in Iraq. I was also amazed to hear about the calls by some professional bodies to boycott Anglo-American goods.

I was amazed to hear when the Imam of our mosque asked us not to use products of Lever Brothers in his Friday Juma prayer sermon.

I am sure this Imam is unaware that not only Lever's parent company Unilever is a global company but it employs hundreds of Bangladeshis and is actively contributing to the social and economic uplift of Bangladesh.

I was bewildered going through your esteemed daily on April 5. What kind of idiosyncrasy is this in the name of anti-war protest? Has Bush promised to stop bombing Iraq if we ransacked our own country?

My request to those who really want to protest: please act rationally. If you are as violent and irrational in your actions just as Bush and Blair invading Iraq...

With grave concern, in order to bring attention to raise voice against the recent violence followed by the anti-war protest in Dhaka...

only jeopardise our national interest. In fact, as a concerned Bangladeshi, what worries me, is our profound legacy of lacking any sense of proportion.

reading? After reading many of the articles in your paper, I am not surprised at the anti-American tone of the opinions being expressed.

Cluster bombs and crude hypocrisy

Killing people in scores and 'liberating' the same people! How does it sound like? This is true especially with Donald Rumsfeld and Geof Hoon...

Their unimpressive falsehood and denial apropos bombing a market place in Baghdad that killed over 60 people forbade them to tell lies this time regarding their use of cluster bombs.

This is how US and UK regimes are 'liberating' the people of Iraq? This is Anglo-American way of winning the 'heart and mind' of people of other countries!

Mahmud Portsmouth, UK



agitation that disrupts lives of the ordinary people and cause financial loss to business community. Since, Bangladesh is passing through a precarious state of diplomacy, as it is caught in a dilemma in international politics...

We are reading you loud and clear - what are you

that Iraq has been armed primarily by the Soviet Union, Germany and France, not by the United States of America. The Iraqis keep very good records, and the records show the armaments and chemical factories that were supplied by these countries.

Any oil that is produced in Iraq will be sold by the Iraqis, and it will enter the world supply of oil. It will flow to the appropriate refineries in the world that are suited to the grade of oil that is available.

I therefore, urge the United Nations to look into this matter and find a peaceful solution to end this insane invasion into Iraq by the combined forces.

I agree with many of your writers and vast majority of European leaders that the Iraqis have been badly set down by the UN and in particular by its secretary general.

Senators Byrd and McCain

I am writing in response to both the letters of Riki (March 26) and Nazmul Karim (April 3).

This is in response to Mr Nazmul Karim regarding Senator John McCain. Mr Nazmul got his facts wrong, Mr McCain is a Republican who had contested in the Republican primaries against Mr Bush.

War news verification I have been reading The Daily Star for its view on the war but I've noticed its reporting on the war leaves much to be desired. For example, does The Daily Star have its own reporter in Baghdad?

And why isn't The Daily Star condemning the Iraqi tactics of soldiers dressed as civilians pretending to surrender and then opening fire on the US troops...

To the Secretary General of the UN

Recently the UN Security Council witnessed a fiery debate on the Iraq issue. The Security Council was divided on the issue whether force should be used against Iraq.

As I write to you today, many Iraqi children are losing their fathers and brothers. Pregnant women are giving birth to pre-mature babies without having any proper medical treatment.

The UN being a powerful and influential institution has shown reluctance towards establishing peace in Iraq and to other parts of the Middle East.

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http://mccain.senate.gov/ or best email John McCain at john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov

http://www.beachbrowser.com/Archives/News-and-Human-Interest/december-99/Cindy-McCains-Own-Story.htm

Refused to fight - soldiers sent home Two British soldiers have been sent home from Iraq for refusal to fight in the US-led war and could face a court martial.

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Situation in the US

Ever since 9/11 anyone of Middle Eastern and Indian Subcontinental descent was viewed in a very unsavoury way. Well, by Indian Subcontinent I mean the Bangladeshis, Pakistanis and some Punjabis.

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"warmongers" as stated by some of your letters. We want peace. I say, let the Iraqi's choose. And be a good neighbour and support them because I will. T Souza One-mail

UN is supposed to keep peace in this world!

The world as we know is going through a lot of crisis. The Iraq war is taking its toll and people there are living in extreme misery.

Children are being killed brutally, pregnant mothers are losing or giving birth to immature babies and of course thousands are dying every day resulting in people losing their near and dear ones.

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