



*Religious communities must stop blessing war and violence...*

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## ON THE ARREST OF SADDAM HUSSEIN INTERFAITH COMMUNITIES UNITED FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

THE RECENT CAPTURE OF SADDAM HUSSEIN PRESENTS THE WORLD COMMUNITY WITH A CLEAR OPPORTUNITY TO VALIDATE INTERNATIONAL LAW REGARDING GENOCIDE AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND TO PROSECUTE MR. HUSSEIN'S CASE THROUGH A GENUINELY MULTILATERAL PROCESS. Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace (ICUJP) welcomes this opportunity. Furthermore, we join with Human Rights Watch in urging that the Iraqi Governing Council partner with the United Nations to insure a trial based on international law, and incorporating experience gained from the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda and Sierra Leone.

ICUJP also calls on the President and Congress of the United States to renounce our present policy of unilateral intervention in Iraq and other sovereign nations. Only genuine self-government and self-determination will bring true freedom to Iraq or any nation, no matter how many dictators we remove by force. There has never been a more critical time for the United States to show its support for international law and universal human rights. We call upon our leaders to honor the rule of law over force and the search for justice over the desire for vengeance. A fair trial for Saddam Hussein can help establish clear, strong precedents for generations to come.

In addition, ICUJP calls upon the President and Congress to acknowledge our complicity in the tragedy of Iraq, and to concretely demonstrate this acknowledgement by ending all US weapons sales to and military training for countries with records of human rights abuses. US troops must no longer face American-made weapons in the hands of hostile adversaries, nor should people throughout the world be subject to intimidation and abuse by dictators brandishing US weapons. A US policy that says "The enemy of my enemy is my friend" inevitably leads to the corruption of every nation's ideals and integrity and to the loss of innocent lives. We remind our fellow Americans that "*the measure you give will be the measure you receive*" (Matthew 7:2).

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