
Subject: Hundreds of WMDs Found in Iraq
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 02:13:05 GMT

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<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,200499,00.html>

http://www.foxnews.com/projects/pdf/Iraq_WMD_Declassified.pdf

Subject: Re: Hundreds of WMDs Found in Iraq
Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 02:46:11 GMT

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Interesting articles. Unfortunately this isn't new news, so I'm not sure what the habub is all about.

UNMOVIC already gave us this information. Interestingly enough, while no one doubts that Saddam was about as cooperative as a rape victim, the weapons were never destroyed in the first place but were still scheduled to be. If it weren't for the invasion that stopped the disarmament not two days prior, they would have been disabled in the coming months.

Frankly, after the invasion I can't blame the former army for using the weapons they had. It wasn't like the Coalition was gonna step in and say "Ok, you can fight this catch 22, but you're not allowed to use those weapons you said you were gonna destroy!!!!11111"

Subject: Re: Hundreds of WMDs Found in Iraq
Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 05:37:39 GMT

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That UNMOVIC report says that there were still prohibited rocket components scheduled for destruction when the inspectors left. Also a few old pieces of equipment that had been previously destroyed, but reconstructed, had yet to be destroyed again. The report also says all chemical weapons they found were destroyed prior to the inspectors leaving.

A lot of that report is about how the inspectors spent much of their time trying to verify Iraq's claims that all their chemical and biological weapons were destroyed already. There wasn't much they could verify on that issue. They even noted that some weapons that had been marked as chemical were actually conventional. Investigations into why those weapons were not the real chemical weapons slated for destruction couldn't be done before the inspectors had to leave though.

The newly declassified documents are about chemical weapons found in Iraq. Nothing in that

report mentions weapons like that still existing when the inspectors left.

Subject: Re: Hundreds of WMDs Found in Iraq
Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 07:25:52 GMT
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There is no doubt in my mind that more will be found. There are so many things out there buried and most of it will never be found.

To assume that Saddam wanted to rid himself of these weapons is ludicrous. Every report had down that the second sanctions were lifted he was going to start doing everything again. the fact that these weapons still existed more than a decade after they were supposed to be destroyed proves that he had no intention of giving it all up.

Subject: Re: Hundreds of WMDs Found in Iraq
Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 14:42:26 GMT
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Of course it would help if I gave the right article, durr...

Final count of 155mm artillery shells found and destroyed that contained mustard

1997, Iraq declares the destruction of 550 155mm mustard shells. UNSCOM is unable to verify it.

UNSCOM (Before UNMOVIC)'s Disarmament status as of 1999.

Consequentially, 500 of these shells have been found now, dating back to the first gulf war, in roughly the same quantity that Iraq said they destroyed in 1997. The search for evidence of destruction never stopped and was obviously never found. This isn't a smoking gun or anything to Saddam having secret stashes of nukes. It's simply finding these weapons that were thought to have been destroyed unilaterally but actually weren't. Ironically, in a time when Iraq was doing this shit all the time and almost always was found out to be doing so.

Subject: Re: Hundreds of WMDs Found in Iraq
Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Sat, 24 Jun 2006 05:59:40 GMT
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I haven't been following the story with the declassified documents much, but all I see it mention are 500 chemical weapons munitions were found. It doesn't mention them being 155 mm shells.

Assuming they are though, that seems to support part of the US's reason for attacking Iraq. Part of the whole 'WMD' reasoning was that Iraq was lying about destroying munitions and was hiding them from inspectors. Finding these 500, which Iraq declared to be destroyed, would seem to prove that point of the US's case to be true.

That would kind of make this new news a big deal, particularly since there's a never ending line of people claiming "Bush lied". Personally, I'd like more details of this 'classified report' to be made public before I start drawing conclusions on all this.
