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Subject: hmmm, i wonder why russia didn't want us attacking iraq

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Commando no. 448 We all should know Russia is the type that sells it hardware wherever they please. Wonder why there are millions of AKs worldwide? I say they are a grown up nation in charge of its own dealings. You are just angry because you have to fight Iraq. The US would have been giving it mostly the blind eye if there was no war. And the Iraqis have the right to defend themselves with what they see fit.

I'd surmise to call Russia "in charge of it's own dealings" would be foolish considering :

Rusia's economies extreme nose dive in 1998.

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/1998/09/crisis.russia/overview/>

I stumbed upon this article from CNN in 1998. I don't normally use CNN for artciles etc but this was the 1st I ran across....Doesn't Russia also have 'unaccounted' for nuclear warheads or weapons ?

And to call a nation that would sell military hardware to a man like Saddam. Knowing their 'allies' & the UN were trying to disarm Saddam and to do so would be immoral and illegal for both parties. And THEN to come to the UN and tell the US, the PRIMARY force in the conflicts against Saddam that WE would be acting illegally & immorally ?!?!?!?!

by Viktor Korotayev, Reuters Newswire UK

Russia says war in Iraq a mistake and illegal

March 17, 2003

MOSCOW, March 17 (Reuters) - Russia called for last-minute attempts to solve the Iraq crisis peacefully on Monday, saying any resort to force would be both a mistake and illegal.

Russia has aligned itself with France and Germany in calling for further U.N. arms inspections to ensure that Iraq is free of what the United States says are illegal weapons. Like France, a fellow permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, it has threatened to veto any new resolution endorsing military action.

President Vladimir Putin, speaking before the United States and Britain said they would no longer seek a vote for a new resolution endorsing force, said any approach other than peaceful disarmament would be a mistake."

And to top it all off much like some anti-war types they can't get the facts straight. Even a small child could tell you that it is the U.N. who has passed a total of \*54 resolutions concerning Iraq since 1991 NOT the United States...:rolleyes:

\* <http://www.caabu.org/press/documents/iraq-documents.html>

Lets look at recent Russia & Iraqi business deals...

11-26-2001

Pravda.ru News

<http://english.pravda.ru/world/2001/11/26/21985.html>

RUSSIA, IRAQ WEIGH PETROCHEMICAL CONTRACTS

Russia and Iraq are considering contract drafts on cooperation in the petrochemical industry, projected to be worth some \$5 billion, Iraqi Deputy Industry and Minerals Minister Ahmed Rashid announced in remarks to an international roundtable in Moscow, entitled Russia-Iraq Economic Cooperation.

The implementation of the projects in question appears to hinge on an end to economic sanctions against Iraq. "If the blockade is lifted, the projects Russian companies are interested in would be estimated higher," the Iraqi official stressed.

Iraqi Deputy Oil Minister Hussein Salman al-Hadisi said the Iraqi government is willing to give priority to Russian companies in cooperation in the oil and gas sector. This preference may prove to be a lucrative chance for Russian companies to implement projects without submitting tenders first.

8-20-2002

Pravda.ru News

<http://english.pravda.ru/main/2002/08/20/34815.html>

"10-year contract to include oil, gas, transports and communications

The Iraqi Foreign Ministry has announced that a 60bn. USD contract is to be signed in the coming weeks between Moscow and Baghdad. The aid deal will not violate UN sanctions on Iraq."

Friday, 17 January, 2003, 17:46 GMT

The BBC

Russia strikes Iraq oil deal

Iraq has awarded a major oil contract to a Russian company, in what is seen as a step towards mending relations between the two countries.

Two further agreements have been initialled, promising another two Russian firms a share of Iraq's oil revenue.

Last month sharp words were exchanged between the two countries, when Baghdad cancelled a \$3.7bn contract with Russia's largest oil company Lukoil.

The new oil contracts will boost relations between Iraq and Russia at a time when Baghdad is desperate for allies on the UN security council.

Oilmen caught in geopolitics

Moscow has consistently opposed the threat of American military action against Iraq - and has argued that Iraq is co-operating with UN weapons inspectors.

But relations between Moscow and Baghdad were dented in December, when Iraq abruptly cancelled the Lukoil contract.

The official reason given by the Iraqis was that Lukoil had failed to start development work - something that is forbidden by UN sanctions.

LOL @ the text in **bold**. Someone's telling jokes on the international level again. Like Russia or Iraq gives a shit about UN sanctions when they(Iraq) are selling UN Relief aid units on the black market. So what about Russia now ? Who was it that had a large economic intrest in this war again ? Perhaps you dont get the point. The UN has deemed post Iraq getting their asses spanked there were certain terms that had to be me. This is not USA laws vs Saddam Hussein. This is Saddam Hussein vs Himself. He has had TWELVE YEARS to make his choices and this is the path he has molded. I'd say he should be thanking his lucky stars this hadn't come a lot

sooner considering the situation.

You were saying ?

The One

ps. Disarmament isn't impossible for everyone, Africa seems to of gotten some praise...  
[http://quickstart.clari.net/qs\\_se/webnews/wed/bt/Qsafrica-iraq-un-nuclear.RZG-\\_DJR.html](http://quickstart.clari.net/qs_se/webnews/wed/bt/Qsafrica-iraq-un-nuclear.RZG-_DJR.html)

Here's a little info about the history of France and Iraq...  
France and Iraq: 'This Is an Odd Couple Relationship'  
<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,81079,00.html>

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