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Cuba - Bush's new thyroid storm

Time magazine's recent revelations that Libya was not involved in the blowing up of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie in Scotland in December 1988 has only aggravated Bush's thyroid problem. On the day veteran journalist, Roy Rowan's *Time* cover story "The Untold Story of Pan Am 103" hit the newstands in the U.S. (see *Time* Australia April 25) George Bush hastily made a new Presidential decree. Acting without the approval of Congress Bush, from his holiday house in Maine, issued an immediate Executive Order banning all shipping from U.S. ports that traded with Cuba. Even mail between Miami and Cuba on charter flights has been severely restricted and "humanitarian aid" is severely monitored and controlled.

"I am strongly committed to actions that will bring rapid, peaceful democratic change to Cuba", Bush said. "My administration has pursued an effective policy of economic and political isolation of the Cuban regime".

He ordered "all democratic governments" to join the U.S. in its efforts, ranting that "No nation should bankroll this dictatorship".

According to Brian Boswell, the Australian's resident journalist in Washington,

"Many analysts believe that Cuba will become the main foreign policy focus in the U.S. in the next few months as the only true vote-catching foreign issue left for exploitation. It has even been mooted that if Mr. Bush's rating in the polls continues to slide, he may contemplate military action to remove Dr. Castro before the November vote - although he and his Cabinet have all denied such a plan." (*Australian* April 20)

Other punters concur that President Bush has definitely planned a northern "Summer Surprise" military strike against a Third World country to bolster his re-election chances. Yet there is disagreement on which country will receive the big stick. Then again the target may not even have been firmly decided from the many irons the U.S. government has in the fire. In the betting odds Iraq has now moved to 10 to one because Sadaam Hussein keeps on implementing everything the U.S./ U.N. throws at him. Last month's favourite, Libya, has now moved to longer odds at 15 to 1 after the *Time* magazine's disclosures. The bookies also point to the current lack of news items and disinformation sabre rattling statements concerning Libya

Cuba, George Bush's old enemy, is now at 3 to 1 on the tote. North Korea still cannot be ruled out; nor can Syria, Israel's current foe. Both are still at 20 to one. Outsiders at 50 to one are current Non-Aligned Movement activist Malaysia and Indonesia. Australian students and wheat farmers are still to be listed.



Visiting Cuban to speak at La Trobe

RAUL MACIAS

Raul Macias is visiting Australia this month and is Director of the Cuban Institute for Friendship Amongst People (ICAP)

1 p.m. Thursday, 7 May, ELT 4

All welcome

The Nayyira lie

One year after the US-led aggression, facts which were until recently a secret, began to surface. The recent revelations about how the US and its allies manipulated public opinion inside and outside the United States have revealed stunning details about the unjust media campaign by the US and Western propaganda mills.

The US had no scruples to abricate lies just to create an irreversible anti-Iraq mood.

The daughter of the Kuwaiti ambassador in Washington, Nayyira, was couched by experts of an American public relations company on how to turn the lie about Iraqi soldiers throwing away Kuwaiti children out of their incubators, into a truth that enraged the US congressmen and eventually facilitated the Congress approval of Bush's war plans.

The Baghdad Observer English language daily tackled this issue in an editorial entitled "The Nayyira Lie" in which the daily said:

"During the run-up to the US-led aggression on Iraq, the US administration left no stone unturned for evidence about 'Iraqi troops brutality against civilians in Kuwait'."

"First-hand accounts by witnesses" were taken for granted by US congressmen without bothering to investigate their validity, The Baghdad Observer said.

It went on to say that a 15-year Kuwaiti girl stood before veteran US congressmen weeping her eyes out over "an unprecedented outrage perpetrated by occupation Iraqi soldiers."

Nayyira testified in October 1990 that she saw with her own eyes Iraqisoldiers throwing infants out of their incubators, leaving them to die on the cold floor, the daily added in its editorial.

It went on to say that Nayyira's testimony was a thing which President George Bush so often harped on as he tried to justify the most formidable

post-war buildup against a single small state.

The recent revelations by the New York Times are bound to make Bush turn in his bed in Tokyo. President Bush was on a visit to Japan. This Nayyira was the daughter of the Kuwaiti ambassador in Washington.

Nobody can be sure now that she was in Kuwait during the "Iraqi invasion." Congressmen are frowning at each other. Could one of their main motives to permit the US President to go to war be so fragile? Could a nation be destroyed on accounts that were hard to verify? The Observer wondered.

The English language described the Nayyira revelations as a scandal. It simply underlines a premeditated will by the IS administration to destroy Iraq. It simply indicates that the Bush administration was desperate for anything to tarnish Iraq's image and facilitate its inhuman war.

It said there will come a time when the entire issue of Kuwait turns out to

be a big political bubble. Kuwaiti rulers, the Gulf and Western allies can perhaps keep the lid tight on a cauldron of scandalous lies that constituted the essence of their anti-Iraq propaganda campaign. But they are not likely to maintain their grip on the lid. The steam of lies seems to have started to leak. The US administration and its allies should brace themselves for more leaks. On one stage, the very rationale President Bush used to justify war on Iraq would be the biggest lie of the century.

The daily concluded by saying that Bush claimed he had launched war out of concern for "Kuwaiti babies." But thousands of Iraqi babies are now deprived of the badly needed incubators which were then available in Kuwait. President Bush is depriving Iraqi children of their medication, leaving them struggling with death that has already claimed thousands of innocent lives. Isn't this a sheer instance of treachery by the US President?



Demonstrate against US Secretary of War

Dick Cheney

Sat. 2nd May 5:30 pm

Hyatt on Collins

We gave Bush the push in January, now lets give Dick the flick!