

Leftists Accuse US Envoy Of War Crimes  
Lawyers Demand Secretary Of States Arrest

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*Note from Pastor Kevin: Last week the world witnessed the official establishment of the "World Court." This week we see forces of evil trying to arrest, try and convict Colin Powell for war crimes.*

*Why, in the eyes of those mentioned below, is Mr. Powell needing to be arrested? The answer - Because he is not assisting them in their desire to exterminate five million Jews. This is an obvious case of calling evil as good, and good as evil.*

*Isaiah chapter 5, verse 20 proclaims a "woe" on the people who call evil good and good evil. Currently, those calling for the arrest of Powell are being ignored. However, based on the end-time prophecies of the Bible, we can be assured the future world government, ruled by the Antichrist, will use the power of this world court, and other means at its disposal, to silence those opposed to murder and wickedness (Revelation 6:8). This is why the prophets of the Bible call this future time, "The period of Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21, Revelation 2:22)" or the "Time of Jacob's (Israel's) trouble (Jeremiah 30:7)."*

*It is clear we are living in the days preceding this time of darkness and evil, which will be followed by the second coming of Jesus. I pray the reader has given his or her heart to Jesus, the Savior, who was sent into the world to save us from our sins. In doing so, you will be saved (spiritually) from this perverse generation (Acts 2:38-40).*

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US Secretary of State Colin Powell's visit here Monday sparked more than just the wrath of an anti-Washington mob, with some parties demanding that he be prosecuted as a war criminal. Despite Powell's moderate position toward the Middle East crisis and his description by many as a "dove" in comparison with Pentagon hawks, activists here have levelled far-reaching accusations against the US diplomat-in-chief.

Two Lebanese lawyers sent State Prosecutor Adnan Addoum an official notification, urging him to strip the visiting Powell of his diplomatic immunity and requesting that he be either arrested or expelled for his alleged role in war crimes and in the Israeli offensive against Palestine. Similarly, Khat Mubashar (Direct Line), a local leftist student group, has issued a petition requesting that the US envoy be prosecuted in an international criminal court and listing many alleged crimes, including crimes committed during the Gulf War.

The notification by lawyers Mohammed Adib and Nabil Halabi highlights Powell's role as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Gulf War, saying that the "crimes committed against civilians are a secret to no one," and citing the killing of hundreds of women and children, war prisoners and the use of biological weapons

there.

The statement also blames him for US foreign policy, including "the constant US vetoing that blocks any (UN) decision to condemn Israeli crimes," especially following the 1996 Qana massacre. "This is a first step; it might just be a symbolic one, but still," said Halabi, who added that he was disappointed that the judicial authorities did not treat the notification as an urgent one.

Addoum, who received the brief on Monday, described it later in the evening as "not serious from a legal point of view," calling it a "political statement." "We will look into the file and take the appropriate measures," he said.

Khat Mubashar went further in their indictment, going as far back as the Vietnam War, and claiming Powell had a hand in the 1968 My Lai massacre that claimed the lives of scores of Vietnamese civilians. According to Yasser Mounif of Khat Mubashar, the group hopes their initiative will gain momentum and transform their accusations from a symbolic step into an actual conviction. "In light of his visit, and all the misleading images it may carry, we thought that raising the issue now was appropriate," he said. "But this doesn't mean that the group is absolving other personalities of their crimes."

The statement denounced US policy in the region and blamed Powell for the burning alive of Iraqi soldiers during the Gulf War and using depleted uranium warheads, which it said had caused "the disability of 136,000 US soldiers." It also claimed that Powell played a role in massacres and other crimes that have taken place in Panama, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

