

This Thursday, March 19, is the sixth anniversary of the US invasion and occupation of Iraq, and seven and a half years in Afghanistan. There has been no accountability for the criminals who launched these wars of aggression. The current congress and president are continuing both and escalating one.

## ACTION

Please add your name and / or the name of your organization to the *Statement on Prosecution of Former High Officials* (see below) at [www.afterdowningstreet.org/prosecutorstatement](http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/prosecutorstatement)

# Statement on Prosecution of Former High Officials

We urge Attorney General Eric Holder to appoint a non-partisan independent Special Counsel to immediately commence a prosecutorial investigation into the most serious alleged crimes of former President George W. Bush, former Vice President Richard B. Cheney, the attorneys formerly employed by the Department of Justice

whose memos sought to justify torture, and other former top officials of the Bush Administration.

Our laws, and treaties that under Article VI of our Constitution are the supreme law of the land, require the prosecution of crimes that strong evidence suggests these individuals have committed. Both the former president and the former vice president have confessed to authorizing a torture procedure that is illegal under our law and treaty obligations. The former president has confessed to violating the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

We see no need for these prosecutions to be extraordinarily lengthy or costly, and no need to wait for the recommendations of a panel or “truth” commission when substantial evidence of the crimes is already in the public domain. We believe the most effective investigation can be conducted by a prosecutor, and we believe such an investigation should begin immediately.

**Signed By over 150 individuals and organization:** (for the full list, visit <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/prosecutorstatement>)

8<sup>th</sup> Day Center for Justice Staff  
<http://www.8thdaycenter.org>

Center for Constitutional Rights  
<http://www.ccrjustice.org>

The National Lawyers Guild  
<http://www.nlg.org>

Society of American Law Teachers - SALT <http://www.saltlaw.org>

Human Rights USA  
<http://www.humanrightsvsusa.org>

After Downing Street  
<http://www.afterdowningstreet.org>



[www.justforeignpolicy.org/iraq/iraqdeaths.html](http://www.justforeignpolicy.org/iraq/iraqdeaths.html)

American Freedom Campaign  
<http://www.americanfreedomcampaign.org>

American Voices Abroad - Berlin  
<http://www.americanvoicesabroad.net/cgi-bin/berlin>

American Voices Abroad Military Project  
[https://www.dfg-vk.de/thematisches/kriegsdienstverweigerung\\_im\\_krieg/2008/194](https://www.dfg-vk.de/thematisches/kriegsdienstverweigerung_im_krieg/2008/194)

Amherst Women in Black  
<http://umass.edu/umhome/events/articles/84883.php>

Ann Wright, retired US Army Reserve Colonel and US diplomat  
<http://www.voicesofconscience.com>

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***We need to get to the bottom of what happened -- and why -- so we make sure it never happens again.***

—Senator Patrick Leahy, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

**Note:** Other peace leaflets produced by 8<sup>th</sup> Day Center can be found at [www.8thdaycenter.org/resources/leaflets.html](http://www.8thdaycenter.org/resources/leaflets.html) You may wish to use them for your own vigils, in classrooms, etc.

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