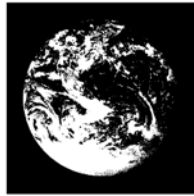


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## TO THE IRAQIS FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

You know well that the Italians believing in peace have no responsibility for the war in Iraq. In the Countries with an advanced economy there aren't any political leaders "owners", neither in Europe nor America. The owners are others and they have resources and methods to impose their wishes. Until the peoples will accept it. In those Countries called democratic, who is elected to govern undertakes the responsibility of taking also decisions that the majority of the electors don't agree but then they have to answer for their work in the successive elections.

The cause of the peoples that struggle for liberty is always just and the Iraqi people certainly have the right to dispose of their territory, as they have to freedom, democracy, justice, well-being, which they didn't even have until a year ago, even if your government had nearly the 100 per cent of the votes. But, to change your situation, nobody had the right to wage war against you and to invade your territory. This is what, set apart religion and international law, the natural law of all men, at least officially acknowledged.

You and your invaders don't have the right to hunt and kill anyone. It's a long time now that no peoples have obtained freedom by using violence. Violence is always and anyway the wrong answer to human problems, even if they are real and concrete and even if you have been wronged. Trust the other peoples. With violence you could even destroy the enemies but you won't be able to build anything.

If the Italian government has not done everything it could to free the hostages, the Italian people will be responsible for it, and perhaps also the Iraqi ones. If it will be demonstrated that the hostages are spies, they will be judged as spies, without summary executions.

To demonstrate your good will, free the hostages strait away. It's not for them that there have been lots of peace demonstrations and it won't be just for them that other initiatives will be taken; they will be taken for your people that have been suffering violence and war for decades.

Free them. Immediately. This is the only way the peoples of the world will have the proof of your good will. You have to understand that you can and you have to fight for freedom but the wishes of the peoples can't and mustn't be extorted, because this neither the aggressor nor the attacked, neither the rich nor the poor, neither who governs nor who is governed can do.

Free them. Now.