

TABOO OPINIONS #51

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6-2-05 LIES, FRAUD & STUPIDITY! AND THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS.

My favorite this week is the huge 40,000-man Iraqi "Operation Lightning" military encirclement and search of Baghdad (with 10,000 US troops standing by as backup in case the Iraqi forces stumble over 1000 or so massed, fully armed insurgents).

After much advance fanfare which provided two days warning to the insurgents (but, then, they surely knew about "Operation Lightning" the day it was conceived, given their spy system) the "government" forces rolled out to establish hundreds and hundreds of checkpoints (with 'mobile' checkpoints in reserve).

But then... The insurgents kept on blowing up the police and army units and killing lots of people (even sacred police chiefs and higher-up politicians! And all their bodyguards!) ... And while the Iraqi forces did arrest a lot of 'terrorist' suspects (body counts are important! We learned that in the Vietnam War, didn't we?), some disloyal American army officers had the gall to complain and let themselves be quoted! that the Iraqi arrests were 'imprecise' (meaning the Iraqis didn't know if they were arresting the right people or not!), and yesterday I read that Iraqi drivers report being able to drive from one end of Baghdad to the other end without once being stopped and searched...and that the checkpoints are difficult to find and identify because the Iraqi soldiers are scattered about in whatever shade they can find.

And today there wasn't one word in The Oregonian about "Operation Lightning."

But there was a long propaganda story about how the awful insurgents sent two mortar shells into a house and yard, killing three children and a man.

Next thing you know the insurgents will start using mobile artillery, but the story will condemn them for killing innocent civilians along with American troops.

A Boston Globe story, as I recall, reported the insurgents are

now digging up paved streets, planting bombs, and then taking the time and effort to repave the street so the bomb site will be undetectable to American convoys.

The insurgents didn't used to be able or willing to do that, did they? But now they are losing the war, according to Bush and Cheney and Rumsfeld, so now they can go to the extra trouble to kill Americans.

Doublethink and doublespeak, anyone?

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