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Saddam execution: Your reaction

What difference will Saddam's death make to the people of Iraq?

Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, hanged for crimes against humanity on Saturday, has been buried in the village where he was born 69 years ago.

In a sparsely attended ceremony in Awja, in the Tikrit region north of the capital, the former Iraqi leader was laid to rest in a family plot.

What is your reaction to the event? Was it right to execute him? Should he have faced other charges? Will the news of his hanging affect the violence in Iraq?

We discussed this on our global phone-in programme, Have Your Say on Sunday 31st December at 1400 GMT.

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This was absolutely at the direction of Bush. The timetable of the trial and the major milestones were too coincidental with the US political timetable. And of course getting Saddam out of the way removes the possibility of any awkward questions being asked (and embarrassing answers being given) in trials for his other crimes - such as what involvement western governments had in his regime over the years.

How stupid do they think we are??

[Steve Butler](#), Basingstoke, United Kingdom

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Now the fiasco of the Saddam trial is over, I am looking forward to the much more interesting spectacle of the George Bush / Tony Blair trial for illegally invading a sovereign country against UN wishes and the murder of hundreds of thousands of civilian Iraqis, in the immortal words of George Bush 'bring it on'.

Chris, Shropshire UK

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totally and utterly disgusted, I am ashamed to be part of the same race as those who gloat and take pleasure in a public execution. How ironic that an evil man like Saddam has shown more dignity in his final minutes than those who are now in charge of Iraq of the US and UK Governments. And shame to those in the media who went along with this circus. Not in my name and not with my license fee.

Gerry, Glasgow

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Saddam, is executed not for his crime, but to hide USA's part in the crime Saddam had committed.

Mohammed Munir Hossain, London,

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So one evil dictator has been executed for his crimes against humanity. Now all that remains is for the same justice to be dealt to Bush. Maybe then Iraq can start to recover. An illegal war is an illegal war. Those who start it should be held responsible.

john, Newport

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How fortunate for the US that, Saddam being dead, nobody will ever be able to interview him regarding his amicable dealings with Rumsfeld at the time of the Reagan administration.

Hillary, Italy

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Absolute savagery and barbaric inhumanity drenched in false justice - that is what this execution was. This is what the puppet Iraqi regime was instructed to do by the UK/US governments. These are the "human rights" Bush/Blair preach to the rest of the world.

🗨 I wonder why they weren't brave enough to be in the pictures, smiling next to the hangman.

M. M. Zaman, UK/Canada

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Shame on you Mr George Bush. Shame on you Mr Tony Blair. Shame on all the corrupt, opportunist, profiteering, companies and individuals who took advantage of this illegal war for their own gain. No more said.

Brian McCarthy, Ireland

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How about trying BUSH, BLAIR for war crimes?

Holy

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The world is a brutal place made more brutal by the senseless killing of one deadly dictator politician by another. What does Saddam's hanging do to free Iraq and make the world a better place? Nothing; I don't feel safer. How can a US president have the right to sentence a former Iraqi president to death for crimes committed in Iraq, not the US? Will the Iraqi's be granted the same right to hang George W Bush for his war crimes?

Anna, Perth Australia

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im absolutely disgusted by events today. hypocrisy is alive and well it seems. he may have caused terrible suffering to some of his own people, but then again, have the coalition caused less suffering? was there the same lawlessness and lack of security in iraq in saddams time compared to now? will coalition leaders be executed for crimes against humanity? NO

this is an example of victors justice. its an insult to my intelligence to be told the west is "civilised".

dermy, coalisland, co. tyrone, ireland

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Am I alone in getting sick and tired of listening to the whining Liberal chattering classes?

They come up with any excuse to show that Dear Mr. Hussein was merely misunderstood or some other nonsense.

The man deserved what he got.

 The one photograph of the gassed Kurds, including the children, was enough for me.

You are willing to pontificate and spout your Holier-than-thou clap-trap, while people such as Hussain commit genocide, you make me sick.

Bye-bye Mr. Hussein...

John Ford, Cambridge, England

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The world has missed a chance to be civilised.

Jack Hielema

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when is Bush going to face justice for all the people who have been killed in the war in iraq

jim, wigan

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Once again, the puppet masters have got away clean.

Tony Croft

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