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Rice Accosted By Anti-War Protester

Secretary Of State Called A 'War Criminal' At House Committee Hearing

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Rice Heckled On Capitol Hill

"CBS News RAW": An anti-war demonstrator, shouting "war criminal," approached Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as she arrived to testify at a hearing on Capitol Hill.

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(AP) Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was accosted by an anti-war protester with her hands painted red to look like blood as she entered the room to testify before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The protester shouted that Rice was a "war criminal" and should be taken to the Hague, a reference to international war tribunals.

Rice was stoic and proceeded with business as normal as the protester was immediately spirited from the room. Other protesters were likewise escorted away at the behest of Committee Chairman Tom Lantos, D-Calif.

Despite the protesters' effort to focus on the war, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict dominated much of the hearing. A "two-state solution" in the Middle East is in jeopardy after a series of events including Iran's recent efforts to support Palestinian Hamas militants, Rice said.

Accordingly, the Bush administration decided to convene an upcoming peace conference in Annapolis, Md., to keep from losing a window of opportunity, she told the House panel.

"Our concern is growing that without a serious political prospect for the Palestinians that gives to moderate leaders a horizon that they can show to their people that indeed there is a two-state solution that is possible, we will lose the window for a two-state solution," Rice told the committee.

Sharp questions included ones from Lantos on whether the Bush administration was doing enough to pressure Egypt to crack down on Hamas sympathizers and another on the question of whether Bush was calling for the peace conference to salvage his political legacy.

Rice dismissed suggestions that the conference was a political ploy.

"There are probably easier foreign policy tasks to take on than the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," she said. "The timing comes down to what it is we need to do to give moderate forces in the region a boost and to deal a blow to forces of extremism."

The conference has not been scheduled, but should happen by the end of the year, she said.

On a separate issue, Rice said an emergency State Department review found serious problems with the way private security guards operate in Iraq and that more changes to government policy for contractors may be needed.

Rice said she and Defense Secretary Robert Gates have told their No. 2 officials to do a further study. Rice has already ordered two rounds of changes to the rules for security contractors intended to install greater oversight from Washington.

On Iran, Rice said the administration shares Congress' goal of making sanctions tougher on Iran. But she urged patience among lawmakers, who are increasingly frustrated that not enough was being done to deter Tehran's nuclear ambitions.

Last month, the House passed, by a 397-16 vote, legislation aimed at blocking foreign investment in Iran, in particular its lucrative energy sector. The bill, sponsored by Lantos, would specifically bar the president from waiving U.S. sanctions.

"We are, of course, very concerned, Mr. Chairman, that the policies of Iran constitute perhaps the single greatest challenge for American security interest in the Middle East and possibly around the world, because the combination of Iranian terrorism, Iranian repression at home and the pursuit of nuclear weapons technology . . . is a very dangerous mix," she said.

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This thing goes way beyond the U.S. govt. The world oligarchy, or plutocracy, has Everyman (in every country) just where he wants us: afraid, terrorized, practically mute, and dismayed, except for a few courageous souls. We're disposable pawns in their game of controlling resources and culling overpopulation so they can live in conspicuous, unbridled, stupored consumption and false ego fluffing ("fluffer" pun intended).

The only hope for a good world is if we think, speak, act and behave in the highest good or all. Eye on the prize: a harmonious, kind, loving world. I have to give myself this pep talk so I don't dissolve in despair, which would mean that the evil ones had won.

Posted by [thelema](#) at 03:19 PM : Oct 25, 2007
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Every American should see the Moyers report from this summer, documenting how our "liberal" press totally rubberstamped Bush on the pre-war WMD claim, and failed their mission of true information. The disproof of it was known at the time, simply not reported by liberal bastions NYT and Washington Post. Knight-Ridder had it, and the national media ignored it.

You can watch it on your computer;

<http://pbs.org/moyers/journal/btw/watch.html>

You won't be getting up once you start into it, it's riveting. Pass the link on please -

Posted by [rfield9](#) at 02:34 PM : Oct 25, 2007
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While rushing Rice in that manor is a threatening act and is over the line of standard non-violent protest, one still must credit Ms. Ali-Fairooz for having the fortitude to go through with it. She knew that would get it on the news and was correct about that. Most war opponents would never have the stones to pull that off.

The rest of the Code Pink group in attendance, followed traditional non-violent conduct by being vocally disruptive at Rice and then falling to the floor when approached by security. They made their point. Somebody needed to.

Because wherever you side on the question of pre-war WMD claims - cooked or just a mistake - there can be no doubt about the intensity with which Rice, Cheney, Bush and the army of Neo-con propagandists in the media, sold the need for pre-emptive war.

They went ape over it and turned out wrong, now thousands of Americans are dead or crippled, tens of thousands of Iraqi's dead - in the civil war they never understood would follow an invasion by a scant 150,000, which never had a chance to hold order in a nation that size.

So holding to account, is essential to a democratic form of government. They work for us and were NOT annointed dictators. They should have to fully answer for their decisions, which to this day they stonewall & the commercial media accepts passively.

Posted by [rfield9](#) at 02:31 PM : Oct 25, 2007
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Wow. That woman looked like she was about to strangle Condi Rice.

I thought Rice was going to pull a Marie Osmond there. She turned white as a sheet.

Posted by [Iceman_1960](#) at 12:47 AM : Oct 25, 2007

That woman was ready to slap her across the chops with the hand of red paint.
Posted by [menofoz](#) at 12:49 AM : Oct 25, 2007

I wonder why she wasn't tasered. Unlike the other recent events that resulted in police tasing people, t6his "pink lady" did make threatening advances at a government official. Why did they not taser her?

Posted by Klingon69 at 01:22 PM : Oct 25, 2007
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oh wow...
our government under dumya has become like his friends the saudis; take out those who disagree with his highness policies!!!
by just sitting there in pink, those women found out what it's like to branded by your color! people of color can relate to that ***...as a woman, i can relate to that ***. make no mistake about it...what happened there to those women just sitting, was ***.
how long are we going to put up with that behavior?
our freedoms are being yanked away and what's being done?
he's started a war here, that's what the big cover-up is...it's us against them! he said so from the beginning of his "takeover"! if we are blinded by something else, we won't see what's happening right in front of us..."don't look at the elephant"!!!

Posted by iamook at 12:30 PM : Oct 25, 2007
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Interesting to see all the toady silent administration A**kissers maintaining total denial throught their demeanor.
Nazi Germany would wear it well.

Posted by godseyesore at 12:22 PM : Oct 25, 2007
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Deutschland Deutschland Uber alis Uber Alis Over all

Like the german people learn it has happend you have let it happen...
Posted by jerryomara at 06:07 PM : Oct 24, 2007
At least get it right.
Deutschland Deutschland uber alles, uber alles im der welt.

Posted by Klingon69 at 12:12 PM : Oct 25, 2007
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Hillary Clinton administration, where technique is valued above ideology...
Posted by razzl at 06:01 PM : Oct 24, 2007

Ahahahahahahahahahahaha

Posted by Klingon69 at 12:11 PM : Oct 25, 2007
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brianwb - fair enough, I crashed and went to bed, now I'm at work to see if this post is still alive. Quick answers -

- (1) No I don't think Iraq was behind 9/11. I was uncomfortable about the pre-emptive strike against Iraq and still prefer we never went in.
- (2) It is established fact that Saddam not only had WMD, but used them against his own people. There has been speculation that some WMD's were shipped to Syria, and I wouldn't be surprised if that was true to some extent, but I don't know for sure.
- (3) I reject out of hand the notion that "Bush lied". I reject out of hand that this was all a deliberate scheme to line his pockets. I think it was a misguided, overzealous, narrow-minded decision based on fear and paranoia, but not a deliberate lie for profit.

Posted by erichsh at 12:09 PM : Oct 25, 2007
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Dirty Democrats and rotten republicans all profit from war. Endless war is their dream come true!!!

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