



Galloway In His Own Words:

On Saddam Hussein: “Just as Stalin industrialized the Soviet Union, so on a different scale Saddam plotted Iraqis own Great Leap Forward...He managed to keep his country together until 1991. Indeed, he is likely to have been the leader in history who came closest to creating a truly Iraqi national identity, and he developed Iraq and the living, health, social and education standards of his own people.” (*I'm Not the Only One*, Galloway's autobiography)

To Saddam Hussein: "Your Excellency, Mr President. I greet you in the name of the many thousands of people in Britain who stood against the tide and opposed the war and aggression against Iraq and continue to oppose the war by economic means which is [sic] aimed to strangle the life out of the great people of Iraq... I greet you too, in the name of the

Palestinian people... I thought the President would appreciate to know that even today, three years after the war, I still meet families who are calling their newborn sons Saddam. I salute your courage, your strength your indefatigability. And if I want you to know that we are with you until victory, until victory until Jerusalem!"

(Speech made in Baghdad, 1994)

On Iraqi Self-Determination: “There are elections and elections, there are many Arab presidents who are elected with 99.9, 94.7, 87.4 percent of the vote in elections but nobody believes these elections. They're not real elections and the election that's going to be held in Iraq in January, if it is held at all - and there is a big question mark over that - will not be a real election. How can you have a real election with hundreds of thousands of Crusader soldiers occupying the country, drawing up the electoral law, deciding who is allowed to take part in the elections, and utterly dominating the political life of the country?"

(01/05, right before the first democratic elections in Iraq)

On Iraqi Determination of Galloway: Abu Zeinab al-Qurairy of Iraqi Security Service said: "**[Galloway's] visits are like Saddam's birthday because everyone must come out.**" Does that “must” indicate coercion of Iraqis' public indulgence? Not according to George:

"I don't believe their affection was not genuine."

(*The Observer*, December 23, 2001)

On the Iraqi Shi'ites slaughtered by Saddam's regime in 1991: "a fifth column who actively undermined the Iraqi war effort in the interests of their country's enemy." (*I'm Not the Only One*)

On the Iraqi opposition to

Saddam Hussein: "...the vicious effects of elements of the Iraqi opposition, who should know better. They've so poisoned the well of potential good-will to the Iraqi people in this country..."

(Abu-Dhabi TV, November 20, 2004)

Dialogue from one of Saddam's "romance" novels, or Galloway in Damascus?

“Two of your beautiful daughters are in the hands of foreigners - Jerusalem and Baghdad. The foreigners are doing to your daughters as they will. The daughters are crying for help, and the Arab world is silent. And some of them are collaborating with the rape of these two beautiful Arab daughters. Why? Because they are too weak and too corrupt to do anything about it.”

(Galloway interviewed in Damascus on Syrian TV. Broadcast July 31, 2005)

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On jihadists in Iraq: “These poor Iraqis -- ragged people, with their sandals, with their Kalashnikovs, with the lightest and most basic of weapons – are writing the names of their cities and towns in the stars, with 145 military operations every day, which has made the country ungovernable by the people who occupy it. We don’t know who they are, we don’t know their names, we never saw their faces, they don’t put up photographs of their martyrs, we don’t know the names of their leaders... They are the base of this society. They are the young men and young women who decided, whatever their feelings about the former regime – some are with, some are against. But they decided, when the foreign invaders came, to defend their country, to defend their honor, to defend their families, their religion, their way of life from a military superpower, which landed amongst them. And they are winning the war. American is losing the war in Iraq, and even the Americans now admit it... And this will not change. The resistance is getting stronger every day, and the will to remain as an occupier by Britain and America is getting weaker everyday. Therefore, it can be said, truly said, that the Iraqi resistance is not just defending Iraq. They are defending all the Arabs, and they are defending all the people of the world from American hegemony.” **(Galloway speech entitled, “Justice in the New World Order!” delivered at the al-Assad Library in Damascus on July 30, 2005. Broadcast on Al Jazeera TV, July 31, 2005)**



On the London bombings: “If it is a question of quantum, there is far more blood on the hands of George Bush and Tony Blair than there is on the hands of the murderers who killed those people in London.” (BBC Radio 4 Today, August 5, 2005)

On a recent TV adaptation of Salman Rushdie’s *The Satanic Verses*: “You have to be aware if you do [offend people’s beliefs] you will get blowback. You should do it very carefully, especially if you are a public service broadcaster.” (*The Guardian*, August 29, 2005)

On the liberation of Iraq: “The people who invaded and destroyed Iraq and have murdered more than a million Iraqi people by sanctions and war will burn in hell, in the hell-fires, and their name [sic] in history will be branded as killers and war criminals for all time. Fallujah is a Guernica, Fallujah is a Stalingrad, and Iraq is in flames as a result of the actions of these criminals. Not the resistance, not anybody else but these criminals who invaded and fell like wolves upon the people of Iraq. And by the way, those Arab regimes which helped them to do it will burn in the same hell-fires.” (Abu-Dhabi TV, November 20, 2004)

On Hamas: “Hamas is a Palestinian national resistance movement, analogous to the organisations fighting for freedom in Kashmir.” (*London News Review*, 4/2/04)

Galloway may have opposed the U.S. liberation of Afghanistan in 2001, but he supported the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979. “[Osama bin Laden’s] medieval obscurantism was spotted first by us and what a pity that we were not able to persuade [Johann] Hari and [Christopher] Hitchens’s new best friends that, though the ‘holy warriors’ were the enemy of their enemy, **they were better off with the enemy they knew.**” (*The Morning Star* [organ of the Stalinist rump of the now-dissolved British Communist Party], 6/7/05) **Just “better off with?”** “Yes, I did support the Soviet Union, and I think the disappearance of the Soviet Union is the biggest catastrophe of my life... If there was a Soviet Union today, we would not be having this conversation about plunging into a new war in the Middle East, and the US would not be rampaging around the globe. (*The Guardian*, 9/16/02)

The Toad to Damascus

Galloway recently traveled to Syria, the military occupier of Lebanon and only country still under Ba'athist dictatorship. In an interview he gave with Mohammed Agha, the Editor-in-Chief of the government-controlled Syria Times, Galloway offered these choice insights on terrorism, the "resistance" in Iraq, the recent London bombings, the Cedar Revolution in Lebanon, his welcoming host country (a "castle of Arab dignity"), and the "flexible mind" of his new fascist playmate Bashar al-Assad...

- **"Now just because I have to say we utterly condemn the attacks on innocent people in London both of the 7th of July and two weeks later. These were attacks on ordinary working people. They were not punishing the guilty. They were punishing the innocent for the crimes of the guilty. And there were no guilty on the London buses. They don't travel on buses."**

- **"The Americans guarded by the British killed thousands of people in Falluja. They didn't care whether they were men or women, children or young, fighters not fighters. This is terrorism. Blowing up a bus is terrorism, because both are killing innocent people for political purposes."**

"Neither of these two acts can be compared to the act of a young man whose country is invaded and occupied, who picks up whatever weapon is available to him and goes forth with a stone or with a stick or with his teeth, to defend his country to liberate his people, defend the honour of his family and his people. This is not terrorism. This is resistance."

- **"Syria is about to be subject of a great deal of international pressure because I am sure of the report on the killing of Hariri went very negative for Syria and this will go for the Security Council. The Security Council will be asked, I am sure, by the US and France to take action. What action! I don't know. This is the reason for the timing of my visit because in advance of this new pressure on Syria, I want to help rally people to the side of Syria, to defend Syria. Of course, this pressure could take many forms. The one form we can be sure now that it will not**



take is military invasion because I said last night the United States could not dream of such a thing. Not only by invading Syria, which is a castle, they could invade anywhere. If not militarily, there are many ways to pressure Syria, like skinning a cat, allegations on human rights, support for Lebanese and Palestinian resistance, etc. This is in addition on ploys to be used against Syria. They are attempting to pressure Syria not because of bad things but because of good things; that is because Syria is the castle of Arab dignity, because she is refusing to sever ties with Palestinians and Lebanese resistance, because she refuses to transform herself into an American basis to kill



Galloway delivering a "lecture" entitled, "Justice in the New World Order!" at the al-Assad Library in Damascus, July 30, 2005

more Iraqis. These are the reasons for which they want to punish Syria. And we have the reason why we should defend her. ”

- “Lebanon should not be allowed to be used as a knife in Syria’s back. The US, France and some foreign forces are using some Lebanese elements, who collaborated in the past with (Israel), to attain their hostile plots against Syria! ”
- “Syria’s presence in Lebanon was legal. It was legal by international law, by the Arab League agreement and approval and by the Taif agreement and by the treaty concluded with Lebanon. But, the beneficiary from the absence of Syria is the US and Israel. ”
- “I have one hundred percent agreement with Syria’s policies on the international level, but on domestic level there are points of difference. But, when it comes to defending Syria’s integrity and dignity from foreign attack, this is another point. And I am with Syria. ”
- “We covered the whole world in 60 minutes. I was very impressed by his knowledge, by his sharpness, by his flexible mind. I was very, very impressed. This is not the first time I met him briefly in London when he came to British parliament, but didn’t get the chance to talk with him in depth. Yesterday, we covered so many subjects. Syria is lucky to have Bashar al-Assad as her President. ”

