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I can't tell you anymore than this: The Bush regime's invasion and occupation of Iraq, based on lies, was illegitimate, unjust, and immoral from the start. Barack Obama's announcement yesterday that the "war is over" is wrong on so many levels. For those on the ground, the millions in Iraq, and the one million US military sent there, it won't end.

The wealthiest country and military in the world leaves behind billions of dollars worth of trashed equipment, and civil and physical society in shambles.

A young soldier, Bradley Manning, formerly stationed in Iraq, will begin a [court martial Friday](#) at Ft. Meade, because the U.S. military claims he released classified information about the war to Wikileaks.

But today, the [New York Times reports](#) that 400 pages of classified documents on the interrogation of U.S. Marines about the notorious massacre of civilians in Haditha, in 2006 were

discovered along with reams of other classified documents, including military maps showing helicopter routes and radar capabilities, by a reporter for The New York Times at a junkyard outside Baghdad. An attendant was burning them as fuel to cook a dinner of smoked carp.



Aftermath of the 2003 invasion of Iraq. The image shows a soldier standing next to a car, with several bodies lying on the ground. The scene is described as a 'mass casualty event' and is linked to the 'Iraq War' and 'Iraqi Civil War'.