



Letter to editor, Montreal Gazette re. International Criminal Court and Iraq

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To Editor, Montreal Gazette

Dear Editor:

The International Criminal Court came into effect last July and should be used to determine Iraq's guilt before plunging into war, an obsolete way to settle any dispute. Even the proof of Saddam Hussein's guilt has not yet been provided to the UN approved inspectors. While the new court's jurisdiction does not apply before last July, the alleged crime is a current one.

The slant of the western media appears to be convincing the public that war is inevitable when its editorials should be championing top priority for the rule of law. When this senior court of law determines guilt, the United Nations must then decide on the enforcement action. It is the only organization that speaks on behalf of all the world's people in major matters of war and peace.

Shall we make the UN work or drift towards global chaos? In this shrinking world community the Canadian government and its opposition parties should give first priority to the rule of law.

Respectfully submitted,
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