

## CURRENT ISSUES

### Rumsfeld: Iraq may have destroyed WMD prior to invasion?

We know Saddam Hussein had WMD in the run up to the conflict. This was specifically recognised in UN Resolution 1441.

Saddam had months to disperse his WMD around Iraq before the conflict began. Since the end of the conflict further information of his WMD programmes has already come to light, such as what appear to be mobile labs to produce biological weapons.

In the meantime, we continue to search for more evidence. It will take time to piece together the jigsaw.

As the Prime Minister said today:

*I have said throughout and I just repeat to you, I have absolutely no doubt at all about the existence of weapons of mass destruction and rather than speculating, let's just wait until we get the full report back from our people who are interviewing the Iraqi scientists.*

### Anne Clwyd PM's Special Envoy

For No 10.

(On Background)

Ann Clwyd has been appointed the Prime Minister's Special Envoy on Iraq on human rights.

As Ann said on Radio 4 on 26 May:

*"..my role is to look at the situation and report directly back to the Prime Minister. Obviously I've been raising some of these issues over the last few weeks since the war ended, particularly the protection of war, of the graves the mass graves which*