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## **Nobel laureates against the war**

**From Professor Sir Joseph Rotblat, FRS, and others**

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Sir, The undersigned oppose a preventive war against Iraq without a specific mandate from the United Nations. Military operations against Iraq may indeed lead to a relatively swift victory in the short term. But war is characterised by surprise, human loss and unintended consequences.

Even with a victory, we believe that the medical, economic, environmental, moral, spiritual, political and legal consequences of a US-UK-led preventive attack on Iraq would undermine, not protect, UK security and standing in the world.

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