

## My Lai saviour & US hero dies

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HUGH THOMPSON (Vietnam veteran, US Army helicopter pilot, Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal) (4/15/1943-1/6/2006) was an American hero and a profoundly decent human being of the kind whose decency and courage surely give hope for all humanity.

On March 16, 1968, Hugh Thompson (24) and his 3 man crew flew over My Lai, Vietnam, and were shocked to see the bodies of men, women and children scattered over the landscape. They landed and determined that there was an ongoing massacre of Vietnamese villagers by US soldiers.

Thompson finally landed in the line of fire between Vietnamese civilians sheltering from menacing US soldiers. He confronted the senior US officer, ordered his men to shoot any US soldiers shooting at civilians and persuaded about 10 terrified civilians to leave their shelter.

Thompson radioed for a further helicopter to evacuate the survivors and then rescued a further civilian, a boy, from a ditch. Thompson was angrily vocal on his return to base: "I threatened never to fly again. I didn't want to be part of that. It wasn't war."

18 months later the My Lai Massacre eventually surfaced in the media. Thompson testified to Congress, a military inquiry and at the court martial that eventually convicted ONLY one US soldier - Lieutenant William Calley - for involvement in the massacre of 500 unarmed Vietnamese civilians at My Lai.

NEARLY 40 YEARS ON, who will defend the utterly innocent – the defenceless infants and their mothers – from mass murder, mass infanticide and passive genocide by UK-US state terrorism (democratic imperialism, democratic tyranny, democratic Nazism) in CRIMINAL WARS in Occupied Iraq and Afghanistan?

According to the latest UNICEF report (2005), in 2004 the under-5 infant mortality was 122,000 in Occupied Iraq, 359,000 in Occupied Afghanistan and 1,000 in the occupying country Australia (noting that in 2004 the populations of these countries were 28.1 million, 28.6 million and 19.9 million, respectively)

About 1,300 under-5 year old infants will have died in Occupied Iraq and Afghanistan on Christmas Day alone and 0.5 million will die in the coming year due to non-provision by the US-led Coalition of life-preserving requisites demanded by the Geneva Conventions.

Racist, lying mainstream media will simply NOT report this horrendous, ongoing mass murder, mass infanticide and passive genocide in the name of UK-US "democratic imperialism" (actually democratic Nazism, democratic tyranny and UK-US state terrorism). The "politically correct racism" (PC racism) of Australian and Anglo-American mainstream media and politicians supports UK-US state terrorism through DENIAL of racism and IGNORING of horrendous UK-US Coalition war crimes.

Peace is the only way but silence kills and silence is complicity. We are obliged to inform everyone about abuses of humanity. A detailed, formal complaint has been sent to the International Criminal Court charging the Coalition with war crimes in Occupied Iraq and Afghanistan (for the full text see Countercurrents, 21 December 2005: ).

Decent humanity should follow the shining example of American hero Hugh Thompson DFC and INFORM EVERYONE about all egregious abuses of humanity.

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