

Tony Blair Must Face Trial for War Crimes Over ‘Illegal’ Iraq Invasion, Says Jeremy Corbyn

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Tony Blair should stand trial for war crimes over the invasion of Iraq, the frontrunner in the Labour leadership said last night.

[Jeremy Corbyn](#) claimed the [2003 conflict](#) was an “illegal war” and argued that those responsible for it should face justice.

“We went into a war that was catastrophic, that was illegal, that cost us a lot of money, that lost a lot of lives, and the consequences are still played out with migrant deaths in the Mediterranean, refugees all over the region,” he said.

Asked if Mr Blair should be charged with [war crimes](#), he added: “If he’s committed a war crime, yes. Everyone who’s committed a war crime should be.

“I think it was an illegal war, I’m confident about that, indeed [former UN secretary general] Kofi Annan confirmed it was an illegal war, and therefore he has to explain to that.

“Is he going to be tried for it, I don’t know. Could he be tried for it? Possibly.”

His remarks add to an ongoing feud between the veteran left winger and the former Prime Minister – who led Labour to three successive election victories.

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