
MONDAY UPDATE: Into Fallujah: It's called Operation Vigilant Resolve and it began Monday morning (NY time) with the US and Iraqi military surrounding Fallujah. We will cover this hour by hour today, explaining repeatedly why it is happening. It won't be long before some people start to decry the use of "excessive force". We won't be among that group.

The continuing carnage in Iraq -- most recently the deaths of seven US troops in Sadr City -- is leaving the American military little choice but to punish perpetrators. When this happens, we should be ready to put in context the events that led to it. More than 600 US military dead, attacks on the UN headquarters last year, assassination of Iraqi officials who work with the coalition, the deaths of Spanish troops last fall, the outrage in Fallujah: whatever happens, it is richly deserved.

The Sharon interview with Israeli Army radio leaves little doubt that Yasser Arafat should not buy any green bananas. It's going to be a tricky road for Sharon who has previously promised not to harm the Palestinian figurehead

By the way, Israel will also be extra vigilant today, as Passover begins. To all our colleagues about to celebrate it, Zissen Pesach.

The President goes to Charlotte to talk about job training. Buoyed by the 300K job figure last week, he can boast his policies are working.

John Kerry has committed to selecting a running mate in the next two months, well before the Dem convention. He's back on the campaign trail after recovering from shoulder surgery.

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