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| Report\_Authors | Warren Hoge |
| Appeal\_Text | The claims were made in a 50-page report intended to bolster the Bush administration's case against the Iraqi leader and released today a few hours before Prime Minister Tony Blair outlined to British lawmakers his case for war if necessary to make Iraq disarm.  Addressing an emergency session of Parliament, Mr. Blair said: ''Our case is simply this. Not that we take military action come what may. But that the case for Iraqi disarmament is overwhelming.'' In a clear allusion to the possible need for the use of force against Iraq, he added: ''Alongside the diplomacy there must be genuine preparedness and planning to take action if diplomacy fails.''  In a foreword to the report, Mr. Blair said he believed that the compilation of information from Britain's intelligence and security agencies had proved that Mr. Hussein threatened the stability of the world and had to be blocked now.  ''What I believe the assessed intelligence has established beyond doubt is that Saddam has continued to produce chemical and biological weapons, that he continues in his efforts to develop nuclear weapons and that he has been able to extend the range of his ballistic missile program,'' he said. ''I also believe that, as stated in the document, Saddam will now do his utmost to try to conceal his weapons from U.N. inspectors.''  Mr. Blair, seeking to sway the opinions of the many critics in Britain who agree that Mr. Hussein is dangerous but believe that he has been effectively contained, said: ''It is clear that, despite sanctions, the policy of containment has not worked sufficiently well to prevent Saddam from developing these weapons. I am in no doubt that the threat is serious and current, that he has made progress on weapons of mass destruction and that he has to be stopped.''  In an implied response to criticism that he has hewn too closely to the Bush administration's hard line on Iraq, he said, ''I believe that faced with the information available to me, the U.K. government has been right to support the demands that this issue be confronted and dealt with.''  Mr. Blair singled out passages attacking Mr. Hussein's human rights record. ''Read it all, and again I defy anyone to say that this cruel and sadistic dictator should be allowed any possibility of getting his hands on more chemical, biological or even nuclear weapons,'' he said. |
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