

DICK CHENEY TO FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES

Not for war crimes or torture, mind you. But for the [bribery](#) allegedly committed while at Halliburton that has been bubbling along for years. (h/t scribe)

Nigeria will file charges against former U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney and officials from five foreign companies including Halliburton Co. over a \$180 million bribery scandal, a prosecutor at the anti-graft agency said. Indictments will be lodged in a Nigerian court "in the next three days," Godwin Obla, prosecuting counsel at the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, said in an interview today at his office in Abuja, the capital. An arrest warrant for Cheney "will be issued and transmitted through Interpol," the world's biggest international police organization, he said.

Peter Long, Cheney's spokesman, said he couldn't immediately comment when contacted today and said he would respond later to an e-mailed request for comment.

Obla said charges will be filed against current and former chief executive officers of Halliburton, including Cheney, who was CEO from 1995 to 2000, and its former unit KBR Inc., based in Houston, Texas; Technip SA, Europe's second-largest oilfield-services provider; Eni SpA, Italy's biggest oil company; and Saipem Construction Co., a unit of Eni.

You see? I knew that new pulse-less ticker would handily allow Cheney to live long enough to face charges on something!

Stay tuned for the leaked WikiLeaks cables showing the Obama Administration pressuring Nigeria to drop these charges.