

MOBILIZATION #7 AGAINST WAR & OCCUPATION

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100,000 Dead in Iraq: When Will The Massacre End?

"I want to go and kill people, so we can go home."
- 20-year old Lance Corporal Joseph Bowman before the invasion of Falluja, November 7th 2004

At the beginning of November, the US ruling class decided to use the re-election of George Bush as an excuse to launch two major campaigns in Iraq. The first is to kill as many people as possible and strike fear in the hearts of all. The second is to push for the so-called "elections" in January to convince people in Iraq that they have a way out of occupation besides fighting and to try to gain legitimacy for the occupation itself at the same time. These twin strategies, hoped to solve the crises of illegitimacy and instability for the occupying forces, are inseparably joined at the hip and they are stumbling and failing.

Sacrificing Fallujans on the altar of US-style "Democracy":

When the scientific journal *Lancet* calculated their estimation that 100,000 Iraqis have been killed since the March 2003 invasion, they left out deaths in Falluja from the spring siege because the amount of deaths there were so high that it threw out the averages in the national survey. On November 8th the US sent the 10,000 soldiers that had amassed on the outskirts of Falluja into the centre of the city to raise the bar on the brutality of the occupation and teach a lesson to all people in Iraq and all oppressed people in the world.

What is this lesson? Simply, it is to show that the US cannot lose, so don't bother to fight. Imperialists plan to kill as many people as they can to try to demoralize the Iraqi resistance and destroy

the standpoint of legitimacy is to have a degree of stability, which they clearly do not have and which they cannot create. If they bomb Falluja, resistance increases. If they don't bomb Falluja, resistance increases.

Buying time with the bullet and the ballot:

Key to the US strategy to take control of the country is their dream of legitimizing the occupation. To do this, they have announced a commitment to the promised January 30th election. Through the election the US hopes to convince Iraqis to ignore the conditions of absolute poverty, over 80% unemployment and no schools, water or power, not to mention the constant bombing and killing.

The desperate attempt to buy off the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people has failed miserably so far. On November 26th, the right wing think tank, GlobalSecurity.org released a report stating that the US has steadily *lost* recruits from both the new "Iraqi" army and police forces. In the last 8 months, the number of Iraqi police officers has fallen from 84,000 to 43,000.

Also, in order to carry out an election, there must be parties to run, but almost all political parties in Iraq have announced a boycott of the election. On November 8th, in response to the attack on Falluja, the Iraqi Islamic Party, regarded in the west as Iraq's most influential Sunni political party



announced, "From today, we have nothing to do with this government."

The massacre will end when the US/UK get out!

The US's "lesson" to the Iraqi people has backfired. Instead of being tricked into thinking that the US cannot be beaten, the people of Iraq understand that the *only* way to beat them is to resist. As the resistance intensifies and the US ruling class calls for more troops, the fight for the self determination of Iraq become more and more significant. With or without elections, the decisive factor in the occupation of Iraq is not imperialist manipulation; it is the intensifying struggle between the US and the Iraqi resistance. Within this struggle is wrapped the international fight between all the oppressed people of the world against imperialism. This line is drawn in the sands of Iraq, and poor, working and oppressed people the world over must take a side. We must stand with the people of Falluja and all the people of Iraq in demanding an end to the occupation and unconditional self-determination for Iraq and all oppressed nations in the world. When will the massacre in Iraq end? When the US-UK are driven out!

END THE OCCUPATION NOW!



the hopes people in Iraq have for the US to leave. It is the sharp end of the double-edged sword the US is holding in Iraq that they call a strategy. Lacking a carrot to put on a stick, the strategy is to kill so many people that the ones that are left beg to be beaten with poverty and oppression and accept the promised January election in order to keep from being bombed. This is a strategy of desperation; and it is not working.

Despite the brutal massacre of an unknown number but definitely over 1,200 Fallujans, the resistance both within Falluja and throughout Iraq has not bowed; it has increased in strength, size and influence. From the day the invasion of Falluja began, attacks on US soldiers throughout Iraq have increased and grown more popular.

Integral to carrying out a "successful" election from

After Arafat What Next for Palestine? Long Live the Palestinian Intifada!

"The Palestinians are daydreaming if they think that after Arafat's death, all they need to do is submit a list of demands to Israel." - Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

For fifty years the largest and most critical struggle for all Palestinians within Palestine and around the world has been the struggle against Israel's Zionist occupation of their land. On November 11, 2004, long-time Palestinian leader Yassar Arafat passed away in a Paris hospital and within minutes sparked debate around the globe. Imperialist governments and media around the world began to ask: After Arafat, what will become of Palestine? While the future of the Palestinians' ongoing struggle is questioned by imperialists and occupiers, the present situation is clear: Palestine remains under Israel's occupation and the Palestinian struggle against the occupation of their land continues.

Since Arafat's passing, Israel's continued brutality has been seen in the recent shooting of several Palestinian children in the camp of Rafah, home to 100,000 Palestinian refugees. To occupation forces



present in the "zones of destruction" and "death zones" of Rafah, an Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) officer instructed, "Anything that is mobile, any thing that moves in the zone, even if it is a three-year-old, needs to be killed." The deaths following this policy in Rafah and the IDF's role in Palestinian suppression exhibit the overall interests of long-term Israeli occupation: to seize and control Palestine's land and resources and crush the Intifada through the exploitation, suppression, killing and expulsion of the Palestinian people.

These conditions make resistance to Israeli

What do the Struggles of Iraq, Palestine, Afghanistan, Haiti, and Indigenous Nations in Canada have in Common?

End the occupations now! Self-Determination for all oppressed nations!

As MAWO continues to organize against war and occupation, our organizers are consistently approached with a question. Why Iraq, Afghanistan, Haiti, Palestine, and Indigenous Nations in Canada? What do these countries have to do with each other? The answer to this question is simple: Their people all live and suffer under imperialist war and occupation and the solution to all their problems is self-determination.



Occupation is the problem:

US/UK vs. Iraq: In 19 months of occupation over 100,000 Iraqis have been killed and the unemployment rate has risen to 80% while the full scale bombing continues.

US/NATO/Canada vs. Afghanistan: After three years of occupation Afghan people make up the second largest group of refugees and internally displaced persons in the world and live in a county totally destroyed by the bombs of war and occupation. An unknown tens of thousands have been killed.

US/Canada/France vs. Haiti: Since the US, Canada and France overthrew the government in February 2004 Haitians have endured direct military attacks on demonstrations and the resurgence of Baby Doc Duvalier-style death squads. The occupation has also managed to establish the sweatshops of Canadian companies like Gildan active wear that have set up factories to take advantage of low wages guaranteed by imperialist troops.

Canada vs. Indigenous Nations in Canada: For over 200 years Indigenous people have been subjected to genocide, displacement from their land onto reserves, and severe repression by the racist Canadian state. Canadian occupation of Indigenous territory has resulted in Indigenous people having the lowest employment rates and the highest suicide rates of anyone in Canada.

Israel vs. Palestine: After more than 50 years of Zionist occupation, more than six million Palestinians have been displaced as refugees around the world. Recently Palestinians have been divided from their land by

Israel's new Apartheid Wall, which was constructed to further suppress the movement of Palestinians and steal more Palestinian land.

Self-Determination is the answer! An international demand for an international movement

In Haiti, Afghanistan, and Indigenous Nations in Canada, oppressed people are inspired to continue their struggle with the heroic examples of resistance set in Iraq and Palestine. The people of these oppressed nations only have one option to solve the many problems of brutality, poverty, suppressed development and imperialist plundering that face them under occupation: to fight against imperialism and win the right to decide their own future.

These struggles for self-determination must not be seen in an isolated context. When Iraqis successfully kick out American forces from Iraq, the people of Palestine, Afghanistan, Haiti, and Indigenous Nations in Canada will be in a better position to fight for their self-determination. Any victory over imperialist occupation will be a significant set back for imperialism that will change the balance of forces in favour of oppressed people. As the example of the Iraqi resistance shows us and all oppressed people in the world, we can and will win. Here in Vancouver, we must stand with the ever-growing resistance movements in Iraq, Palestine, Afghanistan, Haiti and Indigenous Nations in Canada, continue to organize an effective movement against war and occupation and demand: SELF-DETERMINATION FOR IRAQ, PALESTINE, AFGHANISTAN, HAITI, AND INDIGENOUS NATIONS IN CANADA!

ACTION CALENDER

A Day To Mark The First Anniversary Of The Invasion Of Haiti
The Governments of the US/UK/ISRAEL are the AXIS OF EVIL!

End the Occupations of Iraq, Palestine, Afghanistan, Haiti, and Indigenous Nations in Canada!

SAT FEBRUARY 26th

Rally & March
 2:00pm
 Vancouver Art Gallery
 Georgia St. @ Howe St.

Iraqi youths throwing stones at US tanks

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YES to SELF-DETERMINATION!
NO to OCCUPATION of IRAQ!

BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW!

NO TO OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE!
NO TO OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN!
NO TO OCCUPATION OF HAITI!
NO TO OCCUPATION OF INDIGENOUS NATIONS IN CANADA!

RALLY & MARCH

2:00 PM

SATURDAY
MARCH 19th

Vancouver Art Gallery
(Georgia St @ Howe St - Vancouver)

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GET INVOLVED WITH MAWO!

Meetings Every Wednesday 6:30pm Britannia Community Centre (Commercial Dr. at Napier St.) ALL WELCOME!

International Day of Action!
On the Day of Bush's Inauguration, Demand SELF-DETERMINATION FOR IRAQ, PALESTINE, AFGHANISTAN, HAITI, and INDIGENOUS NATIONS IN CANADA!
END THE OCCUPATION OF IRAQ!

BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW!

March & Rally
Thursday
January 20
 2:30pm
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ALL DAY/ANTI-WAR/ANTI-OCCUPATION CONFERENCE
FREE EVENT

THE 21st CENTURY: THE CENTURY OF WAR, OCCUPATION, AND RESISTANCE

Building the Anti-War Movement: Why There is No Other Option

SUNDAY
MARCH 20th
12:5PM
 BRITANNIA COMMUNITY CENTRE
 (1661 NAPIER ST. & COMMERCIAL DR - VANCOUVER)

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Palestine Continued

occupation the basis of struggle for all Palestinians today, whether they are the residents of Rafah or 100 displaced Palestinian refugees struggling against deportation in Canada. As imperialist powers shuffle in determining their wish list of future leaders of Palestine, the mass movement of the Intifada lives on in struggling against occupation.

The axis of struggle for Palestinians remains the same as it has been for more than 50 years: against occupation of their lands by Zionist Israel. Against imperialist war and occupation from Iraq to Palestine to Haiti, the global anti-war movement struggles for the same interests as Palestinians and all oppressed people; united across nations, cultures, and religions, the voice of millions against war and occupation declare, "I AM PALESTINIAN!"

LONG LIVE THE INTIFADA!
END THE OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE!!
SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PALESTINE NOW!!

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