

# Who's MAWO?

Mobilization Against War and Occupation is a coalition of over 50 endorsing organizations and also individual members, most of which are working class organizations, student groups, grassroots organizations, and ethnic communities. This is including Indigenous activists and groups from the third world as well as women, youth and elder fighters for social justice and against war and occupation. We are the people in struggle because we are people that suffer at the hands of imperialism. We have the energy, drive and will for change because it is in our interest to make this change in order to create a better world for all of humanity!

## Get involved



## with MAWO!

### Meetings & Forums

**Tuesdays - 7:00PM**

**For location, please visit our web-site:**

**[mawovancouver.org](http://mawovancouver.org)**

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**\* Upcoming Organizing Meeting \***

**TUESDAY February 26 & March 12 at 7 pm**

**Britannia Community Center - Learning Resource Centre  
1661 Napier Street**

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## Who is Bradley Manning "Soldier of Humanity"?

To find out more about the case of whistleblower Bradley Manning, pick up a brochure from a MAWO info table or download one from our website at: <http://www.mawovancouver.org/materials/brochures/MAWO-BradleyManning-brochure.pdf>

**NO TO WAR AND OCCUPATION!  
YES TO SELF - DETERMINATION!**

**ANTIWAR RALLY &  
PETITION DRIVE**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23 2013 1PM**

IMPERIALISTS HANDS OFF AFRICA!  
IMPERIALISTS HANDS OFF MALI!  
FRANCE, CANADA AND ALL FOREIGN TROOPS OUT OF MALI!  
IMPERIALISTS HANDS OFF SYRIA!  
NO SANCTIONS AND WAR ON SYRIA!  
END THE OCCUPATIONS OF PALESTINE, LIBYA, PALESTINE & IRITIT!  
STOP THE ARABIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST MUSLIMS!  
STOP IRQINE ATTACKS!  
SHOOT AND ALL FOREIGN TROOPS OUT OF IRAQ!  
SELF-DETERMINATION FOR INDIGENOUS NATIONS & ALL OPPRESSED NATIONS!  
FREE BRADLEY MANNING NOW!

**VANCOUVER ART GALLERY  
ON ROBSON STREET BETWEEN HORNBY AND HOWE STREET**

**MOBILIZATION AGAINST  
WAR & OCCUPATION - MAWO**

**WWW.MAWOVANCOUVER.ORG**

**March 8**

**International Women's Day**

**Women of the World Resist War & Occupation**

Public Forum • Multicultural • Speakers • Discussion

**Tuesday March 5 - 2013 7pm**

**Joe's Cafe (Large North Hall)**

ngo Commercial Drive & Wiltom Street, Vancouver

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Endorsed by MAWO:

ANTONIO

RENE

GERARDO

RAMON

FERNANDO

**88TH MONTHLY PROTEST ACTION**

**FREE THE CUBAN 5 NOW!**

»RELEASE ANTONIO, FERNANDO, RAMÓN & GERARDO FROM U.S. PRISONS NOW!  
»LET RENÉ GONZÁLEZ RETURN TO CUBA NOW!  
»GRANT VISAS TO OLGA SALANUEVA & ADRIANA PEREZ NOW!

**TUESDAY MARCH 5 2013 4PM**

**U.S. CONSULATE**

1075 WEST PENDER STREET  
DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA

FREE THE CUBAN 5 COMMITTEE VANCOUVER  
**FREE THE 5 VANCOUVER.CA**

**stop the war! stop the occupations!**

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## Mali: Mission Creep on Speed

**Statement by Stop the War Coalition UK - January 29, 2013**

This is mission creep on speed.

Two weeks ago we were told Britain would have no combat role in Mali and we would send just two transport planes. Now we are told the government is sending 350 British military personnel to Mali and West Africa to support French forces.

Prime Minister David Cameron is "keen" for Britain to get more involved in war on a new continent. He sent national security advisor Sir Kim Darroch to Paris to discuss what help Britain could provide. He has personally phoned French Prime Minister Hollande to offer more help and he is "keen to continue to provide further assistance".

The British government says it is prepared to send a "sizeable amount" of troops to provide military assistance to France.

This is how major wars begin. In the early 1960s, the United States started with a few "special advisors" in Vietnam. More than a decade later it left defeated, with over 50,000 American troops and at least two million Vietnamese killed.

Forgetting historical example is one thing. Ignoring the last few years is extraordinary. The disastrous wars in Afghanistan and Iraq -- and the attack on Libya -- were presented as humanitarian operations, complete with images of cheering local populations greeting western intervention -- soon replaced by the devastation of the countries and huge death toll for the people they were meant to "liberate".

The spread of the "war on terror" to the Sahel region in Africa is a result of the chaos created by the Libyan intervention. It is also driven by the same motivations as previous wars, the desire to control vital energy reserves and other mineral resources. The region contains some of Europe's most important energy sources.

The Mali intervention will end with the same results: destruction, loss of life and deep anger against the west.

How long before the presence of thousands of western troops in their old colonial stomping grounds inflames new violence and resistance?

[www.stopwar.org.uk](http://www.stopwar.org.uk)

**10th Annual Vancouver International**

**FILM FESTIVAL 4 PEACE**

**MARCH 16-18**

MARKING A DECADE OF THE WAR AND OCCUPATION IN IRAQ  
MARKING A DECADE OF FILM FESTIVALS FOR PEACE IN CANADA

■ **Saturday & Sunday March 16-17**  
Britannia Community Center Auditorium  
1661 Napier Street at Commercial Drive

■ **Monday March 18**  
4pm - Picket Against War and Occupation of Iraq  
U.S. Consulate - 1075 West Pender, Downtown Vancouver  
7:30pm - Film Festival Closing Feature  
Joe's Cafe - Large North Hall - 1150 Commercial Drive  
MOBILIZATION AGAINST WAR & OCCUPATION - MAWO  
[www.filmfest4peace.org](http://www.filmfest4peace.org)  
[www.mawovancouver.org](http://www.mawovancouver.org)



