

# Irish Anti-War Movement

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*After Bush and the Gaza massacres...*

## WILL U.S. FOREIGN POLICY CHANGE?

Speakers:

**Dr Ghada Karmi** - Palestinian Academic & Author

**Julien Mercielle** - UCD Academic & US Foreign Policy Expert

**Robert Ballagh** - Artist

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Thursday January 29th, 8pm.  
Central Hotel, Exchequer St (off George's St).

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# AFTER BUSH AND GAZA - CAN WE CHANGE US FOREIGN POLICY?

With the election of Barack Obama, the bloody era of George W Bush has finally come to an end - an era which began with the launching of muderous wars in Afghhanistan and Iraq and ended with the US backed Israeli slaughter in Gaza.

- Bush leaves behind a horrific legacy:
- The US supported Iraeli assault on Gaza has claimed the lives of over 1300 Palerstinians, including more than 300 children and more than 3000 people have been maimed and injured. Schools, hospitals, civic buildings, mosques and thousands of homes have been bombed and the infrastructure of Gaza is in ruins.
  - The US led invasion and occupation of Afghinstan has resulted in up 27,000 deaths and approxiamately 2 million Afghani's remain refugees. The US alone is spending \$16 billion per month on the war in Afghanistan.
  - The US led war in Iraq has left more than one million Iraqi's dead, and four million have been driven from their homes. Iraqi society and infastructure has been devastated and over \$590 billion has been spent on the war.
  - With US support, Israel killed over 1000 people in Lebanon during its invasion of 2006 and devastated much of the country.
  - A US backed invasion of Somalia by Ethiopia resulted in hundreds of deaths and over one million people driven from their homes.
  - Under Bush the US has normalised a global system of illegal kidnap ("rendition") andf torture and the denial of basic human

rights to prisoners of war.

- Expansion by the US dominated NATO military alliance has ignited a new cold war with Russia in Central Europe - leading al-ready to one war in Georgia.

The world has been horrified by the warmongering policies of the Bush administration. The election of Barack Obama has raised huge hopes across the globe that all this will change.

However, Obama's failure to condemn the muderous Israeli attack on Gaza is a worrying indicator for the future, as his suggestion that the US led military offensive in Afghani-stan should be intensified.

Those who want to see and end to US and Israeli led warmongering must not sit back to see what the new US administration does. The Irish Anti-War Movement believes we must be pro-active in putting pressure on both the US government, the EU and the Irish government to ensure that war and military occupations are taken fully off the Interna-tional agenda.

We must build actively on the great expect-ations of people across the world for change to ensure that the wars and occupations in Iraq and Afghanistan are finally ended and that the people of Palestine, at last, receive justice.

Come to this important public meeting to discuss how we can achieve this on Thurs-day January 29th at 8pm in the Central Hotel, Exchequer St (off George's St) in Dublin City centre.

*If you are horrified by the plight of the Palestinians, by the occupation of Iraq, and Afghanistan and wish to see and end to war and oppression in the world - Join the IAWM (fill in coupon below)*

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