



Ahmed Ben Bella

Ahmed Ben Bella is the legendary leader of the Algerian resistance to French colonialism. After the Liberation of Algeria, Ben Bella became the first President of Algeria.

At 88 years of age Ben Bella is still a leading voice in the struggle against Imperialism in the world. He is President of a recently formed global coalition of anti-war groups and anti-imperialist groups established in Cairo in the aftermath of the US invasion of Iraq.

On Friday March 4th at 6pm in the IFI Ben Bella will introduce the famous Film 'Battle of Algiers' that depicts the struggle he led against French colonialism.

On Saturday March 5th he will join Haifa Zangana & Denis Halliday to speak on "End the Occupation of Iraq."

On Sunday Saturday March 6th he will speak at 3.30pm on "Democracy, Resistance & Imperialism."

### Haifa Zangana

Haifa Zangana is an Iraqi writer and exile imprisoned under the Baathist regime in the 1970's. She is a prominent figure in the British anti-war movement and a leading writer on women's and cultural issues in Iraq and the Middle East.

She will speak with Ahmed Ben Bella on Iraq and Democracy & Resistance. She will join Irish poet Dave Lordan to talk about Poetry, Literature & Resistance on Saturday night.



Denis Halliday

Denis Halliday is the former assistant secretary general of the United Nations. He resigned as UN humanitarian co-ordinator in Iraq in protest against sanctions. He has become one of the leading voices in Ireland and in the United States opposing the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

He will speak on Saturday with Ben Bella on Iraq and later on the UN and the Oil for Food programme.

Other speakers at the event include:

Eamonn McCann (Author & Journalist), John Gormley TD (Green Party), Ruari Quinn TD (Labour Party), Ali Halimeh (Palestine - Delegate General in Ireland), Vincent Browne (Broadcaster & Journalist), Joe Higgins TD (Socialist Party), Catriona Ruane MLA (Bring Them Home Campaign), Kieran Allen (Author & Sociologist), Mick McGaughan (Irish Times Journalist & Author), Mustafidh Gani (Islamic Cultural Centre), Andy Storey (Afrl & Lecturer in Development Studies), Richard Boyd Barrett (Irish Anti-War Movement), Mary Van Lieshout (US Citizens in Ireland for Alternatives to War), Saif Abukeshek (Director, International Solidarity Movement).

Limited accomodation for attendees from outside Dublin - Contact: [info@irishantiwar.org](mailto:info@irishantiwar.org)

# Irish Anti-War Movement presents

## AGAINST WAR OCCUPATION & EMPIRE

- A Forum

### March 4th, 5th & 6th

Central Dublin

Speakers include: Ahmed Ben Bella, Denis Halliday, Haifa Zangana, Eamonn McCann, John Gormley TD, Ali Halimeh, Vincent Browne, Joe Higgins TD, Ruari Quinn TD, Kieran Allen, Andy Storey, Mick McGaughan, Mustafidh Gani, Catriona Ruane MLA, Richard Boyd Barrett, Mary Van Lieshout & Saif Abukeshek

Venues: Irish Film Institute, Temple Bar (Friday March 4th)  
Royal Dublin Hotel, O'Connell St (March 5th & 6th)

Tickets: Weekend (excluding Screening) -€15/10 (conc.) Day Ticket -€10/7.50 (conc.)  
Tickets available from Irish Anti-war Movement, 55 Middle Abbey St, Dublin (Mon-Fri) or phone 01 8727912 / e-mail [info@irishantiwar.org](mailto:info@irishantiwar.org)

## Program



Friday March 4th  
(Irish Film Institute, Eustace St, Temple Bar)  
(6 - 8.45pm)

Screening:  
**The Battle of Algiers**

With Intro from Ahmed Ben Bella  
Tickets from Irish Film Institute

Sat March 5th  
(Royal Dublin Hotel)

10-11.15  
Vietnam - How the US empire was defeated?  
Michael O'Brien (Irish Anti-War Movement)

11.30-1.00  
Shannon, Irish Neutrality & Imperialism  
Joe Higgins TD (Socialist Party),  
John Gormley TD (Green Party),  
Ruairi Quinn TD (Labour Party)

2-3.15pm  
The Future For Palestine  
Ali Halimeh (Palestine Delegate General in Ireland),  
Raymond Deane (Ireland-Palestine Solidarity  
Campaign), Saif Abukeshk (Chairperson,  
International Solidarity Movement.)

3.30-5.00  
End the Occupation of Iraq - No to War on Iran or Syria  
Ahmed Ben Bella (Leader of Independence struggle  
& former President of Algeria), Haifa Zangana (Iraqi  
Writer), Denis Halliday (Former UN Assistant  
Secretary General).

6.30-8.00  
Islam & the West - Is it a Clash of Civilisations?  
Mustafidh Gani (Director Islamic Cultural Centre),  
Kieran Allen (Author & Sociologist)  
Iraq, the UN and the Oil for Food Programme  
Denis Halliday

8.30 - 10.00  
Iraq, Palestine, US & Ireland - Literature, Poetry &  
Resistance  
Haifa Zangana, Dave Lordan (Poet)

Sunday March 6th  
(Royal Dublin Hotel)

10-11.15  
What's happening in the US?  
Brian Kelly (US Historian) and Sinead Ni Bhroin  
(Irish Anti-War Movement)

11.30-1.00  
Q & A - Ireland between Europe and the US Empire  
Andy Storey (Afrl), Eamonn Mc Cann (Author &  
Journalist), Haifa Zangana. and Michael  
McLoughlin (Labour Party). Chairied by Vincent  
Browne (Broadcaster & Journalist)

2-3.15pm  
Latin America to the G8: Globalisation and the New  
World Order  
Mick McGuaghan (Journalist & Author), Catriona  
Ruane MLA (Bring Them Home Campaign), Rory  
Hearne (Deputy President -Union of Students in  
Ireland) Jean Somers (Debt and Development  
Coalition)

3.30-5.00  
East & West: Democracy, Resistance & Imperialism  
Ahmed Ben Bella, Haifa Zangana, Richard Boyd  
Barrett (Chairperson, Irish Anti-War Movement)



# Against War Empire & Occupation - A Forum

The US led wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and the wider "War on terror" signal a dangerous new phase in the history of war and empire.

The Bush administration lied to the world about weapons of mass destruction to justify a war in Iraq that has claimed the lives of 100,000 Iraqi's. Over 5,000 died in the invasion of Afghanistan when the US responded to the 9/11 attacks in the US. The US is now threatening Iran and Syria.

Bush claims he is "spreading freedom and democracy" and battling Islamic terrorism. Yet, millions across the world rejected his crusade and took to the streets against the war on Iraq. The majority of Iraqi's want the US out of their country and fighting rages between insurgents and the US military.

In the US opposition to the occupation of Iraq and US casualties is growing though Bush was still re-elected as president

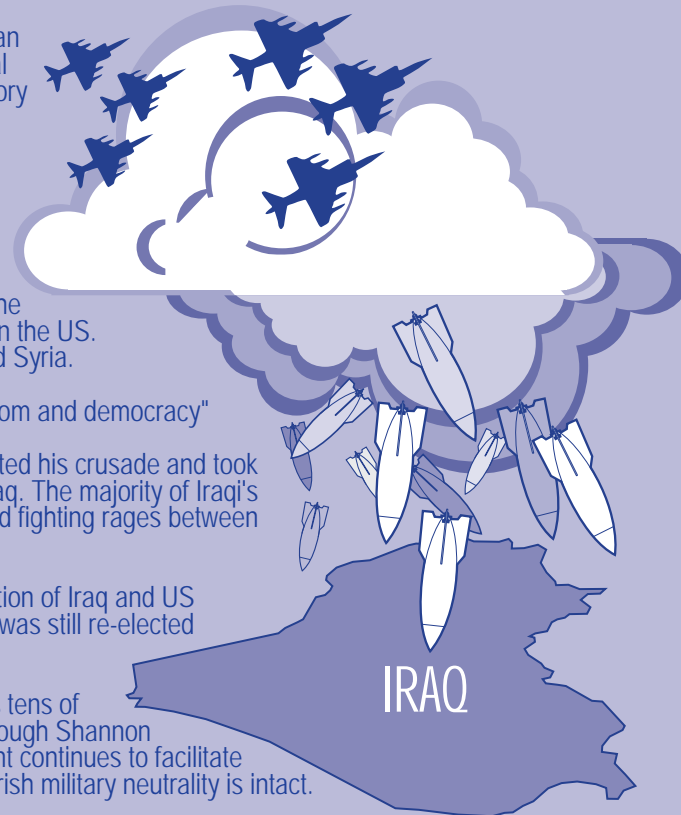
Here in Ireland, a majority opposes tens of thousands of US troops flowing through Shannon on route to Iraq. Yet our government continues to facilitate the US war machine while saying Irish military neutrality is intact.

Across the developing world there is huge anger against the US and western governments and institutions like the IMF for imposing economic polices that lead to terrible poverty and suffering.

Military and corporate globalisation dominates the world we live in. They produce suffering but also resistance.

This forum Against War, Empire and Occupation is vital opportunity to look at the issues facing the movements for global justice and peace. The forum is a unique gathering in Ireland of key international and national voices of resistance.

The Forum will look at a range of the issues facing us internationally and at home. Crucially, it will also be an organising centre to build the resistance against war and occupation. It will be a key event in the build-up to March 19th - the global day of protest against the occupation of Iraq & Palestine.



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