

END THE OCCUPATION OF IRAQ & PALESTINE U.S. MILITARY OUT OF SHANNON

The US lied about weapons of mass destruction to justify a bloody war in Iraq. Up to 100,000 Iraqis are dead as result of the US invasion. 1,500 US soldiers are also dead. The US now says it is bringing democracy and freedom to Iraq. This is also a lie.

The US war has devastated Iraq. Lack of clean water, power and medical services mean disease and suffering are rife. Seventy percent of Iraqis are now unemployed and living in poverty.

Meanwhile, US multinationals, with links to the Bush administration, have made billions of dollars in reconstruction contracts paid for with money supposed to provide aid to Iraq. The US now also controls Iraq's huge oil revenues.

The US assault on Fallujah late last year was a bloody massacre. About 3,000 civilians, including 500 children, were murdered. 200,000 fled the city and thousands of homes were destroyed. Across Iraq, hundreds are still dying every month as violence rages between the US and insurgent forces.

The US and Britain have been involved in widespread torture and sexual humiliation of Iraqi prisoners. Human Rights organisations say the US is still engaged in flagrant abuses of International law in their treatment of prisoners.

The majority of Iraqis want the US and its allies to leave Iraq. Opinion polls show 80 percent—Sunni and Shia—want the US out now. As long as US/UK troops remain, violence and suffering will continue.

US military and financial support for Israel also bolsters the illegal occupation of Palestine. Thousands of Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli military – millions are denied the most basic human rights.

Bertie Ahern and the Irish government are still supporting US warmongering. The number of US troops travelling through Shannon to Iraq has risen to about 20,000 per month. The government are destroying Irish neutrality and ignoring the wishes of the majority of Irish people.

On March 19th – the second anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq – protests will take place across the world to demand an end to the occupation of Iraq and Palestine. Here in Ireland, the protest will also demand the Irish government end the use of Shannon by the US military.

Join the Global Protest on Saturday March 19th at 2pm, Parnell Square, Dublin.

If you wish to help build the protest or join the Irish Anti-War Movement fill in the coupon or contact us by phone or e-mail.

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