

BUILD THE MOVEMENT AGAINST WAR, OCCUPATION & EMPIRE

Two years after the US led invasion of Iraq every justification for the war has been exposed as a lie. There were no weapons of mass destruction. The "surgical" war has turned into a blood bath with 100,000 Iraqi's dead.

Violence in Iraq has increased steadily since the US occupation began. The shooting of innocent protesters, the torture of prisoners, the massacres in Fallujah, the continued bombings and shootings of innocent civilians and the destruction of Iraq's civilian infrastructure have plunged Iraq into chaos.

The US wants to "draw a line" under all this. They say recent elections in Iraq prove the US is bringing democracy to the Middle East. The Western media, including the Irish media are playing along with this nonsense. Like WMD, US talk of democracy in the Middle East is another bloody lie.

Iraqis want the US out

Millions of Iraqi's boycotted the Iraq poll because it took place under a military occupation. Most that voted did so in the belief that it would bring an end to the US occupation.

The majority of Iraqi's want the US to get out. Yet the Bush administration has flatly ruled out giving any timetable for withdrawal. The "new" government is almost exactly the same as the old US installed interim government with only the ministerial positions likely to change. As long as the US stays in Iraq the violence will continue and will escalate.

The US invasion has now also de-stabilised the entire region. Interference in Lebanon is threatening civil war. US calls



for Syria to withdraw from Lebanon are pure hypocrisy. They want 14,000 Syrians to leave Lebanon but refuse to remove 140,000 US troops from Iraq. The real agenda behind US interference in Lebanon is to install a pro-Israeli government and lay the ground for a possible military assault on Syria.

We must urgently mobilise world opinion to halt another murderous US assault on an Arab country. We must give full support to the Iraqi and Palestinian people struggling against the military occupation of their countries.

Troops out of Shannon

In Ireland we must renew pressure on our government to halt its criminal and undemocratic collusion with the US war machine at Shannon. Despite the lies about WMD being exposed, our government has actually allowed the number of US troops going through Shannon to increase. Ireland is now the major logistical supporter of

the US war machine in Europe. Shamefully, our government is also turning a blind eye to the US bringing illegally held prisoners through Shannon on route to be tortured in repressive states in the Middle East and in Guantanamo Bay. It is incredible that our government can lecture about criminality and thuggery while they facilitate US organised murder and torture on a huge scale in Shannon.

Mass protest can work

The resistance of the Iraqi people and the mass international anti-war movement can stop the US war machine. The most recent poll in the US shows 54% of Americans want US troops withdrawn from Iraq. Mass protests and popular opposition have forced the Spanish, Ukrainian, Polish, Bulgarian and now Italian governments to pull their troops out of Iraq. 5,500 US troops have deserted rather than fight in Iraq and recruitment to the US National Guard has dropped by 40%.

We must resist US and western propaganda and keep the anti-war movement on the streets. If you have not already done so, join the Irish Anti-War Movement and help us build the mass movement to stop war and occupation.

In July the Irish Anti-War Movement plan a major mobilisation from Ireland to join the protests against Bush and Blair at the G8 summit in Scotland and July.

In August we are planning a major peace festival at Shannon to mobilise opposition to our government's continued support for the US war machine.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO BUILD THESE AND OTHER FUTURE PROTESTS.
JOIN THE IRISH ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT!**

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G8 SUMMIT IN SCOTLAND PROTEST AGAINST BUSH, BLAIR & THE GLOBALISATION OF WAR AND POVERTY

Bush, the world's No 1 terrorist will be at the G8 Summit in Scotland in July. He will see it as another opportunity to gain public support and legitimacy for the global war agenda.

That's why its vital those who oppose the occupation of Iraq get there and show Bush there is a global movement against his agenda.

The war in Iraq was not just about oil. It was also about spreading corporate globalisation to the Middle East.

One of the first things Bush did after the 'end' of the Iraq war was to announce the free trade agreement of the Middle East. Central to Bush's war agenda is opening up more and more countries to US corporations.

It is also about using the threat of military intervention to ensure debt repayments by the poorest countries in the world.

The G8 includes the countries that are at the centre of imperialist domination across the world. France, Italy and Germany are the dominant countries enforcing debt.

There are three major issues facing humanity today - war, climate change and global poverty. Everyone who cares about these issues needs to come to Scotland in July.

A broad organisation based in Scotland called G8 alternatives will be running an alternative summit, with speakers including George Monbiot, Susan George, Mark Curtis, Haidi Giuliani and John Pilger.

They are expecting somewhere between 100,000 and 200,000 people to make it to the Make Poverty History demonstration.

The Irish anti-war movement encourages everyone to



attend the protests against the G8.

We want to unite with other groups in order to build the biggest mobilisation possible from Ireland against the G8. Come along to the meeting in Dublin on April 7th (see

below) to find out about the G8 and the protest plans.

☐ (If you want to join the Irish Anti-War Movement contingent to the G8 protests in Scotland contact us at: Tel 01 87279123 / info@irishantiwar.org)

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY, THE G8 AND BUSH'S WAR AGENDA PUBLIC FORUM

Speakers:

Angela McCormick (G8 alternatives, organising group for G8 protests in Scotland); **Luke Choto** (Zimbabwean Campaigner); **Richard Boyd Barrett** (eye witness from Cairo anti-war conference); **Make Poverty History representative**; **Trade unionist.**

**Thursday April 7th 7.30pm
ATGWU Hall, Middle Abbey St,
Dublin**

COUNTER-SUMMIT AND PROTESTS: *Dates for your diary this July*

**Saturday 2 July
Make Poverty
History demo in
Edinburgh**

For more details go to:
www.makepovertyhistory.org

**Friday 1 July to Sunday
3 July**

**G8 Alternative
Summit Edinburgh**

Organised by G8
Alternatives

Speakers include: *John Pilger, George Monbiot, Susan George, Haidi Giuliani, Bob Crow, Dita Sari (Indonesia), Walden Bello (Focus on the Global South), Trevor Ngwane (South Africa)*

**Monday 4 July
Blockade Faslane
nuclear base**

Called by CND, supported
by G8 Alternatives
www.cnduk.org

**Tuesday 5 July
'Refugees are wel-
come here'**

Demonstration at Dungavel
detention centre

**Climate change day
of action**

**Wednesday 6 July
Another World is
Possible**

Demonstration at G8
Summit, Gleneagles
Assemble 12 noon,
Gleneagles station
www.g8alternatives.org.uk

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