

OPPOSE BUSH'S IRAQ SURGE EMERGENCY PROTEST AT U.S. EMBASSY

Thursday 18th January

5pm-7pm US Embassy, Ballsbridge

Iraq has been torn apart by George Bush's invasion and occupation. But rather than withdraw the troops as the majority of Iraqis and Americans want, Bush has ordered a further escalation of death and destruction.

Bush has ordered a "surge" of an extra 21,000 troops to be concentrated around Baghdad to launch more attacks like that on Fallujah a year ago.

According to the Lancet 650,000 Iraqis have died as a result of the invasion and occupation

The United Nations reports that 50,000 Iraqis flee their homes every month.

Following the setback for the US backed invasion of Lebanon by Israel during the summer, and the clear anti-war sentiment expressed in the November mid term elections in the US, Bush is upping the stakes in a desperate throw of the dice to avoid the inevitable defeat the US is facing.

The gamble cannot succeed - the US has already lost in Iraq, and is not even in control of the capital city, but it can further prolong the agony, with more lives lost, more sectarian divisions, more soldiers dead - and more blood on the hands of George Bush and his allies, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern.

Disgracefully, Shannon airport and Irish airspace is still being thrown open to US troops to conduct their deadly war.

The vast majority of Irish people reject this complicity in the war on Iraq. The Irish Anti War Movement is working with others to make Shannon an election issue over the next few months.

In the meantime we call on all those who oppose the bloody escalation of the war in Iraq to take part in an emergency protest at the US Embassy in Ballsbridge on Thursday 18th January. We will be protesting from 5pm to 7pm, come when you can and stay for as much of that time as you can to demand an end to the war and occupation in Iraq.

Called by the Irish Anti War Movement www.irishantiwar.org

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BUSH ORDERS SURGE IN DEATH & DESTRUCTION IN IRAQ

*** 21,000 extra troops**

*** Airstrikes on Somalia**

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