



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 Algerian.

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

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