

# IRELAND & SHANNON OUT OF WAR

Bertie Ahern is dragging Ireland into a bloody war by allowing US troops use Shannon airport. The terrible bombing in London on July 7th is a grim reminder that that our connection to the Iraq war is not a "dead issue" as Ahern claims.

In the first six months of this year 153,381 US troops came through the airport. This is as many as went through in the whole of last year and the same number as are presently in Iraq. Shannon is now the most important European hub for the US occupation of Iraq. Bush's envoy to Ireland stated publicly in 2003 that it would be difficult for the US military to replace Shannon.

The US war in Iraq, based on lies about Weapons of Mass Destruction, has claimed the lives of at least 25,980 innocent Iraqi civilians. Some reports put the death toll as high as 128,000. The violence and destruction in Iraq continues to worsen despite US propaganda about "liberation".

Shannon has also been used by CIA planes involved in the illegal transport of prisoners to torture centres in US-backed dictatorships like Egypt, Morocco and Jordan. The government has now signed a new treaty with the US to increase co-operation between the CIA and Gardai to monitor and interrogate people in this country.

The London bombing shows the violence in Iraq is spreading into the west. Countries with any connection to the US led occupation are potential targets. Bertie Ahern is lying when he says there is no risk of a London style attack in this country.

Support for the US war machine is being subsidised by the Irish taxpayer to the tune of ?10,000 per day. This money could be spent on schools, hospitals or public amenities.

The government wants to blackmail workers and residents in the Shannon area by saying jobs will be lost if the US military is told to leave. In reality, it is government plans to privatise Aer Lingus, Aer Rianta (Now the DAA) and end subsidies to Shannon that threatens jobs. The government should invest in Shannon Airport as a vital hub for the entire South West region.

On September 24th the anti-war movement is holding a major peace rally and festival in Shannon calling on the Irish government to take Ireland Out of War and end the use of Shannon by the US military.

The Irish Anti-War Movement wants to work with the residents and workers of Shannon to secure a future for the airport that does not depend on blood money from the US war machine or destroying Irish neutrality.

Contact Us - Get involved

■ If you want more info about the IAWM or the Shannon Peace Festival on Sept 24th or would like to help distribute leaflets and posters contact us.

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# US Military Out of Shannon Peace Rally Saturday September 24th Keep Ireland out of War



with music by:

\*The Revs\*

\*The Chapters\* Jimi Cullen\*

\*Pete Courtney \*Sypher\*

\*Dermot Byrne \*22\*

& \*Mark OConnor\*

Assemble  
Shannon Town Centre 1pm  
for March to Rally and Music  
at Shannon Airport from 2pm

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