

Irish Anti War Movement

END THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S COMPLICITY WITH BUSH'S WAR MAKE SHANNON AN ELECTION ISSUE



*Ask each election candidate in your constituency:
Have you signed this pledge?*

**'We, the undersigned, give a firm commitment
that if elected we will not participate in any
government that allows Shannon Airport or
other Irish facilities to be used by the United
States to conduct war in Iraq or any other
imperialist war'**

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- The US led invasion of Iraq, based on lies about weapons of mass destruction, has cost an estimated 650,000 lives according to a report published by the respected medical journal The Lancet.
- Polls have shown that over 80 per cent of Iraqis blame the US led occupation for the violence and want foreign troops to leave, but the US refuses.
- The recent criminal Israeli assault on Lebanon, with full backing from the US, claimed the lives of over one thousand innocent civilians and devastated the lives of hundreds of thousands more. The US continues to arm and support Israel, despite its illegal occupation of Palestinian territory and its denial of basic human rights to the Palestinian people.
- The US led war in Afghanistan, that we were told ended four years ago, continues to rage and is now escalating. The Afghan war has already claimed the lives of at least five thousand people and more and more western troops are now being drawn into the conflict.
- The Irish government has destroyed Irish neutrality and become part of the US war machine by allowing nearly a million US troops and CIA torture planes through Shannon Airport. Bertie Ahern is now even considering sending Irish troops into the war-zone in Lebanon where they are almost certain to be drawn into the developing conflict.

We need to make Shannon and Bush's wars an election issue over the next few months. We need to show that Ahern's complicity does not have the support of the Irish people.

The Irish Anti-War Movement (IAWM), the Peace & Neutrality Alliance and the NGO Peace Alliance, -- together called the STOP BUSH CAMPAIGN--have launched a major national campaign to *Make Shannon An Election Issue*.

We are establishing committees and convenors in every general election constituency to organise the campaign. We are in the process of contacting all parties and candidates to give a public commitment that they will not participate in a government that allows the continued use of Shannon by the US military for conducting war.

The campaign intends to produce hundreds of thousands of leaflets to publicise the results of their survey on this issue and call on the public to vote only for candidates that have given a clear commitment on this issue.

LET EVERYBODY KNOW WHERE THE CANDIDATES WHO ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION STAND ON THIS VITAL ISSUE

If you would like to help out in your area contact the Irish Anti War Movement or fill in the slip below and we will put you in touch with others in your area opposing Irish government complicity in Bush's war.

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