

Irish Anti War Movement

International Day of Action against War on Iraq



US MILITARY OUT OF SHANNON

**National
Demonstration**
Saturday April 12
Assemble 2pm
Shannon Town Centre

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The US/UK led war on Iraq is unjust and immoral. Innocent civilians are being slaughtered in an imperial grab for oil and domination of the Middle East

Now 40,000 more US troops are due to pass through Shannon on their way to attack the people of Iraq.

They are part of a 100,000 strong re-inforcement contingent that the Pentagon is sending because of unexpected Iraqi resistance.

It is a scandal that a civilian airport is being used in this way against the will of the Irish people.

On February 15th, over 100,000 people marched in Dublin to demand that Shannon be closed to the US military.

Subsequent opinion polls also show that a majority want it closed to the US military. Yet the Irish government is giving direct backing to an illegal and immoral war. Bertie Ahern himself said that it was 'imperative' that UN sanction for war was given if the US military were to continue to be allowed to use Shannon.

But when the US and Britain acted alone, he still said they could use Shannon.

Ahern claims that closing Shannon to the US military would lead to a flight of US investment.

But this is nonsense. There has been no flight of US investment from France or Germany even though they came out strongly against the war.

US companies here make a higher rate of profit than anywhere else in the EU. They are not going to withdraw because Ireland stands up to war.

This country claims to be neutral. Yet unlike other neutral countries such as Austria or Switzerland it is directly assisting a war effort. Bush himself has said any country providing overflight and refuelling facilities to the US military are part of the so-called 'coalition of the willing.'

By allowing US troops to land in Ireland we are committing a 'hostile act' act against the Iraqi people.

WE need to stop it now.

Saturday April 12th has been agreed as International Day of action against war on Iraq by anti war groups across the world.

On that date, we appeal to all those opposed to this terrible war and Ireland's involvement in it to join the national demonstration at Shannon Airport. If you can't make your own way there buses are being arranged from many parts of the country. (For details of buses contact local groups below).

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