

Contingent for Justice in the Middle East: IRAQ, PALESTINE, LEBANON



WE DEMAND:



This past year saw a massive escalation in the destruction unleashed by the United States and Israel on the Middle East:

- 655,000 Iraqis and over 3,000 US soldiers have been killed since the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq.
- Israel has escalated its violations of international law and of Palestinian human, political and civil rights by continuing construction of the Apartheid Wall, confiscating more land, committing widespread assassinations, demolishing houses, conducting large-scale military incursions, and tightening it's apartheid system of separate and unequal laws and rights for Palestinians.
- During the summer of 2006, Israel launched a massive attack against Lebanon, killing 1,200 Lebanese and raining down millions of cluster bombs which continue to kill civilians today. Israeli war crimes, widely documented by international human rights organization, were enabled by the US, which vetoed a UN Security Council resolution requiring Israel to cease attacks.
- The US continued to provide billions of dollars in aid to Israel, including an emergency bomb shipment during the war on Lebanon.
- The US and Israel placed sanctions on the Palestinian Authority, leading to the impoverishment of millions of Palestinians, especially in the Gaza Strip.
- Though Israel finally admitted to being the only country in the Middle East with a WMD nuclear arsenal, Bush is launching a major escalation in Iraq, and Bush and Israel are threatening a terrible attack on Iran, possibly with nuclear weapons.
- Clearly, Israeli aggression is supported by the US, and is closely tied to the illegal occupation of Iraq and larger U.S. strategies for regional hegemony. But when elements of these connections are raised in the mainstream - for example, by former President Carter in his new book and by the Iraq Study Group - they are typically rejected by our elected representatives. The anti-war movement must make these connections clear if peace and justice are ever to be brought to the region and to the world.

Together, we need to demand an end to the injustice being perpetrated by the US and Israel against the people of the Middle East:

- Advocate for peace and justice in the Middle East.
- Write to your congressional representatives
- Write articles and letters for local media
- Raise awareness in your communities
- Launch boycott and divestment campaigns
- Mobilize for the 40th Anniversary of Israeli Occupation by participating in a massive protest, teach-in and lobby day on June 10 - 11, 2007 sponsored by the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation.

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