

End the Occupation Now! Bring the Troops Home!

On March 19th 2003, the United States and Coalition forces including Britain started their war campaign against Iraq. George Bush ordered the bombing after his 48 hour ultimatum to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and his sons to give up the power and leave the country. The Bush administration had called the Iraqi dictator an imminent threat to international peace, hiding its weapons of mass destruction. The war lasted 3 weeks. On May 1, 2003, Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq have ended. So far no weapons of mass destruction have been found. The former head of the US weapons inspection teams in Iraq said "we were almost all wrong" that Iraq had chemical or biological arms. After one year of occupation, Iraqi civilians are still being killed and the fight against US invasion continues.....

(As of February. 18, 2004):	American	British	Iraqi	Others
Killed	496+	52	10000+	45
Missing	3	0	NA	2
POWs (Prisoners of War) and arrests	0	0	7000+	NA
Civilian Casualties	5	1	500+	76
Injuries	2562+	8	15000+	71
Killed in Suicide bombing	NA	NA	760	NA

<i>Before the occupation:</i>	
Over 2,278 civilians died in the 1991 Gulf war.	UN sanctions lead to deaths of 500,000 children.
<i>During the US-led occupation:</i>	
More than 10,000 people were killed during the invasion of Iraq.	Between 1,700 and 2,356 civilians died in the battle for Baghdad alone.
Over 13,000 cluster bombs were dropped on Iraq. This is equivalent to two million bomblets.	\$80 billion was allocated for the war, occupation, and "reconstruction" in Iraq.
<i>Since the US occupation of Iraq:</i>	
About 1,500 civilians have been killed in occupied Baghdad.	More than 24 suicide bombings have occurred, claiming at least 760 lives.
US occupation forces continue to attack on the press and crackdown on foreign journalists.	U.S. occupation authorities continue to deny workers the basic democratic right to form unions and to strike.
All Iraqi media have been required to register. Licenses will be revoked and equipment confiscated from media sources that break the rules.	The Iraqi Antiquities Museum has been cleaned out of 5000-year-old priceless antiquities, most stolen, some smashed to pieces in the fury of "liberation"
Halliburton has been awarded a secret no-bid contract worth as much as \$7 billion.	Bechtel has been promised a \$680 million contract to "reconstruct" Iraq.
<i>So what does Rumsfeld think about all these?</i> "Are more people going to be killed? You bet!" (July 14, 2003)	
Return Iraq to the Iraqi people!	