

DON'T EXTEND IT, END IT!

BRING HOME CANADIAN TROOPS FROM AFGHANISTAN!

END CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR ALL ILLEGAL INVASIONS, OCCUPATIONS, AND WARS OF AGGRESSION!

Join us on Saturday, March 15, the National Day of Action and 5th anniversary of Bush's criminal war of aggression against Iraq. Rally at 12:30 P.M. at the Legislature, March to Churchill Square. End the shame of:

- Canada's hidden support for the US invasion and occupation of Iraq;
- Canada's full support for the US/NATO-led invasion and occupation of Afghanistan;
- The Harper-Dion pact to extend Canada's military mission in Afghanistan;
- Canada's support for the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine and the siege of Gaza;
- Canada's acceptance of a made-in-Washington foreign policy.

Facts which have recently come to light further discredit Canada's military role in Afghanistan and show that the war is contributing to Afghanistan's many problems rather than helping to solve them:

- **More Lies from Ottawa** - the Canadian government and the Canadian Military have continued to lie to Canadians about handing over Afghan detainees to torture.
- **Rigged Manley Report** - the Manley Report which recommends extending Canada's military mission in Afghanistan, if other NATO forces send more troops, was written by a select panel of pro-war hawks which totally ignored the anti-war sentiment of most Canadians.
- **Taking Orders from the USA** - the Bush administration has recently used the new US Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, to criticize the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) for not killing enough of the Afghan resistance and for being too "risk-averse". This criticism is part of the Bush administration's strategy to increase its control over NATO, and to prepare the way for further aggression and even pre-emptive nuclear strikes on other countries.
- **Controlling the Puppet Karzai Government** - even the puppet Afghan government, headed by the former Unical oil executive, Hamid Karzai, is willing to negotiate with the Taliban and other resistance forces but is prevented from doing so by the US administration.
- **Waging War against Canadian Public Opinion** - Canada's "top soldier", General Rick Hillier, has tried to shut down public debate on the war, saying that such debate could harm "operational security". War overseas means political repression and racial/religious profiling at home.

The US-NATO led invasion/occupation violates the sovereignty of Afghanistan and imposes a political and economic system on the peoples of the region. The continued presence of foreign troops only intensifies existing divisions within the country and indefinitely postpones a peaceful settlement of these conflicts.

END THE LIES AND DECEPTION - BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW!

- Canada needs to immediately withdraw Canadian Armed Forces from Afghanistan.
- Canada needs to withdraw from aggressive military alliances - NATO, NORAD and NORTHCOM.
- Canada needs to uphold international laws, treaties and conventions.
- Canada needs to respect the right of all peoples to resist foreign occupation.
- Canada needs to uphold the right of self-determination for all nations.
- Canada needs to be a force for peace, not war.
- Canada needs to end soaring military expenditures and replace war spending with reparations for Afghanistan and housing, health care and education at home.
- Canada needs a made-in-Canada foreign policy.
- Canada needs an anti-war government.

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