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RALLY FOR PEACE OCTOBER 28
BRING OUR TROOPS HOME NOW!

Windsor –To mark the 5th anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion and occupation of Afghanistan a ‘National Day of Protest’ has been called for Saturday October 28 by the Canadian Peace Alliance, Collectif Echec a la Guerre, Canadian Labour Congress and the Canadian Islamic Congress. Windsor Peace Coalition invites community organizations, labour unions and other like-minded groups and affiliates to partner with it to build a successful action locally in response to this call.

“As a border city, and one known for its high levels of community activism, we need to answer this call with a large crowd in the streets showing support for the demand that the troops be brought home now” said Rob Spring, a Windsor Peace Coalition organizer and scheduled grand marshal for the march. “We need to send a loud and clear message to Ottawa that we do not support the deployment of Canada’s troops in illegal and immoral US/NATO wars”, Spring continued.

“Canadian soldiers are in Afghanistan as aggressors and occupiers. A squadron of tanks will soon be added to their arsenal, to make killing from a long distance easier as General Rick Hillier described it. This is not the role Canadians support for their military” states Windsor Peace Coalition chairperson, Margaret Villamizar.

We are calling on the community to congregate at Charles Clark Square (downtown) on Saturday October 28 at noon. After brief speeches from local community figures, we will take our message to the downtown streets and demand the withdrawal of Canadian troops from Afghanistan! The march will return to Charles Clark Square for a few more speeches before dispersing.

Community organizations or groups are encouraged to contact the Windsor Peace Coalition as soon as possible – to participate in organizing or to arrange for a speaker to address them about the issues. The coalition has several people who will be available, during the buildup to this event to make presentations to interested parties. Please see the contact information below.

The next organizing meeting will take place Tuesday, October 3 at 8:00 PM in the CAW Student Centre Boardroom, 2nd floor, University of Windsor. Banner making gatherings have also been scheduled for 7:00 PM on both October 19 & 26 at the University of Windsor LeBel (Visual Arts) Building (southwest corner of College Ave. & Huron Church Rd.). Everyone welcomed to attend and participate.

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Pan-Canadian Day of Action

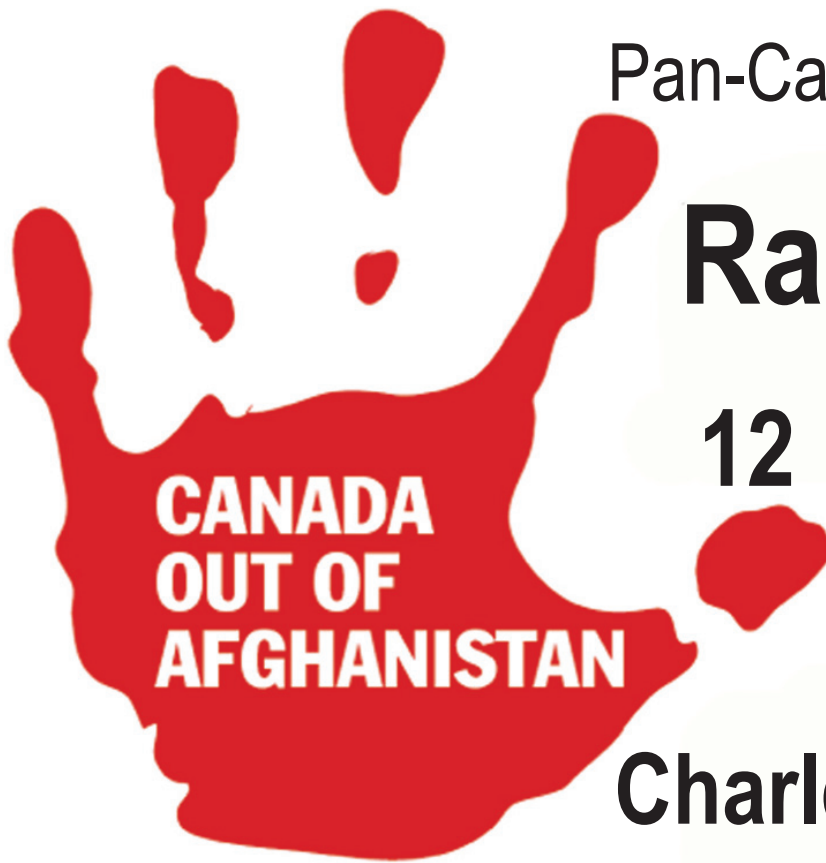
Rally & March

12 noon Saturday

October 28

Charles Clark Square

200 Chatham Street E.



Organizing and Banner Making Sessions

Have Been Scheduled for Both

Thursday October 19 & 26 at 7:00 PM

University of Windsor, LeBel Visual Arts Bldg.

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