

Windsor Peace Coalition

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Area Activists To Mark 4th Anniversary Of The Invasion Of Iraq On March 17th

Planning under way for a rally and discussion forum.

Windsor, ON (28 January 2007) – The Canadian Peace Alliance has called once again for a National Day of Action on Saturday March 17 to mark what will be this year the 4th anniversary of the U.S. / U.K.-led invasion of Iraq. Windsor Peace Coalition has assumed the lead role in planning for a local action and forum that day.

As violence and troop sizes continue to escalate in Iraq and Afghanistan; as the U.S. carries out brazen bombing raids in Somalia; as we near the 3-year anniversary of the U.S., France and Canada-backed coup d'etat in Haiti; as the threat from Bush's plan for "a New Middle East" continues to grow – peoples' resistance worldwide to occupation and war is also growing.

Civil rights and human rights are being violated in Canada on a daily basis in the name of "security" and "democracy". People are being forced to defend their religion. Canada's sovereignty is constantly being violated by laws and decisions made in the U.S., and attempts are regularly made to use the border to target people based on their political views and their faith.

We believe it is imperative that Canada's role in imperialist wars continue to be discussed and opposed by the Canadian people, as our contribution to those nations and peoples around the world who are doing the same.

Windsor Peace Coalition calls on the citizens of Windsor and Essex County to join with us, and with communities all across the country in raising our voices and demanding that Canada play a role for peace in the world, beginning by getting out of Afghanistan and demanding that the U.S. get out of Iraq! Let us call for an end to military aggression around the globe and ensure that Canada becomes a pillar of diplomacy and peace – rather than a deliverer of death and destruction!

Rally and Anti-War Forum

We will rally at noon, then march to the location of a forum to be held under the theme "**Canada's Role in Imperialist Wars and Building Our Opposition**". The venue for the rally and anti-war forum will be announced as soon as they have been confirmed.

The next organizing meeting is Wednesday, February 7 at 7 pm. - CAW Student Centre, University of Windsor, Room B-105 (basement). **Individuals or groups who would like to participate in the planning, or speak at the forum, are encouraged to contact the Windsor Peace Coalition at the earliest opportunity.**

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