

AGAINST ALL WARS ▪ FOR PREVENTIVE PEACE



Not in our name

19 March 2003 – 19 March 2010



WE CALL FOR

- ▶ the immediate withdrawal of all occupying troops from Afghanistan and from Iraq (including contractors),
- ▶ an end to the ethnic cleansing being carried out by Israeli forces in East Jerusalem and elsewhere on the West Bank, an end to the Gaza blockade, and an end to the repression in Kurdistan,
- ▶ a halt to the mounting warmongering against Iran.

On the anniversary of the invasion of Iraq in 2003, we will be demonstrating in Italy and in the U.S. to call for an end to the complicity of our governments in waging wars, and in the colonial occupation and oppression of other peoples. On Friday, March 19, we take to the streets – in solidarity with the demonstrators in the U.S. who will be marching in Washington, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and other cities the following day – to demand the withdrawal of occupying troops from Afghanistan and Iraq. We join those in the UK who are fighting to defend Joe Glenton and other soldiers who refuse to continue to kill and be killed in Afghanistan. We join the people of Palestine in opposing the ethnic cleansing practiced by Israeli forces in Jerusalem and elsewhere on the West Bank and the people of Gaza in their resistance to the four-year-long blockade. We join the Kurdish people in their resistance to Turkish repression and we join all those who seek to (re-)establish peace and justice in the Balkans and in Kosovo.

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- a drastic reduction in our countries' astronomically high – and continually increasing – military budgets, in favor of social investment. And the replacement of our current culture of *war against terrorism* (which has produced Guantanamo, secret prisons and the suppression of many civil rights) with a culture founded on peace, legality, and an equitable distribution of resources through genuine negotiations.
- The Italian government should withdraw its troops from the Afghan slaughterhouse, dismantle nuclear arms stored at the Aviano and Ghedi military bases, stop wasting billions of euros on arms, and put an end to the official supply of arms, economic investments to, and scientific collaboration with, the Israeli government, which has been condemned by international institutions for its construction of the Separation Wall, for war crimes committed in Gaza and for its colonial occupation of the Palestinian Territories. All military, commercial, scientific and cultural agreements between Italian institutions and Israeli institutions should be revoked.

We, the people of Italy, the United States of America, the European Union, Palestine, Israel and Kurdistan do not accept complicity in such policies of oppression and preventive warfare; we therefore demand the withdrawal of NATO troops from Afghanistan and Iraq, an end to all involvement with the war machine (military bases, new arms, military expenditures), and an end to any participation in the despicable embargo perpetrated against the Palestinian people of Gaza.

Friday, March 19th, 5 pm Demonstration in piazza Montecitorio

U.S. Citizens for Peace & Justice – Rome, Circolo Arci Arcobaleno, Federazione della Sinistra, Forum Palestina, Rete Disarmiamoli, Rete italiana coordinamento Kurdistan, Rete Semprecontrolaguerra, Sinistra Critica, StopAgrexcoRoma, Un ponte per..., WILPF-Italia