

Promoting Peace in Portland, the Persian Gulf, and Beyond

The War on Iraq, 10 Years Later

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Featured speakers at 8 PM:

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Co-founder, Coalition Against U.S.
Military Intervention in the Middle East
(CAUSMIME-1990-1992)

Tuesday, January 16, 2001

7:00 PM (information tables & informal discussion begin at 6:30)

Smith Memorial Ballroom, Portland State University

west side of SW Broadway at Montgomery

Co-sponsored by Peace & Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group, Oregon Peace Institute, Multnomah Meeting of Friends Peace and Social Concerns Committee, Portland State University Students for Unity, and Portland State University Middle East Studies Center.

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Vigil to commemorate 10 years of sanctions and war on Iraq

Friday, January 12, 2001, 4-6 PM, Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Broadway & Yamhill

THE 10-YEAR WAR ON IRAQ: WHY NOW IS TIME TO GET INVOLVED!

1991

George Bush is President

Colin Powell and Dick Cheney are by his side

Saddam Hussein in power in Iraq, a
brutal tyrant but a recent ally of the
U.S. in the Iran-Iraq War

The U.S. bombs Iraq for 43 days

Comprehensive sanctions imposed in
August 1990 cut off trade with Iraq.
All oil sales are prohibited and
only food and medicine can be bought

Thousands died from the bombing and the
ground war

Iraq's currency, once at \$3 to the dinar,
begins to slide

Everyone in Iraq has free health care and
education

Iraq is a highly industrialized country

Iraq has an infant mortality rate of
about 65 children per 1000 births

The U.S. has no clear energy policy, leading to a
dependence on oil and a military strategy to
maintain control of oil

George Bush sets Martin Luther King's
birthday, Jan. 15, as a deadline for
Iraq to leave Kuwait. Bombing begins
on January 16

Thousands of people protested in Portland
because they opposed the war

2001

George W Bush is President-Elect

Colin Powell and Dick Cheney are by his side

Saddam Hussein in power in Iraq, a hero
to much of the Arab world for standing up
to the U.S.

The US bombs Iraq about once every 3-7 days
on average (since December 1998)

The sanctions remain the most comprehensive in
history, but France, Russia, and scores of other
nations begin sending flights to Iraq as the
sanctions regime begins to crumble. The "oil-for-
food" program, instituted in 1996, has lost two of
its directors who resigned over its inadequacy.

UNICEF and others estimate over half a million children
under age 5 have died from sanctions; AFP news
reports over 300 have died in the "no-fly zone"
bombings (nearly all deaths during Clinton's presidency)

Iraq's currency, now 1500 dinars to the dollar,
is making a slow recovery

Education and health care sometimes require minimal
payments, which can be extraordinary to the
average Iraqi (with a salary of about \$ 3 a month)

Almost all of Iraq's industry is in shambles, with
water, sewage and electrical plants having
been bombed in the "Gulf War"

Iraq's infant mortality rate has doubled
to 131 children per 1000 births

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dependence on oil and a military strategy to
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George W Bush will be inaugurated January 20,
seeking to strengthen sanctions and
"finish the job" his father started

Hundreds of people should come to PSU
on January 16 to work for peace

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