IRAQ 15 YEARS LATER: Forever War?

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WAR'S ON

U.S. air attack targets Iraqi leaders in Baghdad

Doctrine of preventive war unleashed, analysts say

Rally and March

More Civilians Than ISIS Fighters Are Believed Killed In Mosul Battle

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Civil defense workers carrying the body of a civilian retrieved from the rubble of a house destroyed in airstrike. They've collected almost 1,500 bodies so far in west Mosul – many of them women and children – and are still finding casualties.

Friday, March 16, 2018
5:00-6:00 PM

Pioneer Courthouse Square
(SW Yamhill and Broadway)

The US invaded Iraq on March 19, 2003. Even though most of the troops were withdrawn in 2011, they never left completely. Even with the US' war against the Islamic State (August 2014-present) being declared a victory with the devastating US/Iraqi military attack on Mosul, there are now over 5000 troops in Iraq as "advisors," drone and conventional aircraft bombings, and with the world's largest embassy, an unending occupation.

Although March 2018 marks 15 years since the Iraq War began, one also can look at January 1991-- the start of "Gulf War Part 1"-- as the start of what has now been over 27 years of US hostilities in Iraq. Even though candidate Donald Trump condemned the 2003 decision to invade and attack Iraq, in 2017 President Trump told NBC: "We should've kept the oil when we got out"-- signalling his long-term intentions for US presence there. March 19 also marks the 7th anniversary of the US attack on Libya, which caused similar destabilization in that country. Join us to say "no more war– bring all the troops home now!"

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