17 Years Since the Iraq Invasion: Time to End All US Wars

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March and rally
Friday, March 20, 2020
5:00 PM

Pioneer Courthouse Square
(SW Yamhill and Broadway)

Join us for a march and rally marking **17 years since the US invaded Iraq in 2003**. The US invasion and occupation was based on the knowingly false information presented by the George W Bush administration alleging that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. After the invasion, no such weapons were found. Similar lies about the alleged attack on a US naval destroyer in the Gulf of Tonkin helped justify the Viet Nam war. The current President, who criticized the Iraq war, has made up similar lies to justify violence against Iranian nationals inside Iraq (and Syria)'s borders. Following the US assassination of an Iranian general in January, the Iraqi parliament voted to demand the US leave their country. Rather than respect their sovereignty, President Trump threatened sanctions and demanded to be paid for the US military bases set up in Iraq as part of this 17-year-long occupation.

Regardless of whether the troops leave, the US embassy in Baghdad is the world's largest, despite Iraq being the 36th largest country by population and 58th largest in size. It is clear the US wants to stay in Iraq to control the oil resources not just in Iraq but in the entire region. It is time to end all US wars and bring the troops home!

This event is part of the weekly Portland Peaceful Response Coalition weekly Friday rally in Pioneer Square,which began shortly after the US invasion of Afghanistan in 2001. The protests have also focused on the continued US military actions in Pakistan, Syria, Yemen and Somalia, as well as other foreign and domestic policies.   .

Event co-sponsored by Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group, Portland Peaceful Response Coalition, CODEPINK, War Resisters League Portland and Veterans For Peace Chapter 72.

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