

NO TO THE لا للديكتاتور صدام SADDAM HUSSEIN DICTATORSHIP!

DEMOCRACY IN IRAQ - GENUINE AUTONOMY FOR KURDISTAN

- Self-Determination for the Kurdish Nation!
- Political Prisoners in Iraq Must Be Free!
- U.S. Out of the Middle East!



Initiated by: Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iraq/ U.S. and Canada Branch; Committee for Democratic Palestine; and Peoples Anti-War Mobilization.

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DEMONSTRATE
SAT. MARCH 12
ASSEMBLE 11a.m.
at Dupont Circle
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MARCH to the
White House

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The present dictatorial Ba'ath regime of Iraq has, for the past 15 years, pursued a relentless policy of discrimination against the three million Kurds living in their ancestral northern homeland. The Iraqi government is pursuing a policy aimed at the destruction of ethnic, geographic, historical and cultural characteristics of the Kurds and Kurdistan.

This policy is being implemented through the expulsion of Kurds from their villages, towns, and regions; of suppression of the Kurdish language and culture; and by transferring thousands of civilians from Kurdistan to the deserts of southern Iraq, where untold numbers of women, children and elderly have perished.

Moreover, Saddam Hussein's government in Baghdad has caused numerous Kurdish villages to be levelled by bulldozers; dissenters - both Kurds and non-Kurds - continue to be interrogated and executed in secret. Trials, if held, are by special courts and in closed sessions. Defendants have no access to legal counsel and have no right of appeal.

In violation of all universal legal codes, the Government of Iraq is punishing the innocent relatives of people accused of joining the partisan forces of the Kurdistan Democratic Party or, in fact, of any other dissenting faction. In addition, the Saddam Hussein regime has banned all progressive, nationalist forces in the country while torturing and executing their supporters and members. It has been especially stringent, however, in its attacks on members of the Iraqi Democratic National Front (IDNF).

All of these circumstances are forcing the Kurds to accept one of two alternatives. Namely, to succumb to the vicious Iraqi strategy and accept second-rate citizenship and the destruction of their identity as Kurds; or to resist and defend their right to survive as a nation while contributing to the different cultures of the region.

The Kurdish people in Iraq are not the only victims of Saddam Hussein's craving for total dominance. Saddam started the war against the people of Iran in which thousands of people have been killed, and the economic viability of both countries threatened.

The actions of the Iraqi regime have helped open the door to the designs of U.S. imperialism and reactionary Arab regimes (including Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Egypt). Using the war with Iraq, the Saddam Hussein dictatorship has provided large amounts of economic aid to the Jordanian government in exchange for the participation of approximately 30,000 Jordanian soldiers in the war. Iraq has resumed "warm" relations with the Arab reactionary regimes while severing diplomatic ties with Peoples Democratic Yemen. Additionally, PLO offices in Iraq have been closed.

The pro-imperialist shift by the Iraqi dictatorship fits into U.S. designs for the area. The United States is engaged in a massive military buildup in the Mideast: the Rapid Deployment Forces in Egypt; AWACs planes in Saudi Arabia; U.S. Marines in Lebanon as well as U.S. bases in Oman, Somalia, and Bahrain are all aimed at securing the interests of the United States oil monopolies in the region. U.S. intervention in the Mideast is a continuous threat to the people of the region as evidenced by the recent war provocation against Libya.

Today, the voices of the anti-Saddam opposition are louder and more unified than ever before under the aegis of the Iraqi Democratic National Front and the progressive, nationalist May 26 Revolution led by the Kurdistan Democratic Party. Their objective is democracy in Iraq and true autonomy for Kurdistan. They also aim for the protection of national and religious minorities in Iraq.

This revolution is inseparable from the progressive and revolutionary forces of the world, and is a natural ally to all nationalist, progressive movements and especially the Palestine liberation movement.

Join us in the struggle against dictatorship and racism in Iraq. Join our demonstration against the Saddam Hussein regime, and help fight oppression and genocide.

