

Palm Sunday Rally & March for Peace

NO WAR



NO NUKES



JUSTICE

COMPASSION

April 9, 1pm

Prince Alfred Park, Parramatta

(cnr Church St & Victoria Rd)

Palm Sunday Ceremony + Multi-Faith Prayers for Peace. Sponsored by Ecumenical Council of NSW. March to Parramatta Town Square

Speakers include: Rev Harry Herbert (Uniting Church), John Robertson (UnionsNSW), Nosrat Hosseini (Iran democracy), Susan Ryan (New Maltida), Arab Council speaker. Performers: Urban Guerrillas.

MCs: Lex Marinos, Genevieve Lemon

Organised by Sydney Peace & Justice Coalition www.nswpeace.org,
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No War No Nukes Justice Compassion Iraq – the reality 3 years after the invasion

- President Bush's 'coalition of the willing' faces massive armed resistance from Iraqi Sunni fighters, other foreign militants, and Iranian government agents.
- The Bush Administration's corporate mates control Iraq's reconstruction budgets. Water, electricity and public security are worse than before the invasion.
- The December 2005 parliamentary elections have led to stalemate because the Bush Administration cannot accept the result.
- Voters are calling for a date for the withdrawal of foreign troops, and the UK now says it will be out by June 2008. The 'Coalition of the Willing' is shrinking fast.

Australian troops - all occupation troops - home now!

- The violence will continue to escalate until foreign troops are withdrawn, yet the Prime Minister keeps Australian forces in Iraq as long as President Bush wants.
- Iran government agents and other foreign fighters should leave Iraq to the Iraqis.

Iran - No War! No nukes!

- The International Atomic Energy Agency has found that Iran's fundamentalist clerical regime has had a secret nuclear program for 18 years, in breach of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The IAEA has referred this to the UN Security Council - the legal, safer way to handle this. Preemptive strikes on Iran would start a bigger war, with Iraq in the battlefield .
- The Tehran regime has one of the world's worst records of torture and murder of political opponents. The best alternative to war is the people of Iran changing the fundamentalist regime to one which respects democracy, human rights and the rights of women, separating religion and state, and rejecting nuclear weapons.
- We must advocate a nuclear weapons free zone for the Middle East, dealing with Iran's program, and Israel's refusal to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Justice and Compassion!

- The war in Iraq, the 'war on terror' have changed Australia for the worse. We need our civil liberties if we are to defeat terrorism. Mamdouh Habib and David Hicks were wrongly detained and tortured by the Bush Administration, and vilified by the Howard government. The torture continues in Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay.
- The Howard government encouraged the abuse of asylum seekers, Muslims and 'people of Middle Eastern appearance', leading to the Cronulla race riots.
- Australia has to heal these wounds by recognising that the occupation of Iraq is wrong, by ending the mandatory detention of asylum seekers, by supporting family reunion for all Australians, by re-starting reconciliation with indigenous Australians, by affordable housing, child care, job security, and education.

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