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The Military operations of US-occupying forces and the Iraqi forces on Falluja and other Iraqi cities are imposition of Oppression and regarded as War crimes of the American war on Iraq.

The last military atrocities against Iraqi cities and the pictures of horror and killing have turned the resident cities to a battle field of a terrorist conflict between military forces of USA and political Islamic groups in Iraq.

The pictures of the massive destructions which are happening now in Iraq and the war which reached every Iraqi inhabitant, have become one of the main character of the war of American forces on Iraq on one side and on other side the political Islamic groups.

More than 100 thousand Iraqi people became victims of this war and occupation in Iraq and this number increases on daily bases as a result of a brutal and barbaric war of both sides of this terrorist conflict.

In addition, the lack of security and social services, deficiency of the civil and political rights of Iraqi people, illegal arrestment, random bombardment and explosions by US forces are the results of war on Iraq and these gave the green

light to the political Islamic groups which are attempting to transfer their war against USA to Iraq by kidnapping operations ,suicide Bomb explosions ,car explosions and beheading of innocent civilian in Iraq and foreign workers in order to impose their political agenda which are establishment of an Islamic government in Iraq and imposing of Islamic shria by taking advantage of the war and occupation in Iraq .Both sides are victimizing the lives of innocent civilian to approach their political agenda . The population in Iraq paid heavy prices of this reactionary war which is one of the steps for USA to impose new world order on Middle East and word.

UUI condemns strongly these violations against human rights and civil rights in Iraq and stands firmly with the civilian people in Falluja and other Iraqi cities. We share actively to support hundred thousand of displaced people in Falluja and to bring them humanitarian aids and we condemn the obstruction of the humanitarian

aids by US military forces to reach the civil population in Falluja.

we call people of Falluja and other cities to understand the human perspectives of our front in Iraq which is the front of secularism, freedom and equality and oppose strongly to the occupation in Iraq and reactionary policies of political Islam and to condemn all forms of terrorism which reached their homes and their working places and to oppose to the military assaults of USA forces and terrorist activities of political Islamic forces in Iraq in order to return the normal civil living for the people there and to force both the poles of terrorism to withdraw from Falluja. It's obvious that occupation in Iraq is the main source of insecurity and instability therefore all occupying forces should withdraw from Iraq unconditionally.

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Collaboration won't buy Iraq's freedom

The British labour movement should avoid taking advice from Iraqis who work hand in glove with their occupiers

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Iraqis campaigning to end the occupation of our country have been shocked to hear the harsh criticisms levelled at the Stop the War coalition by leaders of the trade union Unison and others. It must also be a source of dismay to the many thousands of union and Labour activists who consistently opposed the war of aggression on Iraq and continue to campaign to bring the troops home.

This unwelcome diversion follows the Labour conference voting to reject a call for an early date to be set for the withdrawal of British troops from Iraq. The vote was a blow to the Iraqi people's struggle for liberation and democracy at a critical time in the murderously ruthless occupation of our country. Britain's role might not be decisive militarily, but it is the one country important enough to provide the Bush administration with the fig leaf it desperately seeks to convince the American people that there is international support for its war policies. Tony Blair's propaganda value in the US means that British withdrawal would have a huge impact on the US public.

What has startled many anti-occupation Iraqis is that Stop the War, the broadest anti-war mass movement Britain has ever seen, is being criticised for sectarianism. And all because it is refusing to cosy up to an organisation that masquerades as an anti-occupation council of trade unions in Iraq.

Outside Iraq, this organisation calls itself the Iraqi Federation of Trade Unions (IFTU), but inside the country uses the same name (the General Federation of Workers' Trade Unions in Iraq) as the "yellow" unions set up by Saddam Hussein. Paul Bremer, President Bush's proconsul in Iraq until this summer, eventually blessed the decision of his Iraqi Governing Council to recognise one of at least two outfits claiming to take up the mantle of the GFWTUI (and hence legally control its massive assets and individual unions). That outfit is none other than the IFTU of today. But of course it is not the only trade union federation, nor is it recognised by most people attempting to create independent unions as their representative. These include the oil workers union in Basra and the Federation of Workers Councils and Trade Unions. There are also other ad-hoc federations led by Islamists, and Kurdish parties in Iraqi Kurdistan.

The question is why the occupation authorities chose to recognise the IFTU as the sole federation in Iraq. The answer is that most IFTU leaders belong to the Iraqi Communist party, which had a proud record under the British-imposed regime in the 1950s and afterwards but which made the mistake of going into government with Saddam's Ba'ath party in the 70s, and since the early 90s has lost its bearings entirely. Within

three months of the invasion it switched its official policy to active cooperation with the occupation when it joined Bremer's governing council. Today the party has one senior and two junior ministers in the longtime CIA asset Ayad Allawi's regime. Allawi, himself a former senior Saddamist, also leads a CIA-funded organisation, the Iraqi National Accord, composed of former Saddam loyalists in the armed forces and security services. These now control the key ministries of defence, the interior and national security.

Allawi's party and the ICP - whose leader was recently described in the Financial Times as "the US's ideal partner" in Iraq - are now close allies. Hence the IFTU's efforts to support Blair's abortive attempt to invite Allawi to address the Labour conference. That should have alerted trade unions and Labour delegates to the role being played by the IFTU and the way it has been used by the Blair government.

Abdullah Muhsin, the IFTU's international representative, led the campaign to invite Allawi and pleaded with trade union and Labour delegates not to support the call for an early withdrawal of Britain's forces. Despite his denials, his opposition to the conference resolution calling for an early date for withdrawal was published in the party's daily briefing to delegates and was widely distributedto P.3

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in advance of the debate.

Muhsin has been upset at accusations of collaboration. I for one would be happy to drop such an emotive term if someone could suggest a more apposite description of an organisation that: gets backing from the occupation authorities in preference to all other unions and federations; does not campaign within Iraq against the occupation; says not a word about Iraq's real ruler at Saddam's Republican Palace in Baghdad, US ambassador John Negroponte; attacks all those resisting the occupation as terrorists and echoes Bush and Blair in their portrayal of popular resistance to occupation as one and the same as the criminal acts of a hoodlum like Zarqawi; supports the prolongation of the occupation by opposing the setting of an early date for the troops' withdrawal; actively supports an occupation-imposed

puppet regime that, following a Bremer decree, enacted Saddam's 1987 law banning strikes and unions in the state sector; and fails to campaign against the US bombardment of Iraqi cities.

Now it has emerged that the IFTU has been in discussions with the British Council about accepting funds from the British government - which has invaded and occupied our homeland - to support its activities in Iraq.

Instead of accusing them of "cultural imperialism", Muhsin and the IFTU should be saluting those in Britain who recognise the legitimacy of the Iraqi people's resistance to an illegal war and occupation, and end their deep involvement with the occupation-appointed authorities. Trade unions and anti-war campaigners need to reject this latest diversion, as Tony Woodley of the

transport union has urged, increase the pressure for the withdrawal of British forces and support the Iraqi people's struggle for liberation and democracy. In considering the IFTU leaders' arguments in support of the US-installed Allawi regime, we bear in mind the slogan which is chanted by Iraqis as they gather near homes destroyed by US bombardment, after their tears for the dead and injured give way to anger. It damns Allawi as both a coward and an agent of the US: "Ya Allawi ya jaban, ya ameel i l - A m r e e k a n ! "

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Press release of UUI regarding kidnapping of foreign workers in Iraq

The foreign workers are victims of terrorism which is the result of the American-British war and occupation in Iraq.

The political Islamic groups took advantage from the presence of the occupying forces in Iraq to propagate for their reactionary agenda and to fund their terrorist operations through kidnapping foreign workers and demanding huge amount of money to release them. Many foreign workers have been kidnapped in Iraq by these groups and they requested thousand of dollars in order to release them, this became a business for these groups and even governments of many of these workers did not send troops to Iraq at all. Workers from Nepal, Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon and Sri Lanka, Philippine, staffs of humanitarian organizations and NGOsect are among the victims of beheading and exchange with huge amount of money by political Islamic groups in Iraq.

UUI condemn strongly these atrocities against foreign workers in Iraq who have nothing to do with this war and occupation in Iraq. Many of these workers like their class comrades in this world are seeking for jobs in order to improve their economic situations and to feed their families and children.

We call all political parties, trade unions and humanitarian organizations Worldwide, to condemn strongly these actions in order to prevent victimization of innocent workers for terrorism of political Islam and inhuman policies of occupying forces in Iraq and to prevent the convert of safety of these workers for exchange with money or for political agenda of these Islamic groups. We call Iraqi people to protest against these kidnapping operations against innocent foreigners which threatens every foreign workers to become target of terrorism and this business profit.

We express our condolence for families of the victims of these operations and we declare our solidarity with the families of kidnapped workers who are still kidnapped in Iraq and we hope that freedom loving people worldwide will stand firmly against these crimes and oppose these reactionary policies. End of the Occupation in Iraq is the only way to eradicate these atrocities.

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Solidarity Messages from Trade Unions and political parties to the Conference of FWCUI in Basra

**Bright and Hove
TUC unemployed Workers
centre**

**Dear Aso Jabbar,
Representative Abroad of FWCUI
Re: Workers' conference
in Basra**

I am writing to inform you that we have agreed to send you £200.00 towards the cost of organising the Workers Conference in Basra on November 25th, though I understand that this may be postponed to a later date.

Please accept our good wishes and solidarity in your struggle to establish independent trade unions in Iraq, free from Government control and for a secular society in Iraq.

In Solidarity,
Tony Greenstein, Secretary
18.11.2004

**Solidarity Message from the
Marxist Comrades Group in
Japan to FWCUI**

Dear Comrades of the FWCUI,

On behalf of the working class in Japan we would like to send you our greetings.

Following the United States imperialist invasion of Iraq, the country is experiencing extreme difficulties. As an ultra-imperialist power, the U.S. is trying to place the entire world under

its rule. The attack on Iraq is the most important element of this attempt, and also the most important link in the strategy of the imperialists represented by

George Bush. The working class in Japan is full of anger toward the acts of barbarism against the Iraqi people carried out by the U.S. The struggle against both the imperialism of our own country and U.S. imperialism is crucial.

Unfortunately, however, with the decay of the existing political parties in Japan today, the socialist and workers movements in Japan are at low ebb, and the necessary struggles are not being organized. But our struggles as workers will not continue to suffer setbacks indefinitely. We believe that the workers in Japan will necessarily rise up to do their part in the international class struggle.

The struggles of the working class are international by nature. We want to organize struggles against imperialism throughout the world along with comrades like yourselves. The state-capitalist ideologues Stalinists, however, have sowed tremendous confusion regarding Marxism. Therefore, we consider our immediate task as reviving the principles of Marxism.

With each of us doing our part, let's reaffirm our commitment to launch the struggle for national liberation and emancipation of the working class.

Proletarian regards,
Marxist Comrades Group
15.11.2004

**Solidarity Message of the Central Organisation of Trade Unions - Kenya (COTU-K) to FWCUI regarding the Conference of FWCUI in Basra and the Appeal to ILO
18 Nov 2004**

Dear Friends,

The Central Organisation of Trade Unions - Kenya (COTU-K) and her entire membership join the Federation of Workers Councils and Trade Unions in Iraq - FWCUI in solidarity as you endeavour to Strengthen and unify the workers for the purpose of defending their rights.

We wish to assure you of our moral support particularly for the forthcoming conference in the Quest for achieving Government respect and recognition of ILO Conventions Nos. 98 and 87 regarding the freedom of Trade Unions and the rights of workers to belong to Unions for the purpose of Collective Bargaining.

In solidarity, we wish you all the workers of Iraq a bright future.
Best wishes and sincere regards,
Francis Atwoli , SECRETARY GENERAL -COTU (Kenya)

**From Freedom Socialist Party in USA
to President of FWCUI
Falah Alwan**

Dear Mr. Alwan,

We recently learned of the conference which your organization will be holding on November 25 in Basra to form an integrated union leadership for the southern workers in Iraq and to draft a new labor law to replace the one adopted by the illegal Iraqi occupation government. We are sending a \$50 donation to help defray the costs of bringing workers to this important conference.

As an organization composed of working men and women, many of whom are trade unionists, the Freedom Socialist Party sends you our best wishes for a successful gathering. News of your meeting is the first piece of good news that we have heard in some time from Iraq. Here in the U.S., we are deluged with TV images of the terrible destruction of Fallujah and the people who live there. We are outraged that our own government cares so little for human life—even the lives of children and injured men lying in Mosques—that it kills without conscience and purely for profits from oil. We continue to do everything we can to end this terrible and unjust assault on the Iraqi people by the Bush administration and the multinational corporations.

We hope that your work will lay the basis for a just and peaceful society, once the American occupiers have been forced to withdraw. May this day come sooner rather than later.

In solidarity,
Guerry Hoddersen
International Secretary
November 17.2204

**No to Occupation
No to Political
Islam.**