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The Americans) have been firing on Ambulances, snipers are following the ambulances, they cannot get in.



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(To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation by a foreign power, go to: [www.rafah.vze.com](http://www.rafah.vze.com). The foreign army is Israeli; the occupied nation is Palestine.)

## MASSACRES IN FALLUGA



There has been a massacre in Falluga. Falluga is under siege. 470 people have been killed, and 1700 injured. There has been no ceasefire. They (the Americans) told people to leave, said they have 8 hours to leave and people began to leave but they're trapped in the Desert. The Americans have been bombing with B52s /

## Leaflet Text

**As you read this, a massacre is taking place in Falluja, Iraq.** Falluja is a town which has been resisting the occupation of Iraq since June. US troops have been forced to the border of the town since then. It has fought

hardest and most uncompromisingly and has regularly pummeled by F16 fighter jets and apache helicopter gunships since then, with civilians being slaughtered on a regular basis.

**Well over 470 people have now been slaughtered by US troops in Falluja, this week.** 1700 have been injured. The death toll is expected to rise due to the siege nature of the military cordon around the town. Ambulances are being fired upon and followed by sniper sights if they attempt to enter the town. Eyewitnesses have reported seeing bodies lying dead in the streets. Hospitals have been attacked. Medical supplies and bed shortages are at crisis levels. Residents are calling it a massacre. People from all over are attempting, some succeeding, to get into Falluja to help evacuate the injured by car. People are donating food, medical supplies and water to those fleeing. All of Iraq is watching and sympathising with Falluja say people on the ground there.

There is at the time of writing (10/04/04) a 13km column of Falluja residents fleeing the bomb-smashed town, trapped in the desert and surrounded by US troops which eye-witnesses report have been firing on them. Most of the desert marooned refugees are elderly men, women and children.

For **US soldiers** stationed near the town, they have been in an impossible situation and their blood too is being shed for the market-profit-power chasing interests of the US and UK government and corporate interests. Recently, the long-time brewing discontent, frustration, humiliation, and mounting rage against the occupation has exploded. The occupation is being fought for its very existence, its racism, its violence. Its recycling and **re-empowerment of a neo-Baathist ruling elite**, its re-training and re-hiring of **over 10,000 Baathist torturers** and intelligence agents, its re-writing of Iraq's laws through Coalition Provisional Authority Orders (principally Order 30 on Salaries and Employment Conditions for Civil Service Employees which sets the minimum wage for Iraqi Public Sector workers at 69,000 ID (\$40 per month – less than half the recommended wage of a sweatshop worker in a free trade zone in neighbouring Iran), plus Order 39 on Foreign Investment which allows for 100% foreign ownership - privatisation - and slashes the highest rate of income tax from 45% to 15%) has resulted in insurrection.

The climate in Iraq has moved on **from protest to resistance**, and now to **insurgency**. Demonstrations have been taking place every day all over the country since the occupation began, with protestors ranging from students to pensioners, unemployed, women, former soldiers and children. This new uprising has been labelled a revolt in support of the anti-Occupation cleric **Muqtada al Sadr**, but the **reality is that it is widespread**, uncontrollable, inchoate and varied. It is **not Islamic**, it is **not just nationalist**, it is **not Baathist**. It is a **generalised**

### **struggle against the Occupation –**

the biggest incitement to violence in the country.

Please stand in solidarity with the people in Iraq during this upheaval and time of bloodshed. Please join the protest against the bloody massacre in Falluja, which will spread if the occupation armies continue unchecked and un-challenged,

### **Stop the ongoing war on Iraq. Troops out of Iraq.**

**Falluja**, there are people in the Desert, they've left Falluja but they're not being allowed into Baghdad, they're trapped in the Dessert, they're like refugees, its terrible but the people, Iraqi people are giving all they can; they're bringing supplies, everybody is giving all their help and support to Falluja.

**Resistance** is dignity, is the honour of fighting back. Iraq is on fire. The Iraqi intifada is raging. We cannot be silent. Stop the massacre in Falluja. Remember the massacre in Jenin. Never Again.

#### **What to Do:**

This is an appeal to the anti-war movement, to the peace movement, eco-action movement, animal rights movement, anti-fascists, everybody active, everybody who can respond, can call a demo, can organise a protest, an office occupation, an embassy storming, a road blockade, mass civil disobedience, industrial shut-down, work-place occupation, solidarity work stoppage, blockade the US Embassy, Fairford Military Base action campaign - what's taking off at Fairford? Are B52s being deployed?