

US OUT OF AFGHANISTAN

END THE WAR NOW!!

SDS ANTI-WAR WORKING GROUP

PROTEST 8 YEARS OF WAR WITH AFGHANISTAN!

We are calling for students across the country to protest the 8th anniversary of war with Afghanistan by taking action and demanding that the U.S. get out of Afghanistan now!

October 7th will mark the eighth year that the U.S. has been at war with Afghanistan, under the auspice of fighting "the war on terror." In eight years under occupation, tens of thousands of Afghans have been killed by U.S. air strikes, bombs, and bullets, and the Afghani infrastructure has been devastated. In just one day of this war, May 4, 2009, U.S. air strikes killed over 150 Afghan children, women, men in a village in Farah province.

The war affects us here at home as well. The number of U.S. troop casualties increases more and more each year that the war continues. By next year the cost of the Afghanistan war will be more than the cost of the Iraq war, with the U.S. government requesting \$65 billion dollars for the war in 2010. So far the government has spent almost a trillion dollars in the wars against Afghanistan and Iraq. With that money, we could have paid for 35,068,800 four year university scholarships.

We, as students, have a responsibility to the people of Afghanistan to stand up, speak out, and take action against the war! We are calling on all students to sign-on and pledge to take action on October 7th to mark the 8th anniversary of the U.S. invasion. That action could be walking out of classes, occupying buildings, hosting a teach-in or film-showing - any form of protest to show opposition to the Afghanistan war!

The Obama administration is sending a "surge" of 21,000 U.S. troops to fight the insurgency. We know this is not a so-called "just war," but a war for regional domination and control of natural gas reserves in the region. The Afghan people have a right to self-determination, to choose their own leaders and governments and to take care of their own affairs. It is not the place of the U.S. to bomb Afghanistan into submission and to choose its political leaders. The only real way for Afghanistan to be free is for the bombings to halt, and for all U.S. and NATO troops to leave the country immediately.

Help us get the word out - We want money to go to our education, not war and occupation! We want the U.S. out of Afghanistan NOW!

Let us know if your chapter or organization will take action!

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FACTS ON THE GROUND

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61,130 NATO-ISAF troops occupy Afghanistan, 28,850 of them from the U.S. An additional 17,100 U.S. Troops are not under NATO-ISAF command.

The U.S. Government plans to send an additional 17,000 troops by the end of this summer.

Afghanistan Rights Monitor estimates that in 2008: 1,620 civilians were killed by US-led military forces (1,100 by NATO-ISAF and 520 by US-backed Afghan military forces).

2,800 civilians were injured and 80,000 displaced from their homes. 2008 was the highest civilian death total since 2001, the year of the invasion.

151 US Troops were killed in Afghanistan in 2008
708 US Troops have been killed in total.

RECENT U.S. ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS



- 1** **May 4, 2009** – The Farah Massacre. The Afghan government estimates more than 100 civilians were killed by US-bombers. The majority of the deaths were children.
- 2** **April 9, 2009** – Four people, including 2 children and a pregnant woman, were killed in a raid.
- 3** **April 8, 2009** – Crossborder drone strike killed 67 civilians in Pakistan, a total of 687 civilians (compared to 14 al-Qaeda militants) have been killed by such strikes in Pakistan since they began in 2006.
- 4** **January 2009** – at least 73 civilians were killed by bombings and drone attacks in Afghanistan, with two major attacks occurring on January 19 and 23.

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