On March 20, 2003 approximately 165,000 United States and British troops, bombarded their way into the initial invasion of Iraq. Ten days later, George W. Bush proudly declared, “Mission Accomplished”. While the U.S. and U.K. governments defied the largest coordinated protests in human history, where at least 12 million people protested against invasion on February 15, 2003, they have no longer been able to deny the deepening crisis of their occupation. Five years later and under US occupation Iraq is spiraling into the occupation, are growing in size and support. Seven years later the occupation has not brought the promised “freedom” and “democracy” to people in Iraq. The two costs of occupation will only be another setback for Afghan people.

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Sanctions Against Iran: A Colonial Tool

Once again the Bush administration is packing the punch to impose a third round of sanctions on Iran although Telharn has cooperated with the IAEA. Sanctions are an alternative to military force. By punishing a nation economically, socially, and/or politically, it is hoped that change will be affected without the prohibitive cost of war.

The current policies directed at isolating and undermining the government have in reality helped to weaken the social and economic institutions which the country requires if it is to become a viable democracy.

Nonconservative elements in their message that “our ally Israel” must be safeguarded from the Iranian threat, and for this purpose, a third round of sanctions must be imposed on Iran to prevent them from building nuclear weapons. The five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany have agreed on a draft resolution for a third round of sanctions against Iran. It would seem that the perception of threat is misplaced given that Israel is so well-prepared to protect herself – with Germany’s help.

Meanwhile, the country that is a signatory to the NPT and one which is now facing sanctions for abiding by Article IV of the NPT and being a supplier of 90% of the world’s opium (World Health Organization) – a rapidly expanding epidemic of AIDS, a disease not found in Afghanistan before 2001. A rate of domestic violence against women that has increased by 40% since March 2007 alone. (United Nations) By all counts, conditions of life in Afghanistan have deteriorated massively. The Taliban, the most organized group in Afghanistan resisting the occupation, is spiraling into the occupation, are growing in size and support. Seven years later the occupation has not brought the promised “freedom” and “democracy” to people in Iraq. The two costs of occupation will only be another setback for Afghan people.

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Palestinians Refuse to Surrender as Israel Steps Up Attacks

Since the foundation of Israel 60 years ago, the state has relied on a policy of imperialist supported violence and ethnic cleansing to rid the land of its Palestinian inhabitants and stifle opposition. Today there are more than 6.4 million Palestinian refugees, and the approximately 2 million remaining live in the equivalent of an Israeli controlled open air prison. However, 60 years later Palestinians have continued to fight and defy the occupation.

In response, an increasingly desperate and isolated Israel has tried to up the ante.

The widely popular election of Hamas, with a program explicitly against Israeli occupation, in January 2006 was taken by Israel for what it was: a clear sign that the majority of Palestinians have not given up the fight. Their retaliation was to try and choke it out of them.

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TUESDAY May 27th

6:30pm

Burnaby Public Library
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Picket Action!

Thursday

MAY 22nd

4pm

Canadian Forces Recruitment Centre
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