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TROOPS OUT NOW! TAKE TO THE STREETS ON THE NORTH AMERICAN DAY OF ACTION AGAINST WAR!

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Bush out of Baghdad! Canada Out of Kandahar! Join the Resistance!
Rally and March in Downtown Victoria

Date: Sunday, October 28th
Time: 1 pm
Place: Departure from the Cenotaph in front of the BC Legislature

Featuring:
Malalai Joya - Afghan Women's Rights Activist and Member of Parliament
Francisco Juarez – Military Families Speak Out
The Canada Out of Afghanistan Campaign
UVIC Students Against War
...and many more!

...followed by an evening of resistance with Malalai Joya!

Check below for details on the Victoria demonstration, info on how you can get involved, an announcement for the evening event with Malalai Joya, and some general material on the war in Afghanistan.

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OCT. 28: RESISTANCE IN CANADA, RESISTANCE IN AFGHANISTAN

Cities across North America will take to the streets the weekend of October 27/28 to demand the end of war and occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan. In Canada, Harper's aggressive military intervention is coming under fire, and demands to bring the troops home now are growing louder each day. In Afghanistan, activist and Parliamentarian Malalai Joya was subjected to death threats and suspended from a Parliament after speaking out against a government run by warlords.

ON OCTOBER 28 IN VICTORIA, MALALAI JOYA WILL JOIN DEMONSTRATORS IN VICTORIA TO DEMAND AN END TO WAR AND OCCUPATION!

Tell Harper, Hillier and the Government of Canada to bring the troops home now!

* Bring placards, banners, puppets, noisemakers and drums! *

Organized by the Canada Out of Afghanistan Campaign
www.canadaoutofafghansitan.ca

Organized and endorsed by:
Council of Canadians
Greater Victoria Seniors
International Socialists
Military Communities Speak Out
Raging Grannies
UVIC Students Against War
Victoria Peace Coalition
War Resisters Support Campaign

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OCT 28: HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED!

We meet every Monday at 7 pm in the UVIC Student Union Building basement, and everyone is welcome. We are also always looking for people to pitch in by poster, handing out leaflets, and spreading the word! On the day of the rally, we will need people to walk with the banner, hand out flyers, and holler slogans! For more information or to let us know that you'll be attending our meetings, write to us at: outofafghanistan@yahoo.ca.

To add your organization to the list of groups endorsing the Victoria demonstration, write us a note at:
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AN EVENING OF RESISTANCE WITH MALALAI JOYA

A post-rally event!

Date: October 28
Time: 7 pm
Place: David Lam Auditorium, University of Victoria

Co-sponsored by:

Armed with Understanding (UVIC Student Society)
Canada Out of Afghanistan Campaign
Greater Victoria Seniors
UVIC Students Against War
Victoria Coalition for Survivors of Torture
Victoria Peace Coalition
Victoria Public Interest Research Group

For more information on Malalai Joya:

<http://www.malalaijoya.com>

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A CALL FROM THE CANADIAN PEACE ALLIANCE AND THE COLLECTIF ECHEC A LA GUERRE

The war in Afghanistan is getting worse day by day. The Government of Canada and its NATO allies tell us that security and reconstruction are improving and that the battle for the hearts and minds of the Afghan people is being won by the west. In reality the situation is much more dire. Reconstruction has been proven to be a smokescreen and the resistance to the occupation is growing. Violence increases every month that our soldiers remain in Kandahar.

It is time to stop the bloodshed - not in 2009 as our politicians suggest - but now. The Canadian Peace Alliance and Collectif Échec à la guerre call on the people of Canada and Quebec to demonstrate this October 27, 2007 and call for the troops to be brought home.

On that day people from Canada and the United States will be marching to end war. Our friends in the US have put out a call for events to end the Iraq war on same date; so we will be jointly marching to end the violence that our governments are intent on continuing.

The state of reconstruction in Kandahar is a shambles. The Senlis Council recently released a report that investigated the reconstruction claims by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The Senlis Council found little of the promised reconstruction in Kandahar. The Afghan people are starving just outside the gates of the Canadian base. Their local hospitals have no medicine or equipment despite promises of money from CIDA. These failures, coupled with the rise in civilian casualties, have resulted in more people joining the resistance.

And what has been accomplished? Canadians have once again lost the Panjwai district of Kandahar after fighting four separate battles to hold it and being pushed off of that land again and again. After more than 18 months of fighting in the south which has killed hundreds of civilians and dozens of Canadian soldiers, the fight is still on for the same patch of land that was "secured" more than a year ago.

How many more will die on both sides to keep taking and retaking a spot of land?

The poppy trade is booming in Afghanistan with a record crop worth more than \$3 billion USD this year. The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) report showed a 35 per cent increase in opium production from a year ago. This will only get worse the longer NATO stays in Afghanistan. The UNODC argues that more control from the state of Afghanistan will reduce opium production. More than 60 percent of the elected members of the Afghan parliament are connected to warlords and drug barons. To increase the control of the drug warlords in the opium producing areas will not result in a decrease in opium production.

The irony is that opium production had been eradicated by 2001. This increase in production is a direct result of the invasion and occupation of Afghanistan.

The head of the Army in the UK, General Sir Richard Dannatt stated that the war in Afghanistan could go on for a generation. Thousands more civilians and soldiers will die and the resistance to the NATO occupation will grow. It is time to end this war.

On October 27 people in Canada and the US will be marching to call for peace in Iraq and Afghanistan. Thousands will march in a pan-Canadian day of action. Join us!

Out of Afghanistan - Out of Iraq
Harper and Bush Bring the Troops back!
<http://www.acp-cpa.ca/>

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