

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

1/12/10

(Standup Week 244)

Tuesday, 6pm–7pm

Why are we in Iraq?

Not because of weapons of mass destruction. **Not** because Iraq was involved in 9/11. **Not** because Iraq was a threat to our national security.

What have we gotten?

In Iraq

US military dead: **4,373**
US military wounded: **31,613**
Iraqi civilians killed: **103,588***
Money spent on war: **\$717 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **953**
US military wounded: **4,672**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,037**
Money spent on war: **\$236 billion**

Who are we?

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War has pledged to “Stand Up” until the war ends and the troops come home safely.

Every Tuesday evening at 6 pm (rain or shine), **Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** assembles on the northwest corner of 8th Avenue and 24th Street to facilitate “**Chelsea Stands Up Against the War,**” a community protest against the war in Iraq.

We carry banners, signs, and candles as we gather for one hour each week to protest the war in Iraq. We distribute this newsletter, peace buttons, collect signatures on petitions and speak with our neighbors about the need to end war in Iraq. The **Stand Up** make a dramatic statement to passing vehicular traffic on 8th avenue.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is an all-volunteer organization that wants to build the broadest possible neighborhood consensus. With that goal in mind, the organization is open to all and functions by consensus.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is not formally affiliated with any other organization but is willing to work with all groups and individuals who are committed to ending this illegal and immoral war fought by our fellow citizens, paid for with our tax dollars, and prosecuted in our name.

*The recent Johns Hopkins/Lancet report places the figure at 655,000+



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KEEP OUT OF YEMEN

By Randy Petsche

On December 17 and December 24 of last year airstrikes by the Yemeni government killed at least 60 “militants” according to the New York Times. The airstrikes were “backed” by the U.S. The following day a Nigerian man wearing explosives in his underwear was narrowly prevented from blowing up an international plane leaving for the U.S. The man appears to be a supporter of Al-Qaeda and claims to have been trained in Yemen during a brief stay in that country.

Under heavy political pressure, President Obama has since promised “retribution” in Yemen against Al-Qaeda and the militants. Inevitably, this will mean American drone and predator attacks on villages where Al-Qaeda is believed to have its bases. Senator Joe Lieberman, Chairman of the Senate Committee for Homeland Security, has happily confirmed that Green Berets and U.S. Special Forces are already there and are preparing the Yemeni military for more pre-emptive strikes.

But, as we saw on Christmas Day, retribution is a two-way street. Yemen is a dangerous place. Almost everyone has a gun. The central government is weak outside the capital city of Sana and there are powerful local tribes throughout the countryside. The long-time president, Ali Abdullah Sali, is increasingly dependent on American military support to compensate for the declining power of his government.

An American military expedition in Yemen will repeat the bloodstained failures of Afghanistan and Iraq. The hole we dig for ourselves can only get deeper as the American military presence increases and the body count soars.

This is surely the result that Al-Qaeda wants. Tell your elected officials that an invasion of Yemen will be a disaster in every sense of the word.



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