

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

4/6/10

(Standup Week 256)

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: **4,387**
US military wounded: **31,762**
Iraqi civilians killed: **104,481***
Money spent on war: **\$743 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,034**
US military wounded: **5,188**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,356**
Money spent on war: **\$244 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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Will Indonesia Be Next?

By Jacqueline Schoenhaus-Barnett

President Obama’s upcoming trip to Indonesia has been touted as a blend of political, cultural and business meetings to enhance ties with that nation.

What the Obama Administration did not say is that the U.S. will be lifting a 12-year ban on aid to the Indonesian military (TNI); and this boost in monetary spending would go specifically for military training to Indonesia’s Special Forces (Kopassus).

As reported by investigative journalist Allan Nairn (re:TNI assassinations), Kopassus has been involved in the assassination of political activists in the Aceh province. It is one of the world’s largest natural gas producing regions whose revenues have gone primarily to Exxon Mobil and the government of Jakarta, with no money left for the poor of Aceh. Aceh wants to have a free vote through a referendum which will give them the option to choose independence; but the independence movement (GAM) has been brutally repressed by the Indonesian military. Once again the U.S. is intervening in the internal affairs of a foreign country and placing a higher value on profits over people by continuing to bankroll a military bent on destroying its indigenous population.

As a result of bringing this situation to light, Allan Nairn has been threatened with arrest by the Indonesian military. He states that he will be happy to have an open trial and if the military really didn’t commit these murders, as well as hundreds of thousands of others, “we’ll discuss the facts publicly, for months, instead of their taking the coward’s way out and tacitly admitting their own guilt by backing down or by forcing me into a closed interrogation and/or deportation.”



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