

Are you willing to be silent as your government steps up pressure and war preparations against Iran – a Third World country half-way around the world – and threatens it with nuclear annihilation? Bush: "all options are on the table."

Are you willing to sit passively as all the candidates repeat Bush's lies and threats? McCain: "Bomb, bomb, bomb Iran." Obama: "I will do everything in my power to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. Everything." Clinton: "we would be able to totally obliterate them."

Any US attack on Iran would be a criminal act of aggression for greater empire – just like Iraq . The consequences would be horrific. When the US invaded Iraq in March 2003, how many dreamed that 5 years later over 1 million Iraqis would be dead, and 5 million driven from their homes? Yet that's what's happened. And the toll from an attack on Iran – and all it could set in motion – could make Iraq pale in comparison.

An attack on Iran must be stopped.

Military moves and diplomatic maneuvering are escalating. McClatchy Newspapers report "Targeted strike on Iran nuclear sites again under discussion." A campaign of charges and lies reminiscent of the run-up to Iraq is being ramped up. Israel openly threatens to attack Iran – Deputy Prime Minister Mofaz calls war "unavoidable."

Meanwhile, the Bush regime is trying to force Iraq to agree to endless colonial occupation, including 58 US military bases,

while Israel threatens to again invade Gaza, where 1.5 million Palestinians are being literally imprisoned and starved.

If you are outraged by all this, and NOT willing to accept it, then join us in speaking out. Here in Chicago, we have an opportunity to raise our opposition in a way that can ripple beyond our reaches and inspire many more to speak out before it's too late. The Chicago city council has a proposed resolution against war on Iran pending – you can help by talking to your alderman, and friends and family. Make the case that we must prevent this disaster. Join us June 30th to hear the analysis of US moves and war preparations against Iran, and come out to the next city council meeting July 9th (see bottom of page).

Neither US imperialism nor Iran's reactionary theocracy offer a way forward for the region – or for humanity. And both reinforce each other, even as they clash. Humanity needs another way, and people in this country have a responsibility to bring one forward – starting by building a wave of opposition to any and all US military threats, bullying, and attacks against Iran – and by demanding an end to the US occupation of Iraq and to Israel's oppression of Palestinians.

Silence IS Complicity;

refusing to resist war crimes IS a crime itself. Catastrophe looms on many fronts, yet there's also great potential for a far different and better world – IF those who see the truth – even if a small minority at first – act with courage and determination. History, and humanity, demand it.



Children of Iran innocently growing up would be killed by the hundreds of thousands after the attack on Iran begins.

Imagine the sound of a plane over your head and its pilot planning to drop a bomb where you are.

GET INVOLVED!

From Now Until the Resolution is passed (hopefully July 9th) Contact your Alderman, talk

to your neighbors, friends, and co-workers. Aldermen contact information is at <http://tinylink.co.za/a28487>

Testimony from former UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter, speaking before the Human Rights Committee of the Chicago City Council. He argues *"...while America will probably never construct a memorial to the Iraqi people we are responsible for killing and wounding, it should be understood that these people will never be forgotten by their fellow Iraqis, and indeed the rest of the world. To extend this human suffering and tragedy into Iran would be to create a level of suffering for which America can never, and should never, be forgiven."*

July 9th – 10am

City Hall – City Council Chambers (2nd Floor)

Be there to support the resolution opposing war on Iran

IF Iran is Attacked

Emergency Response Protest

Spread the word: If Iran is attacked, meet at Federal Plaza (Adams and Dearborn) that day or the day after at 5pm.

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What difference will passing this non-binding resolution make?

A dangerous consensus is emerging in Washington in favor of attacking Iran, which the Bush administration may well aim to do before leaving office. Shattering this tense silence with clear political opposition breaks open the debate in important ways. Rather than talking about the “danger” posed by an Iranian military force that is utterly dwarfed by the greatest military

power in history, the U.S., we shift the focus to the aggressive lawlessness of the Bush regime and the threats it has been making without regard for the consequences for the people in the Persian Gulf or here in the US. City council resolutions played an important role in sounding the alarm before the disastrous war on Iraq was launched and knowing what we know now, the situation now calls on us to act with even more moral clarity.

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING WAR ON IRAN

WHEREAS, The Bush Administration and its Congressional allies are engaging in a systematic campaign to convince the American people that the Islamic Republic of Iran poses an imminent threat to the American nation, American troops in the Middle East and U.S. allies, and

WHEREAS, This campaign bears a strong resemblance to that waged during the lead-up to the Iraq War and occupation, with the use of unreliable sources, exaggerated threat assessments, the selective use of information, unsubstantiated accusations about Iran's nuclear program and its supply of weapons to Iraqi forces as centerpieces of their case to the American people for aggressive action against Iran, and

WHEREAS, Iran has not threatened to attack the United States, and no compelling evidence has been presented that Iran poses a real and imminent threat to the security and safety of the United States that would justify an unprovoked unilateral pre-emptive military attack; and

WHEREAS, We support the people of Iran who are struggling for freedom and democracy, and nothing herein should be construed as supportive of their government, the Islamic Republic of Iran, but a unilateral, pre-emptive U.S. military attack on Iran could well prove counterproductive to the cause of promoting freedom and democracy in that country; and

WHEREAS, A 2007 National Intelligence Estimate (NIE), representing the consensus view all 16 U.S. intelligence agencies, concluded that Iran froze its nuclear weapons program in 2003, and an earlier NIE concluded that Iran's involvement in Iraq “is not likely to be a major driver of violence” there, and

WHEREAS, An attack on Iran is likely to cause untold thousands of American and Iranian casualties, lead to major economic dislocations, and threaten a much wider and more disastrous war in the Middle East, and

WHEREAS, a pre-emptive U.S. military attack on Iran would violate international law and our commitments under the U.N. Charter and further isolate the U.S. from the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, An attack on Iran is likely to inflame hatred for the U.S. in the Middle East and elsewhere, inspire terrorism, and lessen the security of Americans in Chicago and worldwide, and

WHEREAS, The Iraq war and occupation has already cost the lives of over 4,000 American soldiers, the maiming and wounding of over 38,000 American soldiers, the death and maiming of over one million Iraqi civilians, and

WHEREAS, According to the nonpartisan National Priorities Project, the Iraq War and occupation has cost American taxpayers more than \$500 billion, the citizens of Chicago nearly \$5.2 billion, and the citizens of each of Chicago's 50 wards an average of \$104 million.

WHEREAS, Any conflict with Iran is likely to incur far greater costs and divert more precious national resources away from critical human needs in Chicago and its 50 wards, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Chicago does hereby urge the Illinois Congressional delegation to clearly express the will of the people of Chicago in opposing any U.S. attack on Iran, and urging the Bush Administration to pursue diplomatic engagement with that nation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of the resolution be forwarded to President George W. Bush and all members of the Chicago Congressional delegation.

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