

JNV and Voices in the Wilderness do not object to emergency services practicing for extreme situations. We believe, however, that the most important and urgent response we should be making to the threat of terrorism is to direct the foreign policy of our governments away from war, threats, and support for unjust regimes. Popular protest is desperately needed to prevent our governments from carrying out illegal military attacks in the future. We must be able to counter the terrorism of the United States and Britain.

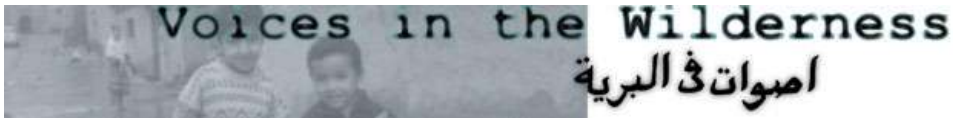
“Counter Terror: Build Justice 2005” is about refusing to wait for the next move from the warmongers, and instead setting our own timetable, and making our own plans, to help create an irresistible social force that is powerful enough to prevent war.

Coordinated Actions Throughout the Coming Year

While Voices is calling for coordinated actions during the above time periods, we encourage constant agitation, education, and action throughout the year to demand an end to the occupations of Iraq and Palestine and to secure a just peace in the region.

Please contact Voices to become active with the Life Under Occupation campaign at 773-784-8065 or via email at luo@vitw.org. We especially are looking for people who will act as coordinators of actions in their local communities.

Voices in the Wilderness was formed in 1996 to nonviolently oppose the economic sanctions against the people of Iraq. Voices sponsored over 70 delegations to Iraq, bringing medicine and other humanitarian supplies to Iraq in open defiance of the sanctions regime. For its actions, Voices is facing a \$20,000 fine imposed by the US government. Voices created the Iraq Peace Team in the lead up to the official invasion of Iraq, with team members living in solidarity with the Iraqi people before, during and after the invasion.



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*A Campaign of Solidarity, Resistance,
Liberation*

For over a decade, the US has conducted economic and military warfare against the people of Iraq. The occupation of Iraq is over a year old. The US is the prime ally of Israel in its continued occupation of Palestine which is decades old. The Apartheid Wall is being constructed in Palestine. Health care and education are destroyed in each land. Economic devastation. Resource wars continue over oil, water and land.

The times cry for change. The times cry for peacemakers and justice seekers. The times cry for us to act as if the lives of the peoples of Iraq and Palestine truly matter.

It is time to challenge our country's acts of war and oppression. To resist the machinery of war enveloping our country. To challenge our comfortable lifestyles in the United States. To choose the path of nonviolence rather than the path of continual destruction.

Voices in the Wilderness therefore initiates this campaign of Solidarity, Resistance and Liberation with the people of Iraq and of Palestine.

Our demands include:

- Respect for all worker rights and human rights in Iraq and Palestine.
- An end to the occupations in Iraq and Palestine.
- Self-determination for the peoples of Iraq and Palestine—not a puppet “sovereignty”
- Dismantling of all walls that separate and tear lives asunder.
- Reconstruction of Iraq and Palestine which benefits and is directed by the peoples of those lands, rather than benefiting and being dictated by the agendas of multinational corporations.
- Restitution paid by the US to Iraqis who suffered loss as a result of the US driven economic and military warfare since 1990.
- Clean up of all cluster-bombs, landmines, depleted uranium and other unexploded weapons—paid for by the US—as well as a prohibition on any future use of such weapons.
- Full health care for all who suffered physical or psychological injuries as a result of the US war in Iraq.
- Redirecting our country's resources away from war and to uses which affirm life, *including* universal health care, education, economic development, and a justly reformed criminal injustice system.

Counter Terror: Build Justice
March 19 to April 15, 2005

Voices in the Wilderness and Justice Not Vengeance (based in the UK) are organizing a month of nonviolent resistance to the on-going so-called

From Election to Resistance:
November 2 – 11, 2004

Voices is calling for coordinated actions from November 2 – 11, 2004. Initial actions being planned include: college based actions in Chicago; nonviolent civil resistance at weapons makers; and vigils in solidarity with soldiers actively resisting war and demanding fully funded universal health care for civilians and veterans in the US.

November 2 is election day. We do not believe that this presidential election will have a significant or substantive impact upon our country's foreign policy—especially in Iraq, Palestine and the Middle East. Bush Sr. initiated the sanctions and our first Gulf War; Clinton continued the economic and military warfare, killing over ½ million children through the 1990's; Bush Jr. launched the official invasion and occupation of Iraq. Kerry voted for the war on Iraq and supports the continued occupation of Iraq.

November 11 is Armistice Day. We choose to reclaim the original significance of Armistice Day—when at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month the guns became silent and the world's citizens celebrated the end of the First World War—and prayed that the guns would be silent forevermore. We choose to act on Armistice Day to declare that the current world war into which our country is leading the world must be resisted by all nonviolent means available.

“war on terror” conducted by our countries.

Britain, Canada and the US are going to stage a major counter-terrorism exercise later in 2005, which has been a year in the planning already. The exercise is said to involve different scenarios, including a CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear) attack. (In a radiological attack, there is no nuclear explosion: radioactive material is simply scattered to poison and to contaminate.) Thousands of troops and law enforcement officers will be deployed on both sides of the Atlantic.