

Rolling Blackouts:

Live in Darkness to Put Occupation in a New Light

Electricity in Iraq:

- In 13 of Iraq's 18 provinces, electricity is available, on average, for fewer hours per day than before the war.
- Approximately 20 million of the 26 million people living in Iraq live in those provinces.
- Eight out of eighteen governorates receive less than 8 hours of power a day
- Electricity has only reached two-thirds of the 6000 megawatt target set by the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA)

Resources in Palestine:

In some areas of Occupied Palestine, particularly East Jerusalem and areas surrounding Jerusalem, Palestinians are forced to pay taxes to the Israeli government. Though they are taxed the same as Israeli citizens, they do not receive equal government services. Taxes collected in Occupied Palestine are primarily spent inside Israel, not in the West Bank or the Gaza Strip. These Palestinians who must pay these taxes are not allowed to vote however. (www.palsolidarity.org)



Why We Are Here:

We are here today in nonviolent solidarity with the people of Iraq as well as Palestine to dramatize the effects of occupation on their lives. In an effort to draw attention to the contrast between oppression abroad and consumerism here, students at DePaul and Loyola, in conjunction with Voices in the Wilderness, are giving up electricity for up to three days. This means no lights, no computers, no cell phones, no stereos, no refrigerated food, etc. These acts of solidarity are taking place from November 2-11th—from election day to Armistice Day.

Life Under Occupation

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