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# DON'T ATTACK IRAQ

**DEMONSTRATE 28 SEPTEMBER**  
ASSEMBLE 1PM EMBANKMENT MARCH TO HYDE PARK

● CALLED BY STOP THE WAR COALITION AND MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF BRITAIN ● SUPPORTED BY CND

## FREEDOM FOR PALESTINE

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The demonstration on 28 September is being organised jointly by the [Stop the War Coalition](#) and the [Muslim Association of Britain](#). It is supported by many organisations and individuals (see [below](#)). It is up to all of us to get organised now to make this demonstration as massive and united as possible.

**Assemble 12.30pm Embankment to march to Hyde Park at 1pm**

>>> **Route (courtesy *The Guardian*)**

**COACH TRANSPORT TO LONDON**



Coaches are being organised from all over the UK to go to the national demonstration. Ask your local coach organiser to tell us what is happening in your area. A provisional list of coach transport is available [here](#). Contact [your local anti-war group](#) if a coach is not listed.

## Stop Bush and Blair's war

Tony Blair wants to commit us to a horrific war. An attack on Iraq will

## Middle East.

Bush's oil and **war** faction admit this isn't really about Saddam's weapons. They want "regime change". But it will be the ordinary people of Iraq that suffer from the attack, not Saddam.



Polls show the majority of British people are against Bush and Blair's **war** drive. Ten trade unions, church leaders, Muslim groups, leading journalists, over 150 MPs are saying, "Don't attack Iraq".



The **Stop the War** Coalition urges everyone to demonstrate on 28 September, but also to spread the word. Tell your workmates, friends and neighbours, leaflet your street, publicise the demonstration in your trade union, church or tenants group, and get in touch with your local **Stop the War** Coalition group.

**An enormous demonstration on 28 September can make Tony Blair think again.**



Please note that the route of the march has been changed because Trafalgar Square is partly closed. It will now go from the Embankment to Hyde Park. The march will assemble at 1pm, as previously advertised.

Get the [latest leaflet](#) (PDF). If you can't read this file, click on the icon on the right to get hold of the free Adobe Acrobat Reader software.



## Speak out Against the War!

**Sign the National "Don't Attack Iraq" Petition organised by Stop the War Coalition and CND.**

-  Sign the [online petition](#).
-  Download a printable [petition sheet](#) (PDF) and take it around your friends, family, workmates, community...



**Come on the National "Don't Attack Iraq" Demonstration on 28 September. Get the [latest leaflet](#) (PDF).**



-  **Organisations** supporting the demonstration include:  
TGWU, UNISON, CWU, NUJ, FBU, RMT, ASLEF, TSSA, PCS, NATFHE, NAPO, NUM, GLATUC (Greater London Association of Trades Councils), Amicus-MSF London Regional Council, Torfaen Trades Council, ACTS 1/372 Branch, Islington UNISON, London Fire Authority UNISON, Liverpool Dockers Shop Stewards Committee, Dundee Local Authority Shop Stewards Liaison Committee, Keele University AIT, AL-Eurock, Al-Khoei Foundation, All Hollows

(BRAIN), British Humanist Association, Caledonian Express (finance ezine), Campaign Against Criminalising Communities, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), Campaign for Palestinian Rights, CARF (Campaign Against Racism and Fascism), Colombia Solidarity Campaign, Communist Party of Britain, Daymer, Eve's Back (Manchester's women's magazine), Federation of Kurdish Community Organisations, Federation of Student Islamic Societies in UK and EIRE (FOSIS), Friends of Al-Aqsa, Globalise Resistance, Green Party, Hounslow Somali Association, Housman's Peace Bookshop, Iraqi Network for Human Rights, Islamic Centre England, Islamic Human Rights Commission, Isle of Wight Labour Party, Jewish Socialist Group, Lawyers for Justice in Palestine, Morning Star, Labour Against the **War**, Labour Left Briefing, Lawyers Against the **War**, Liberation, London Council of Mosques, London Labour Left, Mayfair Islamic Centre, Media Workers Against **War**, Muslim Association of Britain, Muslim Council of Britain (MCB), Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre, Muslim Parliament, Muslim Public Affairs Committee, Muslims for JustPeace, Muslims for Justice, Muslim Student Society, National Civil Rights Movement, Network of Socialist Campaign Groups, New York City Labour Against the **War**, Newham Monitoring Project, North England Medical Arab Society, Red Pepper, Palestinian Community, Palestinian Prisoners' Society, Palestinian Return Centre, Palestinian Forum, Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Partizans (People against Rio Tinto), Peace People (Northern Ireland), Plaid Cymru, Q-News (London-based Muslim magazine), Sefton and West Lancashire Green Party, Socialist Alliance, Socialist Campaign of Labour MP's, Socialist Labour Party, Socialist Party, Socialist Workers Party, Socialist Resistance, Student Campaign Forum, Tribune, UKIM, University of North London Students Union, Women's Coalition for Peace and Development (New Delhi), Women's Environmental Network, Women's Interntational League for Peace and Freedom (UK Section), World Ahlu Albayt Islamic League (WABIL), World Assembly of Muslim Youth, Young Muslim Organization UK

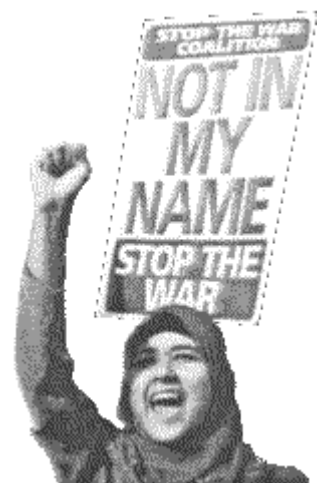


### Individuals supporting the demonstration include:

Baroness Uddin, John Austin MP, Harold Best MP, Helen Clark MP, Tony Clarke MP, Harry Cohen MP, Jeremy Corbyn MP, John Cryer MP, Tam Dalyell MP, Jim Dobbin MP, Bill Etherington MP, George Galloway MP, Paul Marsden MP, John McDonnell MP, Adam Price MP, Alan Simpson MP, Lew Smith MP, Jon Trickett MP, Mike Wood MP, Tony Worthington MP, Jean Lambert MEP, Caroline Lucas MEP, Baroness Sarah Ludford MEP, Ken Livingstone (Mayor of London), Diran Adibayo (novelist), Damon Albarn (singer), Tariq Ali (writer), Yasmin Alibhai-Brown (writer), Roger Allum (actor), Felicity Arbuthnot (journalist), Frankie Armstrong (singer), Steve Ashley (singer-songwriter), Roy Bailey (singer), Yunus Baksh (UNISON Executive), Roger Bannister (UNISON Executive), Simon Barrow (Assistant General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland), Graham Bash (Labour Briefing), Tony Benn, Ronan Bennett (novelist, screenwriter), Rt. Rev. Colin Bennetts (Bishop of Coventry), Antonia Bird (film director), Ann Black (Labour NEC), Jim Boumelha (Treasurer, International Fed. of Journalists), Rosie Boycott (editor), Billy Bragg (singer song-writer), Saffron Burrows (actor), Alex Callinicos (professor of politics, York University), Barry Camfield (TGWU Assistant General Secretary), Noam Chomsky, Ruth Clarke (London Labour Party Regional Board), Ken Coates (former Labour MEP, peace activist), Louise Christian (lawyer), Tony Church (PCS NEC), Caryl Churchill (playwright), Mary Compton (NUT Vice President), Bob Crow (RMT General Secretary), Helen Currie (NUT Executive), Karl Dallas (music writer), Hazel Danson (NUT Executive), Liz Davies (former Labour NEC), Jeremy Dear (NUJ General Secretary), Andy de la Tour (actor), Brian Eno (musician), Jem Finer (founder member of the Pogues), Kat Fletcher (NUS Women's Officer), Jeff Fowler (NATFHE NEC), Paul Foot (journalist), Nina Franklin (NUT Executive), Jim Friel (GPMU Scotland), Lindsey German (editor), Baljeet Ghale (NUT Executive), Andy Gilchrist (FBU General Secretary), Terry Gilliam (film-maker), Ginger Tom (Aus. band), Janice Godrich (PCS, President), Mike Gonzalez (Glasgow University), Tony Graham (theatre director), Suresh Grover (anti-racist campaigner), Jeremy Hardy (broadcaster, writer), Susannah Harker (actor), Chris Harman (editor, Socialist Worker), Stephanie Harrison (lawyer), Dave Harvey

Robbie Mazzaro (peace activist), Max Hyde (NUT Executive), Lucy Irvine (travel writer), John Illingworth (NUT Past President), Bianca Jagger (human rights campaigner), Robb Johnson (singer), Gary Jones (CWU NEC), Simon Jones (NUT Executive), The Revd. Father Tony Kaunhoven (Old Brampton, Chesterfield), Kevin Kelly (PCS NEC), Roger King (NUT Executive), Mark Lamarr (comedian), Bryony Lavery (playwright), Doreen Lawrence (campaigner), Revd. Ken Leech (St. Botolph's Church, London), Graham Linehan (writer, Father Ted), Ken Loach (film-maker), Jane Loftus (CWU NEC), Cllr. Janice Long (Brent), Kim Longinotto (film-maker), Massive Attack, Paul Mackney (NATFHE General Secretary), Mairead Corrigan Maguire (Nobel Peace Laureate), Mike Marqusee (writer), Cllr. Karen McKay (Coventry), Ellie Mensingh (co-ordinator, Student Christian Movement), Adrian Mitchell (poet), George Monbiot (writer), Suzanne Moore (columnist, Mail on Sunday), Jim Mortimer (former Labour Party general secretary), Martha Mundy (academic), Ian Murch (NUT Executive), Daniel Murphy (NUS NEC), Andrew Murray (Research officer, ASLEF), Charles Shaar Murray (music writer), Robert del Naja (musician), Cllr. Dave Nellist (Coventry council), Mark New (UNISON Executive), Hugh O'Shaughnessy (journalist), Kath Owen (NUS NEC), Cllr. Ian Page (Lewisham), Roger Lloyd Pack (actor), Pandit G (musician), Ralph Parkinson (UNISON NEC), Hasan Patel (NUS NEC), John Pilger (journalist), Harold Pinter (playwright), Andrew Price (NATFHE NEC), Phillip Quast (actor), Corin Redgrave (actor), Jemma Redgrave (actor), John Rees (editor, International Socialism), Bernard Regan (NUT Executive), Carole Regan (Past President, NUT), Asad Rehman (human rights campaigner), Mick Rix (ASLEF General Secretary), Yvonne Ridley (journalist), Yvonne Roberts (writer), Jim Robertson (GPMU NEC), Anita Roddick OBE (founder of The Body Shop), Gordon Roddick (co-founder of The Body Shop), Bernard Roome (CWU Executive), Steven Rose (scientist), Hilary Rose (scientist), Michael Rosen (broadcaster, writer), Leon Rosselson (singer), Sheila Rowbotham (writer), Kevin Rowland (musician), Helen Salmon (NUS Executive), Ian Saville (magician), Julia Sawalha (actor), Prof. Phil Scraton (Director, Centre for Studies in Crime and Social Justice, Edge Hill UC), Adrian Searle (art critic), Mark Seddon (Labour NEC), Lynne Segal (writer), Will Self (novelist), Mark Serwotka (PCS General Secretary), Christine Shawcroft (Labour NEC), Dr. Ghayasuddin Siddiqui (Muslim Parliament), Iain Sinclair (writer), A. Sivanandan (writer), Richard Smith (Associate Editor, Gay Times), Gordon Stainforth (writer and photographer), Mark Steel (broadcaster, writer), Dr. Carolyn Stephens (Senior Lecturer, LSHTM), Rae Street (peace activist), Stephen Sumner (editor, Yachting Universe), The Revd. John Swarbrick (Chair, London South West District of the Methodist Church), Mark Thomas (comedian), Jean Thorp (UNISON Executive), Colin Thubron (novelist), Malcolm Tierney (actor), Frances de la Tour (actor), Tony Tonks (NUT Executive), Faz Velmi (NUS NEC), Hillary Wainwright (editor), Marina Warner (writer), David Watkin (cinematographer), Harriet Walter (actor), Natasha Walter (writer), Danny Williamson (PCS Executive), Michael Winterbottom (director), Jeanette Winterson (writer), Cllr. Rob Windsor (Coventry council), Susan Wooldridge (actor), Robert Wyatt (musician), Gary Younge (writer). (NB: Organisations listed for identification purposes only)

**We are asking supporters to approach prominent individuals and organisations to ask them to support the national demonstration on 28 September. To add a name to this list, email [office@stopwar.org.uk](mailto:office@stopwar.org.uk). Get the PDF [appeal for support](#).**

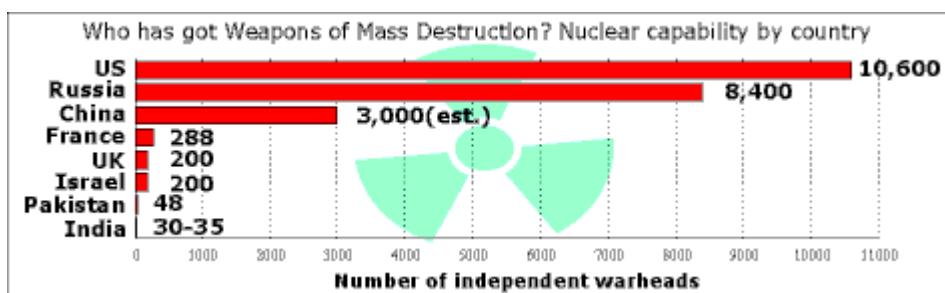


## Protest outside Parliament, Tuesday 24 September



Pictures from the protest outside parliament on Tuesday are available by clicking on the image.

### Don't Attack Iraq - Stop the City!



**National Alert:** On the day following a first attack on Iraq, the Stop the War Coalition is asking all local groups to follow Tony Benn's call to *Stop the City City*. Organise an hour's peaceful protest in the centre of your town or city, or in your school, college or workplace. Download a model

resolution [here](#). More downloadable resources are available on our [Resources](#) page.

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### Build a Europe-wide Peace Movement





# The European Social Forum

## Florence 7-10 November 2002

### Supported by the **Stop the War** Coalition

For more information go to [www.fse-esf.org](http://www.fse-esf.org)

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## Latest Press Release

Media Release 27 September 2002

### **Massive groundswell of support for Don't Attack Iraq demo**

#### **TGWU adds its voice**

"We're being inundated with new support for tomorrow's Don't Attack Iraq demo on an hourly basis," said a **Stop the War** Coalition spokesperson today. "It's clear that this will be the biggest anti-war protest seen in Europe for many years – and a major event in British politics."

The Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU) has endorsed the demonstration and its Assistant General Secretary will be speaking in Hyde Park, along with an unprecedented array of trade union leaders (see list below).

Anita Roddick OBE, founder of the Body Shop, has also pledged her support, as has film-maker Terry Gilliam (see [www.stopwar.org.uk](http://www.stopwar.org.uk) for full list of supporters).

Azmi Bishara, a Palestinian Member of the Israeli Knesset, and a speaker at tomorrow's rally, is available in London today (Friday) for interview. He can be reached at the Millennium Hotel ☎ 020 7 235 4377 or via Betty Hunter of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign ☎ 077633 84841. Because of his insistence on defending the human rights of Palestinians, Azmi Bishara's Parliamentary immunity has recently been removed by the Israeli government.

#### **March route details:**

Assemble at Embankment 12:30pm

March at 1:30pm – along Embankment to Parliament; up Whitehall, past Downing Street, left at Cockspur Street, up Lower Regent Street to Piccadilly; down Piccadilly to Hyde Park Corner; enter Hyde Park at the south end; speakers' stage and media enclosure will be at Reformers' Tree in Hyde Park. Speakers from 3pm.

#### **Media facilities:**

From 9am on Saturday 28 September, there will be a demarcated media enclosure at the Embankment – just south of Hungerford Bridge adjacent to Northumberland Avenue. Press packs, prominent interviewees, and information will be available there until 1pm.

speaker's stage at Hyde Park; speakers and others will be available for interview, along with press packs and all information required.

Speakers on 28 September at Hyde Park will include:

Tony Benn  
Ken Livingstone (The Mayor of London)  
John Pilger  
Scott Ritter  
The Bishop of Bath and Wells  
Dr. Iqbal Sacrani (Muslim Council of Britain)  
Carol Regan (Palestine Solidarity Campaign)  
Michel Abdel-Masih (Palestinian Community)  
Dr. Azmi Bishwara (Member of Knesset)  
Baroness Uddin (Member of the House of Lords)  
George Galloway MP  
Jeremy Corbyn MP  
Alice Mahon MP  
Billy Hayes (General Secretary CWU)  
Mick Rix (General Secretary ASLEF)  
Bob Crow (General Secretary RMT)  
Mark Serwotka (General Secretary PCS)  
Veronica Dunn (UNISON past president)  
Barry Camfield (TGWU Assistant General Secretary)  
Kate Hudson (CND)  
Caroline Lucas MEP  
Gill Evans MP (Plaid Cymru)  
Salma Yacoub (Birmingham **Stop the War** Coalition)  
Asad Rehman  
Dr. Azam Tamimi (Muslim Association of Britain)  
Lindsey German (STWC)  
Afzal Khan (UK Islamic Mission)  
Dr. Majid Ezzir (Palestinian Return Centre)  
Bilal Khafaf (Federation of Student Islamic Societies)

For more information call Andrew Burgin ☎ 07939 242 229 or Mike Marqusee ☎ 07734 886623 (**Stop the War** Coalition media officers), or Anas Altakriti ☎ 07889 202912 (Muslim Association of Britain media officer).

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## Aims and Objectives of the **Stop the War** Coalition

The **Stop the War** Coalition was formed on September 21st, 2001 at a public meeting of over 2,000 people in London. The Coalition is campaigning under the following slogans:

**Stop the war**      **No to a racist  
backlash**      **Defend civil  
liberties**

The resolution below, setting out the Coalition's platform, was ratified at public meetings held in October 2001 in London.

1. The aim of the Coalition should be very simple: to **stop** the **war** currently declared by the United States and its allies against 'terrorism'. We condemn the attacks on New York and we feel the greatest compassion for those who lost their life on 11th September. But any **war** will simply add to the numbers of innocent dead, cause untold suffering, political and economic instability on a global scale, increase racism and result in attacks on civil liberties. The aims of the campaign would be best expressed in the name **Stop the War** Coalition.
2. Supporters of the Coalition, whether organisations or individuals, will of course be free to develop their own analyses and organise their own actions. But there will be many important occasions when united initiatives around broad **stop the war** slogans can mobilise the greatest numbers.
3. The Coalition shall elect a steering committee which reflects the breadth of those involved to carry forward the aims and objectives. Local groups should have regular, open and inclusive meetings.
4. We call on all peace activists and organisations, trade unionists, campaigners and labour movement organisations to join with us in building a mass movement that can **stop** the drive to **war**.
5. We are committed to opposing any racist backlash generated by this **war**. We will fight to **stop** the erosion of civil rights.

### Supporters of the Stop the War Coalition include:

George Galloway MP, Jeremy Corbyn MP, Alan Simpson MP, Tam Daylell MP, the Muslim Parliament, ASLEF, Bob Crow (General Secretary RMT\*), John Foster (General Secretary NUJ\*), Paul Mackney (General Secretary NATFHE\*), the London Council of Mosques, Rosie Boycott (journalist), Harold Pinter (playwright), Suresh Grover (National Civil Rights Movement), Lindsey German (Editor, *Socialist Review*), Caryl Churchill (playwright), Asad Rehman (Newham Organising Project), Paul Foot (journalist), Corin Redgrave (actor), Soraya Lawrence (lawyer), Mike Marqusee (writer), Jane Shallice, George Monbiot (journalist), Professor Lynne Segal, Professor Sheila Rowbotham, Tariq Ali (broadcaster), Yvonne Roberts (journalist), Liz Davies (Socialist Alliance), Kika Markham (actress), Chris Nineham (Globalise Resistance), John Pilger (journalist), Ronan Bennett (novelist), Saffron Burrows (actress), Dave Nellist (Socialist Party), Hilary Wainwright (Editor, *Red Pepper*), Andrew Murray (ASLEF), John Rees (Editor, *International Socialism*), Christine Shawcroft (Labour Party NEC\*), Will Self (writer), Louise Christian (lawyer), Helen Salmon (National Executive NUS\*), Germaine Greer (writer), Benjamin Zephaniah (poet). \*= personal capacity.

Steering  
Committee



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If you are a member of an organisation that is opposed to Bush and Blair's on-going "war on terror" and agree with our aims and objectives, we urge you to ask your organisation to consider [affiliating](#) to the **Stop the War** Coalition. Together, we can make our voice heard.

## An urgent appeal for donations

*Dear Friends,*

**The Stop the War Coalition urgently needs your generous financial support.**

Since our formation in September 2001, we have brought together a wide range of individuals and groups to campaign against Bush and Blair's bogus, perilous and inhumane 'war on terror'. We have succeeded in building an anti-war movement in Britain that unites





globalisation campaigners, along with activists from traditional peace organisations and political parties.

The **Stop the War** Coalition has been the driving force in mobilising hundreds of thousands in a series of highly successful national demonstrations in London. We have helped organise teach-ins and other events in localities up and down the country. We have recently produced and distributed 30,000 copies of our national bulletin, along with hundreds of thousands of posters, leaflets and badges.



We are now organising, with CND, a national 'Don't Attack Iraq' petition campaign. On 28 September, we are organising a joint demonstration with MAB. We hope this will be the largest demonstration yet against an invasion of Iraq and the **'war** on terror' in general.

**But we are desperately short of the minimum funds we need to carry out our ambitious but absolutely necessary programme of national and local activities.**

We have recently secured a small, cheap office space for our enthusiastic but over burdened and under paid workers (one full time, two part time).

Without your financial support we simply will not be able to do what needs to be done — provide the basic resources to ensure our growing and diverse **Stop the War** Coalition can really make a difference.

**We ask you as a matter of urgency to send a generous cheque made out to 'Stop the War Coalition' to: Stop the War Coalition, PO Box 3739, London E5 8EJ.**



We also ask you to help us put our longterm finances on a firm footing by taking out a [standing order](#).

If you require any information about us or our activities, please don't hesitate to contact us. **Call the campaign office on 020 7053 2155, 020 7053 2156** or 07951 235 915.

**On behalf of the Stop the War Coalition,**

Jeremy Corbyn MP  
Andrew Murray  
Lindsey German  
Andrew Burgin  
Chris Nineham  
Mike Marqusee  
Asad Rehman  
Shahid Saleem  
Jane Shallice

**To send in a contribution, please**

-  **Make a cheque payable** to the **Stop the War** Coalition and mail it to PO Box 3739, London E5 8EJ.
-  **Fill out a [standing order form](#)** to the **Stop the War** Coalition and mail it to the same address (PO Box 3739, London E5 8EJ).


If you can loan **office space, computers, or other tangible resources** that may be useful, please email [office@stopwar.org.uk](mailto:office@stopwar.org.uk). If you are able to **volunteer regular time** to the **Stop the War** Coalition, then please also email us.

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