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Oil and occupation

Iraq's oil reserves are the third largest in the world and account for 95% of Iraqi government revenue. Immense pressure has been exerted on the Iraqi government by the US, the UK, and the International Monetary Fund to accept foreign investment. As a result, new legislation could give the likes of BP, Shell, Exxon and Chevron contracts to control Iraq's oil for a generation – depriving ordinary Iraqis of scores of billions of dollars. Shell and BP, with the help of the UK Foreign Office and Treasury have been actively pushing for this law and these contracts since 2003.

It's not too late to stop them

The Iraqi Federation of Oil Unions is at the forefront of grassroots campaigning against the privatisation of Iraq's oil industry. A recent poll found that 63% of Iraqis believe their oil should be developed and produced by Iraqi public sector companies rather than foreign companies. Who should decide the future of Iraq's economy and resources? The people of Iraq, or Shell and BP?

What you can do

Join the Hands Off Iraqi Oil national day of action on Saturday 23 February 2008. Tell the British government, Shell and BP – HANDS OFF IRAQI OIL!

- **Invite a speaker** to help build for your local action
- **Hold a protest** at your local Shell and BP garages (see right for resources), and let us know when you're doing it so we can help publicise it
- **Stay informed:** sign up for emails updates about the campaign via handsoffiraqioil@gmail.com
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Resources available

The following resources can be ordered or downloaded from www.handsoffiraqioil.org or by phoning Voices UK on 0845 458 2564:

- Hands Off Iraqi Oil poster (A2)
- Hands Off Iraqi Oil stickers (A7)
- Mythbusters factsheet: responses to some common myths about Iraq's oil
- *Iraqi Oil for Beginners*, new comic book history of Iraq's oil, by Jon Sack, £3
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