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It parallels similar initiatives emerging in the US and Europe. What all of us are saying is that we need to start making concrete demands on the actors in this conflict to deliver real peace and justice for the people of Iraq.

Those who defend the occupation equate ending it with 'abandoning' Iraq and reneging on our responsibilities to its people. We reject this false dilemma.

The reality is that the US-led military forces are resorting to ever-increasing levels of violence to maintain their grip over a nation of 26 million people. The ongoing occupation and the violence that surrounds it have been responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths and have prompted the region's worst ever refugee crisis, driving over 4 million people from their homes. Ending the occupation is integral to tackling the needs of the Iraqi people and starting to put right some of the terrible damage caused by over five years of conflict.

The Justice For Iraq campaign will press for urgent action on troop withdrawal and humanitarian needs as well as long term issues that will affect

the Iraqi people, their economy and environment long after a withdrawal of foreign troops:

- More than four years after the Abu Ghraib scandal broke, tens of thousands of Iraqis are still detained with no prospect of legal process and often subject to torture and abuse.
- Unemployment has soared while essential services, food supplies and healthcare have all been devastated. Even Iraqis fortunate enough to have escaped the direct effects of the violence are facing a precarious existence, with malnutrition and cholera among this war's deadly legacies.
- The extensive use of cluster bombs and depleted uranium weapons by the coalition forces will pose a threat to Iraqis for generations without urgent action to clean up the remnants of war.
- While the conflict rages, major oil companies are not holding back in their drive to secure long-term control of Iraqi oil reserves, aided by pressure on the Iraqi government from its US guardians.

JOIN US ON 19TH JULY TO BE A PART OF DISCUSSING, BUILDING AND LAUNCHING THIS CAMPAIGN.

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