



**South Tyneside
Stop The War Coalition**



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Forum - Will the “War on Terror” Lead to World War?

South Tyneside Stop the War Coalition will Hold the Forum on

Friday, January 21, 2005

South Shields Town Hall, Reception Room

6.30pm - 9.00pm

Topics to be Presented for Discussion :

- 1) Introduction - Alan Newham
- 2) Why the “War on Terror”? - Philip Talbot
- 3) Who’s Next? - Nader Naderi
- 4) Bring the Troops Home and Deal a Blow Against the War Mongering Elite at the Next General Election! - Roger Nettleship

Since the US launched its “war on terrorism” hundreds of thousands of people have been killed, or injured, thousands imprisoned in the most inhuman conditions without charge, or trial, and hundreds of families of US and British soldiers have lost loved ones as cannon fodder to this “war on terror”.

Instead of isolating terror and uniting with people to oppose the terrorism that led to the attack on the twin towers in New York this “war on terror” has become the never ending war of terror *itself*. In the latest atrocity at least 2,000 people were killed in the US attack on Fallujah which the occupiers systematically reduced to rubble and justified as

necessary in order to impose elections and “democracy” on Iraq. The justification by the US, with the support of Britain and their appointed prime minister Allawi, was that this was acceptable in “ridding the country of terrorists”, or “destroying Fallujah in order to save it”. This is the same logic of the Hitlerite fascists that imposed the French Vichy Government on occupied France with bombs and bullets, that unleashed its bombs on historic Guernica, that carried out collective punishment against the civilians of any town who dare to resist occupation.

Those that resist occupation are used to justify the bombing of cities and towns and the use of extreme force, including weapons such as cluster bombs and depleted uranium weaponry, phosphorus bombs (modern day napalm) against the civilian population and lightly armed resistance fighters.

Now with Bush’s second term it is being used as open season to extend this “war on terror” to Syria, Iran, DPRK and move increasingly into Africa and Asia as part of the US plan for “full spectrum dominance” of the world and its markets and raw materials. The war on terrorism is being used as a justification for increasing attacks on the rights of the people. Already hundreds of people have been interned in inhuman conditions and subject all kinds of physical and psychological torture without charge or fair trial.

This is not some distant conflict fought by “foreign tyrannies.” This is “our” government illegally occupying the countries of other peoples, killing, injuring and otherwise abusing other human beings. How we choose to respond to this is one of the great challenges of our age. In particular, the workers movement, the peace movement and all human beings should turn their anger into constructive action, discuss the way forward in preparation for making life most difficult for the warmongering elite in power at the next general election, strengthening and consolidating the anti-war forces and building unity.