

# Support International Human Rights Day



## Close Guantanamo

On December 10, 1948, the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as a result of the atrocities committed in World War II. The declaration calls for an end to torture and demands/urges that governments guarantee that “everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of him/herself and of his/her family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his/her control.” On the 60th anniversary of this important declaration, join us to demand that the US come into compliance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Specifically, we demand the U.S. government close Guantanamo and cease the practice of torture.

**Say NO to  
War and Economic Criminals  
Saturday, December 13, 2008  
Noon to 1 PM  
Northeast Corner of Monroe and Michigan**

**Endorser List in Formation:** Christian Peacemaker Teams--Chicago, Eighth Day Center for Justice, Peace Pledge Chicago, National Boricua Human Rights Network, National Lawyers Guild-Chicago Chapter.

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# In Support of the 60th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights

**NOW MORE THAN EVER :  
NO MORE WARS FOR EMPIRE!  
NOW IS THE TIME TO SPEAK OUT AND  
DEMAND REAL CHANGE AND JUSTICE!**



*FERIBA A YOUNG AFGHAN REFUGEE IN PAKISTAN: "I expect America not to kill the poor Afghans. They are hungry and they are poor."*

**BRING SIGNS AND BANNERS, MAKE NOISE!  
CHALLENGE PRO-WAR POLICIES!  
DEMAND OBAMA END THE WARS AND OTHER INJUSTICES!**

**Saturday, December 13, 2008**

**1:00 PM**

**Federal Plaza at Adams and Dearborn**

**U**nder the new administration of president-elect Obama, wars in the middle east will not just continue - they will expand. During the campaign, Obama promised to immediately begin the reduction of combat troops in Iraq - but never promised to bring all the troops and mercenaries home. His top Iraq advisor wrote that America should keep between 60,000 and 80,000 troops in Iraq. Obama, in his appearances, blurred the difference between combat soldiers and other troops. He indicated to Amy Goodman of democracy now that he would leave 140,000 private contractors and mercenaries in Iraq because "we don't have the troops to replace them." this is not an end to the war in Iraq!

Obama promises an increase of the us military by 90,000 and increased troops in Afghanistan. Obama has called Afghanistan the "good war" but the war in Afghanistan is actually an illegitimate, immoral and Illegal war that also needs to end immediately. Obama has kept all military options, including nuclear First Strikes, on the table against Iran.

Obama has strongly focused on supporting Israel and paid little attention to the brutal occupation of Palestine. In fact, Obama's position may even be more extreme than bush's, as indicated by his statement Of June 4, when he said that all of Jerusalem belongs solely to Israel and should be its capital. This position is to the right of Bush and the larger international community that have recognized that part or all of Jerusalem should be the capital of a future Palestinian state with Jerusalem as a city open to ALL.

Obama has endorsed bombing or invading Pakistan despite the objections of the Pakistani government and in violation of international law." U.S.. strikes have escalated to dozens of incidents this year. Hundreds Of innocent Pakistani people have been killed and many more displaced. Obama has called Pakistan "the Right battlefield...in the war on terrorism." on top of all this, he's keeping Robert Gates, bush's Secretary of defense, who has defended illegal attacks across borders, such as against Pakistan and Syria.

Obama is not on the side of the people on many issues. While thousands of people are losing their homes And even more have lost their jobs, Obama supported the \$700 billion bailout that has protected the Investment bankers who caused this suffering. Obama did not endorse the hate-filled and repressive prop 8 gay marriage ban that passed in California, but he announced he was against the right to marriage for Gay couples "due to his religious beliefs." as thousands of undocumented workers have been rounded Up in workplace raids across the country and millions more terrorized by the idea that their families Could be separated or jailed for working without the proper paperwork, Obama says they should be ended, only because "they are ineffective at catching the so-called 'criminal elements' and you can not catch everyone." instead, he wants to increase the number of ice agents and build more walls at the Border. These are still policies of cruelty that criminalize hardworking human beings.

**All of this means that IT TRULY IS UP TO US, THE PEOPLE, TO BRING ABOUT REAL CHANGE. Bring signs and banners, make noise and challenge Obama's pro-war policies. Now more than ever, this is not a time to rely upon Obama to end the wars and other injustices. IT IS A TIME TO DEMAND IT.**

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