

Make the Weekend of August 5th  
National Days of Actions to Say  
**NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE:**



Hezbollah  
banner  
says,  
"U.S.A.  
head  
of the  
terrorists"

# U.S. OUT OF THE MIDDLE EAST



Over the weekend of  
Sat., AUGUST 5th, the  
International Action Center  
is proposing that activists  
across the country organize  
demonstrations, teach-ins  
and other events around the  
theme: "For Justice & Peace,  
U.S. Out of the Middle East."

## Stand With the Palestinian and Lebanese Resistance

## End the Occupation of IRAQ, PALESTINE and LEBANON

### Support the Palestinian People's Right to Return

### U.S./Israeli Troops Out Now

### No More Fighting and Dying for Oil Profits!

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the Arab American Muslim  
Federation; Defend  
Palestine NY; International  
Action Center; NJ Solidarity -  
Activists for the Liberation of  
Palestine.

Please endorse the August  
5th weekend of actions,  
plan a local action and list it  
at: [http://www.iacenter.org/  
aug5endorse.shtml](http://www.iacenter.org/aug5endorse.shtml)

The expansion of U.S.-backed Israeli aggression in the Middle East and the widespread campaign of demonization against Hezbollah and Hamas, the movements of national resistance in Lebanon and Palestine, makes it urgent for those of us opposed to war and injustice to clarify for the people of the U.S. the reality--that the problems of the Middle East are not rooted in a struggle between religions, but in the drive by greedy imperialist policymakers in the U.S., like Bush and his super rich friends, to dominate, colonize, exploit and rob the natural resources (especially oil) of the people of the Middle East.

We must explain that the obstacles to peace in the Middle East are not Hezbollah, Hamas, Syria or Iran, but the U.S. government and its client, the Israeli settler state.

Republicans and Democrats alike have united to back the expansionist Israeli war against Palestine and Lebanon, a war that is really an extension of the U.S. war and occupation of Iraq. The Bush administration has given the Zionist rulers in Tel Aviv the green light to wage all-out war in Lebanon and Palestine, with full diplomatic, political and military support of Washington. Israeli soldiers and bomber pilots may be doing the killing in Lebanon, but this is fundamentally a U.S. war, and the Israeli army is a criminal surrogate for the Pentagon. Furthermore, Bush and Co. are dangerously laying the basis for a wider war against Syria and Iran and are ready to crush--by war, shock and awe, torture, mass murder, repression and terror--the dreams of the masses of the Middle East for self-determination and freedom from occupation and colonialism.

Together, we must intensify the struggle to get U.S. imperialism out of the Middle East and to free the thousands of Palestinian, Lebanese and Iraqi prisoners held in U.S. and Israeli jails, because this would serve the cause of peace and justice in that region and worldwide. We join with all the peace-loving people and organizations that are organizing locally, nationally and internationally around this struggle.

Along with all the other important protests, we encourage everyone to make the weekend of August 5th days of action around the theme "No Justice, No Peace: U.S. Out of the Middle East." We must support all local and emergency actions against this criminal war, along with the August 12 mobilization in Washington, D.C.

In organizing around the issue of justice and peace in the Middle East, we encourage activists to make the connections to other struggles. The racist nature of the U.S. war in the Middle East is part of the same racism behind the treatment of the primarily African American victims and survivors of Hurricane Katrina, and the racism behind the attacks on immigrant rights.

Now, more than ever, it's vitally necessary for all of us in the U.S. who genuinely believe in peace and justice--whether we be Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Atheist, Black, Latin@, Native, Arab, Asian or White--to fully embrace the Palestinian freedom struggle and to forge new bonds of solidarity with all the peoples of the Middle East, so that all the world will know that Bush's war is not our war. For justice and peace, U.S. out of the Middle East!

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