

GETTING OUR FACTS STRAIGHT

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We all know that what we read in the papers, hear on the radio and watch on TV doesn't give us the full picture about what's really happening in the world. If we want to be informed, we've got to go and look elsewhere, to read widely and critically. This feature looks at some of the alternative news services available on the Internet, full of interesting, thought-provoking news items and articles. Follow the links to find your favourites. Some will send regular updates to your e-mail address so you can keep up with the news daily. Happy surfing!

Znet: www.zmag.org/weluser.htm

This is an American website with loads of articles by respected authors like Noam Chomsky, Milan Rai, Arundhati Roy, George Monbiot etc. There are also quotes, cartoons and an excellent cross-referenced list of topics.

Common Dreams: www.commondreams.org

Another American site with Headlines, Viewpoints, Whitehouse Press Briefings and a "Progressive Newswire", which you can read online or subscribe to for daily e-mail bulletins. There are links to many other alternative news services, radio and TV stations.

Indymedia: www.indymedia.org.uk

Indymedia is basically a "free-for-all" alternative news service. Anyone can post up articles and photos, so there's a wide range of stuff to read. Indymedia is a good place to get ideas for actions and events. There are also local Indymedia sites, and international ones (see the new Iraq site below), so it's worth doing a search to find some of the others.

Iraq Indymedia: www.almuajaha.com

This new site is breaking the Iraq news embargo, and is run mostly by Iraqi students taking huge risks to get real news out to the world. Here is a short extract from the first posting by Hamsa Mohammed, a 22 year old Iraqi college student at Baghdad University:

"As an Iraqi civilian... I want everyone to know that this war has just begun... everyone should know that the Iraqi people are ready to sacrifice their lives for Iraq, and only for Iraq - not for Saddam, and not for the Americans..."

schNEWS: www.schnews.org.uk

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Peace News: www.peacenews.info

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