

# MASSACRE IN FALLUJAH

Trucks and tanks are burning on the road out of Fallujah  
The marines are telling everyone to leave town or be killed;  
Those who reach the US checkpoints are sent back to their houses;  
You'll be pleased, Supreme Commander, that your orders are fulfilled.

*"We're not an imperial power.....we're a liberating power." - George W Bush, 13 April 2004.*

One hospital destroyed by the US Air Force bombers,  
The other out of reach behind the rifles of marines;  
In a garage without light or heat and without anaesthetic,  
The dying, burned and limbless learn what liberation means.

*"We will continue taking the greatest care to prevent harm to innocent civilians." - George W Bush, 13 April 2004.*

A woman giving birth; we tried our best but could not reach her;  
The marines fired on the ambulance and we could not remain.  
The radiator gone and two tyres punctured, we retreated;  
Next day we took a pick up truck and went back once again.

*"25 million Iraqis have as much right to live in freedom as we do." - George W Bush, 13 April 2004.*

They let us take the women and the old men and the children;  
The men of fighting age, said the marine, would have to stay;  
Words we've heard before, in other times and other places,  
And like all those other massacres, we'll grieve some other day.

*"Look, nobody likes to see dead people on their television screens." - George W Bush, 13 April 2004.*

The father lying lifeless, where the bullet blew his heart out,  
Unarmed, shot in the back, his sons and daughters standing by;  
The old woman still bleeding, and the white flag she's still holding;  
Ask the man inside the White House; he knows all the reasons why.

*"None of these acts is the work of a religion. All are the work of a fanatical political ideology. The servants of this ideology seek tyranny in the middle east and beyond." - George W Bush, 13 April 2004.*

*"It didn't take me long to put us on a war footing. And we've been at war ever since." - George W Bush, 13 April 2004.*

*"One year after the liberation of Iraq, the revenues of the oil stream is pretty darn significant." - George W Bush, 13 April 2004.*

**Les Barker, 14 April 2004**

*"What I can report from Fallujah is that there is no ceasefire, and apparently there never was."*

Dahr Jamail, Independent Journalist



WPJF banner at Plas Coch, 16th April

Shocked and horrified by the reports coming out of Iraq and from Fallujah in particular, members of WPJF put up banners at road junctions in Wrexham on the 14th, 15th and 16th April and ran a stall in Wrexham on Saturday 17th April. We put together a leaflet with extracts from independent eyewitness reports, included Les Barker's poem (left), written after reading Jo Wilding's report, and added ideas for action, contact details and links.

Together with members of the new socialist Welsh Party *Forward Wales*, which is demanding an end to the occupation of Iraq and the replacement of coalition troops with a multi-national peace-keeping force, we distributed 500 of these leaflets to shoppers, engaging many in conversation about the situation and the plight of civilians at the hands of US Marines in Fallujah. We also tied recent pictures from Iraq, including images of dead and injured civilians, to lamp-posts around the stall.

We suggested the following actions:

- Write to your MP at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tell your MP what you think about the situation in Iraq.
- Write to Prime Minister Tony Blair and Foreign Secretary Jack Straw at the House of Commons.
- Make a donation to help the people of Fallujah. Make cheques payable to **WPJF** and write **Fallujah** on the back of the cheque. Send to the WPJF address (on back cover).
- Find out more from the links below.
- In the next elections, vote only for Parties committed to peace.

## LINKS

[www.indymedia.org.uk](http://www.indymedia.org.uk)  
[www.voicesuk.org](http://www.voicesuk.org)  
[www.occupationwatch.org](http://www.occupationwatch.org)  
[www.wildfirejo.org.uk](http://www.wildfirejo.org.uk)  
[www.uruknet.info](http://www.uruknet.info)

The information found on these websites is not widely available in mainstream media. Most libraries offer free access to the internet and staff can give help and advice on using the computers.



WPJF and Forward Wales campaigning in Wrexham for an end to the violence in Fallujah