PETITION to our local MP

We demand the withdrawal of all UK forces from Iraq and Afghanistan by the end of 2005. Bring them home for Christmas!

- The US-led forces currently occupying Iraq have been one of the main causes of violent death there since the 2003 invasion (*A Dossier of Civilian Casulaties 2003 – 2005*, IraqBodyCount.org, July 2005)
- The US - and the US-trained and funded Iraqi Army – are currently pursuing a policy in which 'mass detentions and indiscriminate torture appear to be the main tools' (*Financial Times*, 29 June 2005).
- The occupation is acting as a major recruiting agent for al-Qaeda and related groups, endangering both Iraqis and those of us here in the UK

60% of Britons want to see British troops withdrawn from Iraq by the end of this year (NOP poll, 15-17 April 2005) and a majority of Iraqis also favour such a withdrawal (Zogby International poll, 19-23 January 2005).Yet the British Government is planning only to *reduce* - not end – our presence in Iraq whilst actually *increasing* the number of British troops in Afghanistan, freeing up US forces for further carnage elsewhere.

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