

Another Mother for Peace

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photo taken by Sarah Forth in Iran

In this fifth year of war and occupation in Iraq, the death and casualty tolls continue to rise at an alarming rate. Instead of withdrawing American troops, our "War President" is intent on sending even more troops and extending the tour of duty for those already in Iraq. Four years after Bush's "mission accomplished" declaration, there seems to be no end in sight.

And now our government is threatening the possibility of an attack on Iran. Another aggressive use of military force in the Middle East? The administration's rationale is that Iran is developing nuclear weapons.

Another Mother for Peace doesn't buy it!

If the Bush Administration were really worried about nuclear weapons, then it would dismantle its own 10,000 warheads, engage Israel in a discussion toward signing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), and undo its deal to provide India with nuclear materials and technology. Besides, there is no clear evidence that Iran is using its nuclear capabilities to build weapons.

No, we believe the Bush Administration's stance towards Iran stems from a desire to restrict Iran's regional influence and to assure the United States access to Iran's oil and gas reserves — the second largest in the world.

In brief, given their history, Iranians see no reason why their country shouldn't continue to be a regional power, as it has been for 2,500 years. They want to determine how their own natural resources will be developed. The right to develop nuclear technology for peaceful purposes is guaranteed them under the NPT, to which they are a signatory. And they are understandably leery of outsiders who want to decide for them how their country should be run.

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Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad certainly has not made it easy for peace-loving people to sympathize with Iran. He doubts that the Holocaust actually happened and calls for Israel to be “wiped off the map.” Iran’s internal security apparatus routinely arrests dissenters, shuts down opposition publications, and keeps a tight lid on “un-Islamic” activities such as drinking, homosexuality, and even socializing between young men and women.

But does this warrant U.S. military action against Iran?

Another Mother for Peace says NO!

As Iranian human rights lawyer Shirin Ebadi, winner of the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize, says, “Democracy cannot be brought to my country with cluster bombs.” Yet another Nobel laureate, Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, has said that “the Iranian issue will only be resolved when the U.S. makes a decision to engage Iran directly.”

Another Mother for Peace demands that the Bush Administration stop threatening Iran with military action, set aside its demand that Iran stop enriching uranium before we will negotiate, engage all parties to the Iraq conflict in direct negotiations, and convene a regional security conference to deal with Iran’s fear of its nuclear neighbor, Israel, and Israel’s fear of Iran’s aggression.

DID YOU KNOW ?

- Threats against Iran make the price of oil jump — which puts more money into Iran’s coffers and gives their president more funds to arm militant groups. Cooling the rhetoric would actually undercut Ahmadinejad’s power at home and abroad.
- 40 percent of the world’s oil moves through the Persian Gulf. If attacked, Iran would close down these shipments — sending the price of oil skyrocketing and undermining economies around the world.
- After the attacks of September 11, the Iranian government cooperated with the United States to overthrow the Taliban in Afghanistan and was instrumental in forming a new government there. As thanks, President Bush declared Iran a member of the “axis of evil.”



photo taken by Sarah Forth while visiting Iran, 2005

Although Iranian women are required to wear “Islamic dress,” they also represent 65 percent of university students and work in nontraditional fields such as engineering and computer science.

Peace Homework

Several bills to avert U.S. conflict with Iran have been introduced in Congress.

- ✓ Contact your Senators and urge them to support S. 759 — a bill introduced by Senator Jim Webb (VA), that would prevent President Bush from attacking Iran without congressional authorization. This bill is currently in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Ask your Senators to co-sponsor this legislation, move it out of committee, and attach it as an amendment to an upcoming supplemental appropriations bill.

- ✓ Contact your Representative’s office and urge them to co-sponsor H. J. Res. 14, a measure introduced by Representative Walter Jones (NC) that would require the president to obtain congressional approval for any use of force against Iran, barring “a demonstrably imminent attack” by Iran on the United States. Currently in the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, there are already 63 co-sponsors.

- ✓ Continue to work towards peace in Iraq — BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW! Participation in vigils, rallies and marches, together with our phone calls and letters (by email and fax), have helped lead to the lowest approval rating ever for the invasion of Iraq. Legislators really do keep track of our opinions, especially from phone calls. *Let’s keep up the momentum!*

Remember that all Senators and Representatives can be reached through the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

PLACARDS FOR PEACE MARCHES AND VIGILS

Another Mother for Peace is offering — free of charge — 14" x 22" cardboard placards with our "War is not healthy for children and other living things" logo, to carry at peace marches and vigils. The placards can be held up with one (or both) hands, or they can be mounted on small wooden sticks.

We have been shipping placards to AMP supporters who want to distribute them at peace events in their communities. Our logo is now visible at demonstrations throughout the country — including the Cindy Sheehan Mother's Day Peace Vigil in Washington, DC!

If you are interested in receiving a shipment of 25 - 50 placards to use at upcoming peace events, we would like to talk to you. AMP will ship the placards at our expense. Since they cannot be rolled like posters, we cannot ship individual placards. Either send an email <411@anothermother.org> or call our toll-free number, 800-763-4670, giving us your contact information — we'll be in touch to discuss the details. You must agree not to sell the placards.

Let's continue to spread our message of peace!

Another Mother for Peace is a non-profit, non-partisan association dedicated to eliminating the use of war as a means of solving disputes among nations, people and ideologies.

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healthy . . ." logo in 18 languages.
On the back is our Pax Materna.

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I JOIN WITH MY SISTERS IN EVERY LAND
IN THE PAX MATERNA —
A PERMANENT DECLARATION OF PEACE
THAT TRANSCENDS OUR IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES.
IN THE NUCLEAR SHADOW, WAR IS OBSOLETE.
I WILL NO LONGER SUFFER IT IN SILENCE
NOR SUSTAIN IT BY COMPLICITY.
THEY SHALL NOT SEND MY SON
TO FIGHT ANOTHER MOTHER'S SON.
FOR NOW, FOREVER, THERE IS NO MOTHER
WHO IS ENEMY TO ANOTHER MOTHER.

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"War is not healthy for children
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Another Mother for Peace
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Reproduction of the original 1966 AMP large
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logo on a bright yellow background.

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