

RAINBOW ALLIANCE

A Movement of People with many shades of opinion but one common aim of ending the exploitation of people and nature.

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Dear friends,

Australia may soon be at war in the Gulf. Urgent action is needed to help prevent a catastrophic war. We encourage you to take some small steps to register opposition to the military role adopted by the Australian government.

The issues are complex, especially because of the history of the Middle East. This very complexity, and the widespread international support for non-military sanctions against Iraq, make clear how necessary a peaceful resolution is. This view is supported by top military people in the United States who counsel the US government to wait 12-18 months in order to allow sanctions to work.

We believe Australia has no military role in this conflict. We therefore demand the return of Australian naval forces and ships to Australia, and call for a constructive role by the Australian government in the peace process. In this we support the position of many community organisations including members of the Victorian Parliament.

There is no substitute for informed discussion. We encourage you to remain alert, to read the enclosed material and the daily press, and to discuss it with others. Keep an eye out for demonstrations. Network for peace in the Middle East is co-ordinating a vigil from 15-18 Jan. and a rally at 5.30pm on Jan. 18. Contact Ernest Healy, see below.

Because the time of year makes large gatherings difficult over the next few weeks why not invite a few people to your place for an evening's discussion? Some of the enclosed material may assist you, or you may contact the people listed below for further assistance. January 15 would be particularly significant as the date when, according to the UN Security Council resolution, hostilities may begin.

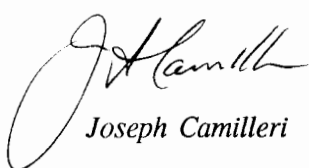
As you are undoubtedly aware events are likely to develop very quickly. Your involvement **can make a difference.**

This mailout is going to about 4000 people at a cost of about \$2000. Donations of money are desperately needed and greatly appreciated to pay for this mailing and further action. Please use the **tear-off slip provided below.**

Karen Dupleix (383 2484) Wes Campbell (329 0018)
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Yours in peace,


Helen van den Berg


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For further information:

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I wish to receive further information about the Gulf crisis and enclose \$5 to cover cost.

Enclosed is \$.....towards the cost of this mailing and the on-going Gulf Crisis Action.

Return to: Gulf Crisis Action, Rainbow Alliance, PO Box 122, Niddrie Vic 3042