

# BAY AREA WOMEN IN BLACK

Bay Area Women in Black stand to express our opposition to the U.S. Occupation of Iraq and the U.S. support of the Israeli Occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem. These statistics document the loss of life and injury from these deadly occupations. Each represent a husband, wife, child, neighbor, parent, teacher and friend, and each loss reverberates through an entire community.

## Deaths and Injuries (August 2007)

Iraqi dead: .....	74403
Iraqi wounded: .....	510,000
U.S. soldiers dead: .....	3,431
U.S. soldiers wounded: .....	25,242

	<u>Occupied Territories</u>	<u>Israel</u>
Palestinians killed by Israeli soldiers: .....	4098	61
Palestinians killed by Israeli civilians: .....	41	
Palestinians who died after being denied medical treatment: .....	42	
Israeli civilians killed by Palestinians: .....	236	469
Israeli security force personnel killed by Palestinians: .....	17	36
Palestinian dead: .....	4,416 in West Bank and Gaza	
Palestinian injured: .....	31,307	
Live ammunition: .....	8295	
Rubber bullets: .....	6914	
Tear gas: .....	6633	
Bomb fragments: .....	9401	
Israeli dead: .....	1023	
Israeli injured: .....	7,633	
Israeli children killed by Palestinians: .....	118	
Palestinian children killed by Israelis: .....	952	

### Sources:

[www.rememberthesechildren.org](http://www.rememberthesechildren.org) • [www.ifamericansknew.org](http://www.ifamericansknew.org) • [www.iraqbodycount.org](http://www.iraqbodycount.org)

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## WHAT CAN WE DO TOGETHER

**Take time** once a week to do something to advance dialogue and awareness about the costs of U.S. Occupations. Engage someone in conversation; wear a black ribbon or armband to symbolize your opposition; join with friends in creating strategies and actions of resistance.

**Educate yourself** on the consequences of the Iraq Occupation on women.

### **Promising Democracy, Imposing Theocracy: Gender-Based Violence and the US War on Iraq**

This pamphlet is a re-telling of the Iraq war from the perspective of Iraqi women illuminating the strong links between women's human rights and democratic rights in general, and the Bush Administration's clear contempt for both. **Order from [www.Madre.org](http://www.Madre.org)**

**Visit** the websites of Israeli and Palestinian women's organizations actively engaged in peace and justice activism.

**[www.coalitionofwomen4peace.org](http://www.coalitionofwomen4peace.org)** • **The Coalition of Women for Peace** seeks to mobilize women in support of human rights and a just peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors, and works to strengthen democracy within Israel.

**[www.newprofile.org](http://www.newprofile.org)** • **New Profiles** • Works to reduce the militarized nature of Israel's government, society and culture.

**[www.wclac.org](http://www.wclac.org)** • **Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counseling** • Palestinian women's organization that aims to address the causes and consequences of gender-based violence within the community as well as the gender-specific effects of the increasing militarization associated with the Israeli occupation.

**[www.iwc-peace.org](http://www.iwc-peace.org)** • **International Women's Commission** for a just and sustainable Palestinian-Israeli Peace (IWC). Palestinian, Israeli and international women who recognize the urgent need to achieve a meaningful peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

The group with flags and signs supporting Israel is San Francisco Voice of Israel, a local group who oppose Bay Area Women in Black's criticism of the policies of the Israeli government and military. BAWIB is not anti-Israel. BAWIB believes Israel's occupation is wrong and deprives Palestinians of basic humans rights. BAWIB calls for the end of the occupation and its violent effects on Israelis and Palestinians. The flyers distributed by Voice of Israel does not accurately reflect BAWIB's position.

**Bay Area Women in Black** are Jews and allies who stand against militaristic and fundamentalist leadership in all countries, including our own. We wear black as a sign of mourning for all the Iraqi, Israeli and Palestinian lives that have been lost as a result of war, militarization and violence. As part of the international movement of Women in Black, we seek to transform women's mourning for the dead into a powerful refusal of the inevitability of war.

**Join us at the Grand Lake Theater every Saturday at noon to register your protest and your presence as we continue to urge our leaders to end both these disastrous Occupations.**