

**SUPPORT THE IRAQI
LABOR MOVEMENT**

Imagine trying to build your union while it has no legal status and its bank account is frozen. You have daily fear for your safety and that of your family. You have no reliable electric power, sanitation or clean water. Imagine your union not having funds to pay for office rent, phones, computers, cars or newsletters. This is the everyday reality for the Iraqi working people, union leaders and activists living under US occupation. **Make a gesture of solidarity today with a contribution to support the Iraqi labor movement by check or online at www.uslaboragainstar.org.**

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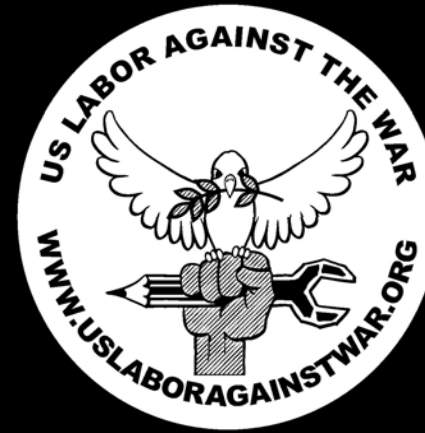
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LOCAL EVENTS



**VOICES OF
IRAQI
WORKERS
SOLIDARITY
TOUR**

WASHINGTON DC * LOS ANGELES * SAN FRANCISCO
BERKELEY * SAN JOSE * SANTA CRUZ * BOSTON
NEW YORK CITY * PHILADELPHIA * CHICAGO
MILWAUKEE * ATLANTA

June 4 to June 29, 2007

A rare opportunity for people in the US to dialogue directly with Iraqi workers and labor leaders about current attempts to control Iraq's oil, women's issues under the occupation, and the role of unions in creating a non-sectarian, progressive Iraq.



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These courageous leaders struggled for years against Saddam Hussein's repression. Now they have stepped forward to organize workers seeking to improve conditions at their workplaces and in their lives under the difficult conditions of occupation, sectarian division, and violence. They are fighting not only for basic labor rights for all workers but also for women's equality and against privatization of their national resources.

Dates (Full schedule of events will be posted at www.uslaboragainstar.org):

Washington DC: June 4-7

Los Angeles: June 7-10

San Francisco, Berkeley, San Jose, Santa Cruz: June 10-13

Boston: June 13-15

New York City: June 16-19

Philadelphia: June 19

Chicago/Milwaukee: June 20-23

Washington DC: June 24-26

Atlanta: June 27-28

Hashmeya Muhsin Hussein, President

Electrical Utility Workers Union,
General Federation of Iraqi Workers



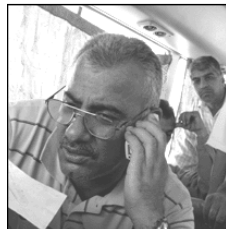
Sister Hashmeya Muhsin Hussein is the first woman to head a national union in Iraq. She was born in Basra in 1955. Following high school, she went to work at the Southern Company for Electricity. There she became active in the labor movement. She rose to leadership of the Electricity Workers Union in Basra and recently was elected its national president. She serves on the executive committee of the Basra Work Unions Coalition. She is head of the Women Workers' Bureau and is a leader in the

Iraqi Women's Association. She and her 7-year old son have received death threats as a result of her activism.

Faleh Abood Umara, General Secretary

Southern Oil Company Union, Iraqi Federation of Oil Unions

Brother Faleh Abood Umara is a founding member of the oil workers union and worked for the Southern Oil Company in Basra for 28 years. In 1998, he was detained by the Hussein regime for his activities on behalf of his co-workers. He has served on the union's negotiating team with both the Oil Ministry and British occupation authorities to defend the rights and interests of oil industry workers in the post-Saddam era. The Federation of Oil Unions has conducted strikes against outsourcing to foreign workers and schemes to privatize the oil sector. The Federation has strongly opposed the hydrocarbon law that the Bush administration is trying to impose upon Iraq.



USLAW is a national network of labor organizations opposed to the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq established shortly before the Iraq war began. It has affiliated more than 150 national, regional and local unions and other labor groups representing several million workers that call for:

- An immediate end to the occupation of Iraq;
- Immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops, providing all necessary medical and other care when they return home;
- Reparations to Iraq for the damage inflicted by the U.S. government;
- A US foreign policy that rejects preemptive war and unilateralism, and promotes peace and international cooperation; and
- Redirecting our nation's resources and priorities to meet and serve human needs at home and abroad.
- Support for labor rights in Iraq, solidarity with Iraqi unions, and opposition to the hydrocarbon law that the Bush administration seeks to impose on Iraq that would put foreign corporations in control of their oil.

USLAW's accomplishments include, among other things:

- A 26-city tour by six Iraqi labor leaders in June of 2005;
- Production of "Meeting Face to Face: The Iraq-US Labor Solidarity Tour," documenting that tour and extending its reach and impact. Available at www.meetingfacetoface.org;
- Spearheading the passage of the historic AFL-CIO 2005 Convention resolution calling for rapid withdrawal of US troops from Iraq;
- Organized large labor contingents in the last three major national antiwar demonstrations;
- Maintaining a news and resource-packed website popular among union members, both domestically and internationally.

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