

A Call To Action

THE world climate is a volatile one as we rapidly approach a future of uncertainty in world politics. Because of the recent violence abroad concocted in the war waged against Iraq, just like other countries it is time for Namibians to organise visible resistance to this war and all forces that are threatening the peace of a world we have responsibility to.

This is a call to action for Namibians. A broad base of support must be gathered out of the Namibian community, and it will take the work of each and every Namibian to get this off the ground. We need a broad base support that honours each person's unique commitment to a peace effort. It is in the interest of our people and our country to show where what we believe in, and stand strong.

We will need a variety of assets to make this work. From schoolteachers to workers and artists, to students and organisers, we must realise the urgency of this situation and the deep necessity to resist.

This movement must be sustainable, and therefore we must do it well with high energy and undying commitment. Even after the bombing stops in Iraq, the violent crisis will not be over, and the nature of war is that the aftermath effects everyone. War perpetuates and amplifies already dire situations like starvation, sanctions, community destruction, continued tension and loss of life. These are only a few casualties of war.

No country, including Namibia, will go unaffected economically, socially and politically by the war in Iraq. We must organise each other to participate in the worldwide effort to handle the aftermath and help stop future violence. Fellow Namibians, let us get on board and fight hard for a just peace here and throughout the world!

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