



Rockland Coalition
for Peace & Justice

On the 8th Anniversary of 9/11



“The day we started bombing Afghanistan was another family's 9/11, a day when something fell out of the sky and crushed their innocent loved ones whose only crime was to be at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Only this time, it was my own government, not al-Qaeda, that had decided that the loss of these lives in Afghanistan was justified, in the name of a greater good.”

- Kelly Campbell, Oct. 7, 2008, who lost her brother-in-law at the Pentagon on 9/11.

Eight years later, the violence has only increased. Each year the U.S. occupies Afghanistan, more civilians and our own troops are killed, yet Osama bin Laden has still not been found. And in Iraq, where the 9/11 attacks were used as a pretense to invade and occupy that country, the conflict has now taken the lives of more than 4,000 American troops and over 1 million Iraqis.

Let us pause to **mourn all those who needlessly died - Americans, Afghans and Iraqis.** Irrespective of the nationality, they are all victims.

Let us remember what Mohandas Gandhi said, "An eye for an eye only makes the whole world blind." Can we get up the courage to break the cycle of violence and bring hope for a peaceful tomorrow?

War and occupation benefit no one except the military-industrial complex. We have exhausted our treasury. We are also close to exhausting our soldiers. **For our nation's sake, let's get out of there, and begin healing our own bankrupt land.**



Join 356th Peace Vigil to end the war!

Every Saturday, 1-3pm, at Rte. 59 & N. Middletown Rd. in Nanuet, NY

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