

Why is Oregon's National Guard Headed to Syria 10 Years into the US War?

Rocket attack hits US occupation base in Syria's Conoco oil field

Local resistance factions in Iraq and Syria have recently reignited attacks on US occupation bases and Israeli targets in the region



The Cradle, July 27;
Image from Al Mayadeen, July 27

Rocket salvos hit the US occupation army base at Syria's largest oil field during the early hours of 27 July, according to local sources who reported the sound of explosions in the eastern countryside of Deir Ezzor in the vicinity of Conoco oil field.

Rally & March

Friday,
Sept. 27, 2024
5:00 PM

Pioneer Courthouse Sq
SW Yamhill & Broadway

please mask up and
stay distanced for safety

Join us to mark 10 years since the US began bombing Syria on September 22, 2014. We will raise questions about why members of Oregon's National Guard are being deployed into this undeclared war zone. There is no specific congressional, United Nations, or Syrian authorization for US troops to be stationed in that country. This is a specially themed Friday Rally for Peace and Justice to be held at 5 PM at Pioneer Courthouse Square at the corner of SW Yamhill and Broadway on September 27. The rally has occurred every week since November 2001, so nearly 1200 weeks and 23 years.

The US bombed Syria in 2014 as it expanded its war against the Islamic State in Iraq. It has since set up as many as a dozen bases including one called "Mission Support Site Conoco," showing that America's presence is really about access to oil, not freedom or democracy.

The deployment of 230 Oregon Guard members to Iraq and Syria began in mid-August 2024 with the troops heading to Oklahoma for training before they land in those two countries. Like Syria, where there are currently about 900 US troops, the 2500 troops in Iraq are not specifically authorized by any act of Congress, but instead are supposedly there under the 2002 authorization for the Iraq War or the 2001 one on Al Qaeda.

The Friday Rally for Peace and Justice began on a weekly basis shortly after the invasion of Afghanistan. Portland Peaceful Response Coalition began to gather at Pioneer Courthouse Square at 5 PM every Friday and hosted until March, 2020 when the COVID pandemic hit. PJW's Iraq Affinity Group has hosted since that time.

The event is coordinated by Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group.

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