



Where: Outside the John Labatt Centre (corner of King St and Talbot St.)

Who: Everyone concerned about the mounting humanitarian crisis resulting from armed aggression against civilians in Lebanon and Gaza.

What: We are calling on the Canadian government to oppose aggression in the Middle East presently, and condemn war crimes against civilians. To take steps toward protecting Canadian citizens and to provide humanitarian aid to those affected by the fighting.

This rally has been called by the Association of London Muslims, with support from other groups

Food Not Bombs London: Rally for peace in Lebanon and Gaza



"[Israel will] turn back the clock in Lebanon by 20 years"

Israel's army chief of staff, General Dan Halutz, said his military would target infrastructure and "turn back the clock in Lebanon by 20 years". Making good on this promise Israel has bombed civilian infrastructure, targeted civilians, and it is now claimed, used banned incendiary weapons upon the population. In a press release dated July 18 Amnesty International condemned the G8 leaders stating that: "They have failed conspicuously to uphold their moral and legal obligation to address such blatant breaches of international humanitarian law, which in some cases have amounted to war crimes." In the same release the casualties are listed as a minimum of 200 Lebanese civilians killed by Israeli air strikes since July 12 "including dozens of children".

The Harper government has failed to protect Canadian citizens.



Reported in the London Free Press (July 18) while other countries began evacuating their citizens on Sunday, "despite having one of the largest groups of nationals in Lebanon of any country in the world, Canada was getting its first group of evacuees out of the war-torn country only on Wednesday...". With the number of Canadians killed in Israel's illegal aggression standing at 8 and many more gravely injured, criticism from the Harper government has been non-existent.

In fact, to the contrary, Harper has sided firmly with Israel in its violation of international humanitarian law, stating "I think Israel's response under the circumstances has been measured."

The Food Not Bombs Story

Food Not Bombs is one of the fastest growing revolutionary movements and is gaining momentum throughout the world. There are hundreds of autonomous chapters sharing free vegetarian food with hungry people and protesting war and poverty. Food Not Bombs is not a charity. This energetic grassroots movement is active throughout the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Australia. Food Not Bombs is organizing for peace and an end to the occupations of Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine. For over 25 years the movement has worked to end hunger and has supported actions to stop the globalization of the economy, restrictions to the movements of people, end exploitation and the destruction of the earth.



The first group was formed in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1980 by anti-nuclear activists. Food Not Bombs is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to nonviolent social change. Food Not Bombs has no formal leaders and strives to include everyone in its decision making process. Each group recovers food that would otherwise be thrown out and makes fresh hot vegetarian meals that are served in outside in public spaces to anyone without restriction. Each independent group also serves free vegetarian meals at protests and other events.

The San Francisco chapter has been arrested over 1,000 times in government's effort to silence its protest against the city's anti-homeless policies. Amnesty International states it will adopt those Food Not Bombs volunteers that are convicted as "Prisoners of Conscience" and will work for their unconditional release. Even though we are dedicated to nonviolence Food Not Bombs activists in the United States have been under investigation by the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, Pentagon and other intelligence agencies. A number of Food Not Bombs volunteers have been arrested on terrorism charges but there has never been a conviction.



Food Not Bombs London

How to get involved

Contact us at:
foodnotbombslondon@hotmail.com or
participate in our forum hosted by the
London Commons at
www.londoncommons.net

Some possible areas of involvement include:

- Finding donation spots/other sources of food
- picking up food donations
- (creative)cooking
- emailing about upcoming events
- finding/creating informative info flyers/pamphlets for distribution
- helping to give away food and info at events, protests, on the street

Or any other talents you
want to contribute!