

VOICES OF IRAQI WORKERS SOLIDARITY TOUR



June 4
to June 29
2007

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ABOUT

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.

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.

To view national tour schedule visit
www.uslaboragainstawar.org.

DC TOUR EVENTS

Protest US Role In Pushing Disastrous Oil Law on Iraqis

Tuesday, June 5th - 5:00 - 6:00 PM at BearingPoint, the US contractor hired to do the job
80 M St., SW, Washington, D.C. - Navy Yard Metro (Green Line) across from new stadium - march 3/4 mile to The Capitol

Busboys & Poets Public event

Wed., June 6 5:30-8:30 p.m.
2021 14th Street, NW

Westminster Presbyterian Church public event

Tues., June 26 7:00 p.m.
Event and Celebratory Farewell MC'd by Ron Pinchback of WPFW
400 Eye Street, SW- Waterfront Metro (Green Line)

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FEATURING

Hashmeya Muhsin Hussein, President Electrical Utility Workers Union, General Federation of Iraqi Workers

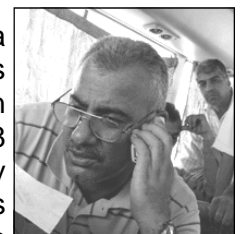


Sister Hashmeya Muhsin Hussein is the first woman to head a national union in Iraq. Following high school, she went to work at the Southern Company for Electricity, where she became active in the labor movement.

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 coworkers. 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 Southern Oil Workers Union has conducted strikes against outsourcing to foreign workers and schemes to privatize the oil sector.



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