

WAR --- NOT IN OUR NAME!

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U.S. Americans Organize Peace Vigil in Phnom Penh

A group of concerned U.S. Americans will hold a Peace Vigil on **Friday, 4 October at 5:45 PM** at the park on the northeast corner of Norodom Blvd. and Street 214 (rain location: Russian Cultural Centre) to protest the United States government's plans to attack Iraq. Citizens from any country who do not want to stand by in silence as plans are made for endless war are invited to attend.

The focus will be on petitions, entitled "**War – Not in Our Name, Pledge of Resistance**" (see reverse side for copy of pledge). Copies for both US citizens and "citizens of the world" were available for signing at various locations in Phnom Penh leading up to the Friday evening vigil.

The Peace Vigil program will include a reading of the "Pledge of Resistance," a quiet meditation and lighting of candles symbolizing hope for a peaceful world. The petitions will be presented to an U.S. Embassy representative in front of the U.S. Ambassador's residence to end the evening.

This week similar peaceful rallies and vigils are being organized around the world to mark 6 October – the day U.S. bombs began falling on Afghanistan. On 28 September, a "Don't Attack Iraq" demonstration in Central London attracted 400,000 people. Rallies such as this and the Peace Vigil to be held in Phnom Penh demonstrate that there are Americans and citizens of other countries who are opposed to the threat of war on Iraq and all other pre-emptive and unilateral attacks. People are speaking out for justice and against the immoral slaughtering of innocent people. Citizens of the United States of America and other countries of the world are making it clear that their governments may NOT declare war IN OUR NAME!

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