



# Iraq Union Solidarity

The papers and TV always report about the atrocities inflicted by the occupying troops and Al Qaeda supporters, about new governments and new constitutions. But there is another story in Iraq.

It is that of the new Iraqi labour movement, re-establishing itself in difficult circumstances. Iraqi workers have set up trade unions, evicted old Ba'athist bosses and new American contractors, won pay raises, campaigned to save jobs, demanded work and benefits for the unemployed, and resisted privatisation.

The diverse and lively Iraqi labour movement can be a key force in winning a free, democratic, and secular Iraq. It builds this movement in the face of kidnappings and attacks by both the Islamist militias and the US/UK occupiers, as well as anti-trade union laws left over from the tyrannical rule of Saddam Hussein.

Iraq Union Solidarity is a grassroots network of trade unionists and activists set up to support, fundraise and co-ordinate efforts to solidarize with the Iraqi trade union movement, in line with TUC policy passed at the 2004 Congress. We work to spread information, to assist links at every level between the British and Iraqi labour movements, to help arrange speakers and meetings, and to raise money for the hard-pressed new independent trade union organisations in Iraq.

- **Come to our monthly organising meetings in London (details on our website).**
- **Join our information e-list (send a blank email to [ius-subscribe@unionlists.org.uk](mailto:ius-subscribe@unionlists.org.uk))**
- **Check out our website, [www.iraqunionsolidarity.org](http://www.iraqunionsolidarity.org)**
- **Invite a speaker**
- **Affiliate.** Our affiliation fee is only £5 for a year, just used to cover the costs of our meetings and mailings.

We encourage organisations to contribute more, and will forward any amount sent to us above the basic £5 to the TUC Iraq Appeal in order to assist trade unionists in Iraq. Cheques payable to "Iraq Union Solidarity", please).

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