

## **25th February: We stand with the Iraqi people**

### **Campaña Estatal contra la Ocupación y por la Soberanía de Iraq**

#### **International Antioccupation Network**

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Dear Iraqi brothers and sisters:

On our own behalf and that of the International Anti-Occupation Network we want to convey to you our best wishes for the call next Friday, February 25.

We understand that you have been taking to the streets in many Iraqi cities and that the response of the Iraqi authorities was unlawful repression or contempt. We are confident that we express the overwhelming sentiments of the people in our own societies.

You share with your fellow Arabs in other countries identical demands, which are always the same among those who aspire to live in freedom and dignity, among those who wish to be able to bequeath to their children a hopeful future. To these you add the urgent need for the full recovery of Iraq's sovereignty, the end of the occupation and the system set up by the occupation, as well as the definitive end of domination by the U.S. or by Iran, that have turned your country into accursed checkerboard encouraging religious identification and sectarian divisions, in which old and new occupiers move the strings of the monstrous mafia oligarchy that murders and robs you.

For decades you have you have been known as being an integrated and educated society. Today you bring together the most basic demands --the restoration of essential services, health care and education, access to jobs – and those elements that bring them together and give them coherence: to recover sovereignty in order to manage your human and material resources in order to rebuild your country from a democratic, social and inclusive perspective. The rainbow of demands with which you are calling Day F-25 runs throughout Iraq, bringing together the aspirations and hopes of all of you, ranging from the most day-by-day needs to the most strategic.

Tyrants in the Arab world are falling one after another. May the Arab revolutions be able to also equally reach the objective of completely demolishing those regimes and those who assist them. From Egypt to Libya, from Bahrain to Morocco, behind every Arab tyrant there lie decades of internal repression, as well as decades of neglect, tolerance and support by the West.

The governments of our countries -- the U.S., the European Union -- their security apparatus and their economic structures appear stunned by the collapse of yesterday's partners (Mubarak and Ben Ali, also Gadhafi, who opened the subsoil of Libya to the Western oil and airspace to flights of the CIA), not knowing what to do except to attempt to minimize the disaster -- for themselves. Neither is religious radicalism or reactionary regression behind these revolutions: once again, quite the opposite, what supports them is yearning for freedom and brotherhood, of hope for the future. This latest wave of struggle began with one young man who burned himself to death in a Tunisian city.

We have been with you as you went through the long decades of sanctions, war and occupation, of the sectarian regime, migration and death, and in which no horizon of hope appears, nor any future. During these years we learned that you are a tenacious and capable people. Today we can sense in our bones that sooner rather than later, the house of cards that supports all your oppressors -- all the Arab oppressors -- is crumbling. The spread of this fever that all the Arab people have been incubating with similar causes and symptoms is unstoppable. It is called revolution, a word that needs no explanation. Just as with the rest of your Arab brothers you in Iraq deserve the best outcome. Good luck.

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