

War is Terror

Denmark is still taking an active part in the attack on Afghanistan. And now Denmark has promised to play an active role in the attack on Iraq, should the USA find it "necessary" to further terrorise this already hard-hit people, who have suffered for decades under a brutal dictator, as well as under sanctions that cause death, disease and the breakdown of society, because the West apparently regards him as a potential threat.

The Peace Watch stands here in front of the Danish parliament to call for restraint, and to ask all good people to work actively to promote peace, rather than to support, via their passivity and indifference, Denmark's participation in acts of aggression against countries that have done nothing to us.

Hatred begets hatred and violence begets violence. Terrorism cannot be eradicated by using even greater terror: bombs against impoverished countries and peoples. On the contrary - terrorism feeds on violence.

We utterly reject the unequal treatment of the people of this earth, which creates the ideological basis for the 'necessity' of the War on Terrorism. We utterly reject an economic and military world order in which the rich grow richer at the expense of the poor, who become ever poorer.

Instead, we say:

YES to global justice.

YES to mutual respect and dialogue.

YES to schools, not bombs.

YES to ethnic and cultural diversity.

YES to simple and sustainable lifestyles.

We cannot remain passive while our society is under threat from the powerful, under the pretext that they want to protect it. That's why we are holding this Peace Watch.

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Come and join us, we need you! Contact:

www.fredsvagt.dk or answering machine: 2151-5508

Join our support group, FredsVagtens Venner (Friends of the Peace Watch)

Membership for the current calendar year: DKK 100

Or make a large or small donation to

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What is the Peace Watch?

The Peace Watch is a steadily-growing group of peace activists who since 19 October 2001 have held a peace vigil from morning to night, seven days a week, outside Christiansborg, the Danish parliament buildings. We began as a reaction to the way that the attack on the World Trade Center in New York was answered by a war against Afghanistan, in which the suspected instigator was to be captured whatever the cost in the lives of even more innocent people.

We keep a symbolic Flame of Hope alive for peace and for the impoverished peoples of the Earth.

We are a worm gnawing at the heart and the conscience of society. We are a knot in the polished floors of the corridors of power. We are a splinter in the one-eyed media image of the world. We are a whirlwind that hopes to become the storm that tears way the emperor's new clothes.

Help us to do that ...

Foundation of the Peace Watch

Everyone has an equal right to peace.

1) The Peace Watch is an association of people who, across divisions of political, religious and ethnic background, believe that the way to peace is based on dialogue and global justice.

2) The Peace Watch stands in front of the Danish House of Parliament, Christiansborg, every day since 19 October, 2001, to demonstrate our protest against Danish participation in the 'War on Terrorism', which threatens to impair our security, both globally and locally.

3) The Peace Watch keeps a Flame of Hope lit, a symbolic flame of life for those whose lives, families and societies are crushed as a result of war.

4) The Peace Watch itself practises peace in its encounter with the public.

5) The Peace Watch is represented at any time by the members of the watch who are present.

6) The overall expression and views of the Peace Watch are discussed and developed at general meetings.

7) The Peace Watch demands no other prerequisite of its participants than to stand for the cause of peace on the above foundation.

Adopted by the general meeting, 3 August 2002.