

# NO ATTACK ON SYRIA

**We have enough blood on our hands from our foolish wars in Iraq & Afghanistan.**

Our reckless political “leaders” want Britain to launch attacks on Syria. They have no idea what our objectives are. And no idea what the result would be. Even our generals think it is a mad idea.

The Syrian civil war is already a bloody mess. For the US and Britain to lob a few hundred cruise missiles into it (from a cowardly safe distance, of course) can only make it worse and bloodier. Syrian civilians are already streaming across the borders to escape the inevitable civilian casualties.

It is not clear who used chemical weapons in Damascus or even what the weapons really were. Even if it was the Syrian government, it is for the United Nations to enforce international conventions. Individual states cannot use them as an excuse for waging war. The invasion of Iraq was a disastrous illegal war. Don't let Syria be another one.

Nobody knows what the military outcome of such an attack might be. That is why the military brass are against it. We might ignite a wider conflict involving Lebanon, Jordan, Cyprus (where Britain has “sovereign” bases), Turkey, Israel, even possibly Russia. Nobody can foresee the political effects either. We got both military and political calculations gravely wrong in Iraq - tens of thousands of graves wrong.

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# WESTERN HYPOCRISY

In 1988 Saddam Hussein killed over 3,000 of his own people with chemical weapons in Halabja, He was then our “friend”. So what did the west do? Nothing. Not even a word of criticism.

When the Egyptian coup leaders killed over 500 Egyptian civilians this August, we did not even interrupt military aid.

But, because it suits the west, events in Syria are suddenly an excuse to wage war.

We pretend to support the United Nations, but whenever we want we ignore the UN and just use military might .

*The British people oppose a military attack on Syria by over two to one. Do not let it happen.*

## WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

Contact your MP today and ask her or him to vote against any military attack on Syria. Write to the House of Commons or use email, twitter, Facebook or any other medium.

Write to national and local papers (by email if possible - it's quicker) opposing military action and stressing the dangers.

Help local stalls, leafletting and demonstrations against attacks:

- Leeds station 8am-9.30am Friday 30 August - AGS
- London, Ladbroke Grove station 5pm Friday 30 August - AGS
- Rhyll, Town Hall 10am Saturday 31 August - AGS
- Whitby, by Tourist Information 10.30am Saturday 31 August - AGS
- Leeds, Chapel Allerton Festival 11am–5pm Saturday 31 August - AGS
- Leeds, Dortmund Sqare 2pm Saturday 31 August - LCAW + AGS
- Hull, Queen Victoria Square 1pm Saturday 31 August - STW + AGS
- Epping Forest, Loughton Farmers Market morning Sunday 1 September - AGS
- Rugby, clocktower 11am Monday 2 September - AGS
- Sheffield, Town Hall 11.30am Wednesday 4 September - AGS

More actions: [www.greensocialist.org.uk](http://www.greensocialist.org.uk) Leaflets: [syria@greensocialist.org.uk](mailto:syria@greensocialist.org.uk)