

Occupation Kills in Iraq and in Palestine

**AND IT'S ILLEGAL. THAT'S WHY SOME
US AND ISRAELI SOLDIERS HAVE REFUSED TO SERVE.**

A US refuser says:

"I saw a soldier broken down inside because he killed a child . . . [There was] the fear of killing innocent people . . . there was the fear of losing my soul in the process of saving my body."

—Camilo Mejia (www.freecamilo.org)

An Israeli refuser says:

"Most soldiers don't understand that you can't be moral while serving in the occupied territories. There's no such thing as an 'enlightened occupation' . . . Should you bomb their villages and then hand out candy?"

—Israeli Defense Force Staff Sergeant [Res.] Shamai Leibowitz in
Breaking Ranks by Ronit Chacham, p. 88

Hundreds of Israeli refusers signed a letter saying:

"We shall not continue to fight beyond the 1967 borders in order to dominate, expel, starve and humiliate an entire people."

—from www.refusersolidarity.org

On parallels and connections between the US occupation of Iraq and the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, see the fact sheets on our website at www.endtheoccupation.org.



The US Campaign is a diverse coalition of over 200 groups working for freedom from occupation and equal rights for all by challenging US policy towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Campaign is based on human rights and international law, providing a non-sectarian framework for everyone who supports its *Call to Action*. Its strategy is to inform, educate, and mobilize the public so as to change the US role in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.