Connecticut Joins the Call to Global Action Against Illegal U.S. Occupation Of Guantánamo

ACTIONS: February 23, 2018

- Noon – 1:00 PM: Rally at Abraham A. Ribicoff Federal Building, 450 Main Street Hartford, CT
- 1:15 – 1:45 PM: Peaceably Assemble and vigil at Old State House Square; deliver letter to Senator Blumenthal demanding closure of Guantánamo

The Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases calls upon peace activists in the U.S. and around the world to organize actions, of whatever size and nature, on or around February 23rd, 2018, to protest the continuing occupation of Guantánamo in Cuba by the United States military. February 23rd, 2018 is the 115th Anniversary of the seizure of Guantánamo from the Cuban people. The United States forced the Cuban Constitutional Congress to cede the Bay of Guantánamo to United States control. With the success of the Cuban Revolution, the Cuban Government has insisted on the abrogation of the one-sided Treaty. The United States has refused, leaning on the original terms that BOTH countries must agree on the termination of the Treaty. Since 1959, Cuba has not recognized the imposed treaty and has refused to cash the United States’ annual check for $4,085.00 in payment.

The United States has now turned Guantánamo into a torture chamber, a prison where the prisoners do not have any legal protections or rights, a shameful disrespect by the United States of human rights and International Law.

Based on the Resolution unanimously adopted at the Conference Against U.S. Military Bases we demand that the United States Government promptly withdraw all its forces and personnel from Guantánamo Bay and immediately declare ALL agreements ceding control of Guantánamo Bay to the United States to be null and void.

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