

# Global Interfaith Peace Calls For A Peace Brigade To Iraq

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In the Name of God, the Guardian of Peace in the World,

**Global Interfaith Peace (GIP)** is a new non-governmental organization committed to the ideal of peaceful resolution of global conflicts. **GIP** calls on the world community to create a great chain of beings around Baghdad to shield millions of its innocent, long-suffering inhabitants from the impending harms of militarism.

Earlier this year, a small buffer of peace activists around the Palestinian chairman Arafat prevented his destruction, which would have harmed the cause of Middle East peace indefinitely. **GIP** believes that a Western military invasion of Iraq will most likely yield a horrific toll on civilians as well as a serious set back in the fight against global terrorism.

This will also harm the long-term interests of the United Nations by weakening its image as a smokescreen for global militarism, and the present and future generations will suffer as a result of a new round of global chaos caused by the weakening of world community. **GIP** calls into question the impaired rationality that pursues these unsavory consequences, namely, mass destruction in the name of combating the weapons of mass destruction, under the banner of United Nations.

We direct our call first and foremost to the religious peace activists around the world who need to undertake a systematic effort to counter the present momentum for war in the Middle East by creating a peace brigade aimed at providing a human shield in and around the Capital City of Baghdad, the principal target for the imminent invasion.

By placing themselves in the harm's way in the interest of humanity, the interfaith peace activists will likely prove a deterrent and the degree of their effectiveness can only be proven on the ground. Building on a rich global tradition that includes names such as Martin Luther King and Gandhi, the **GIP** strongly believes that the crisis in Iraq is also a crisis of opportunity for the world's religions to play a direct role in concert toward the lofty objective of peaceful resolution of this crisis. We call this **the King-Gandhi Peace Brigade**.

In this historical campaign for the sake of world peace, volunteers from the United States carry the additional torch of proving to the outside world the other, more humane face of America, which has been marred by such hate theories as the "clashing civilizations" recently manufactured in America's venerable institution, Harvard.

The **GIP** challenges the proponents of interfaith dialogue to spread this message in their communities as soon as possible, and thus accomplish a giant leap forward in this important dialogue.

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