

## May 15 protest against Exercise Trident Fury

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MONDAY MAY 15 2006

OPPOSE EXERCISE TRIDENT FURY

RALLY AND DIE IN

Monday, May 15

4 pm rally

5 pm die in (optional)

Meet at the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre

827 Fort Street

Bring you banners, placards, noisemakers, family, and friends

Exercise Trident Fury is the largest military exercise ever conducted on the BC Coast. Ships, planes and troops from Canada, the US and other NATO countries have converged on Victoria and Vancouver Island for this joint operation, which runs until May 19.

TAKE A STAND FOR PEACE

OPPOSE CANADA'S DEEP INTEGRATION INTO THE US MILITARY

ALL OUT ON MAY 15

Sponsored by the Campaign Opposing Exercise Trident Fury

For more information, contact Susan (478-6906), Larry (388-3847) or Joan (294-1339)

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"We are practicing the 'collateral damage' of war," says Susan Clark, of the Victoria Peace Coalition and the Campaign Opposed to Exercise Trident Fury. 'War is not a game. Exercise Trident Fury threatens the Canadian tradition of peace keeping, and demonstrates the lack of an independent foreign policy."

### CAMPAIGN OPPOSING EXERCISE TRIDENT FURY

We are trying to get as many MPs to put a formal petition on the floor. Would you be able to get about 40 signatures of residents and then present it to your local MP-?

I have enclosed the formal petition.

When you have about 40 signatures please submit original copy to your local MP and please send a note to [j.russow@shawlink.ca](mailto:j.russow@shawlink.ca). For more copies and information, please contact [j.russow@shawlink.ca](mailto:j.russow@shawlink.ca), and go to [www.vicpeace.ca](http://www.vicpeace.ca) (Victoria Peace Coalition)

### PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

We the undersigned ?citizens draw the attention of the House to the following:

Recalling that ?under Article 20 ?SS 1 of the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, the following obligation was incurred:

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'Any propaganda for war shall be prohibited by law';

Convinced that a display of militarism like Exercise Trident Fury by states that are involved in offensive military actions constitutes propaganda for war;

Concerned that the Exercise Trident Fury is a flaunting of militarism that in a time when Canada is playing an offensive role in the US- led invasion and occupation of Afghanistan, a deep military integration display in Victoria could increasingly create the risk of the area being targeted and thus would seriously jeopardize the

security of the citizens of Victoria, British Columbia and Canada.

Aware that the Exercise Trident Fury involves participation of US military hardware with nuclear arms capability at a time when the US is becoming increasingly willing to not rule out the use of nuclear weapons, and it has been revealed from highly documented sources that the US has had operational plans to fight and win a nuclear war.

Concerned that Canada's participation along with nuclear arms capable US arsenal would thus demonstrate Canada's willingness to condone the US threat to use or potential use of nuclear weapons in contravention of the 1996 decision of the International Court of Justice that the threat to use nuclear weapons is contrary to international human rights law.

Noting with serious concern the potential short-term and long-term

environmental, psychological and health consequences of Exercise

Trident Fury.

Affirming that the Exercise Trident Fury violates the precautionary principle and displays blatant dereliction of duty and gross negligence on the part of the government;

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THEREFORE, your petitioners request that Parliament

CALL upon the Department of Defence to cancel the present and any  
future Exercise Trident Fury.