Community Calendar

Afghan MP and author calls for immediate withdrawal of foreign troops

Just a sampling of upcoming events! For a complete listing, please visit us online at nmdemacoop.org.
To list your event in the community calendar, or to receive the calendar in your email once a week, email community@nmdemacoop.org.

Candlelight Vigil in Fredericton – The University Women’s Centre will host a memorial service for the Montreal Massacre on December 3 at 7:00pm in the SUB Blue Room at the UNB. With a candle in hand, participants will hear from the speakers from the Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre and the Mabel McQueen Centre for Family Violence Research. Contact: women@unb.ca

Candlelight Vigil in Riverview – Mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women on December 6 at 6:30 pm at the Di. Gan Bahan Centre, 5 Fatima Dries, next to Riverview Town Hall. The gathering will be followed by a candlelight vigil at the monument at Cassels Park. Contact: 858-9350 cell/852-3537 (after 5 pm). Organized by: December 6th Committee of the Moncton and District Labour Council.

Screening: Killer’s Paradise – The NB Federation of Labour will be hosting a public forum on the proposed NB Power sale on Wednesday, December 9 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Di. Gan Bahan Centre in Moncton. Speakers include David Coox and Yves Gregson. Contact: nbfl@aclnb.ca

Film Screening: Killer’s Paradise – The NB Public Interest Research Group and the Martimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Network present the film Killer’s Paradise about the ongoing femicide in Guatemala. Since 1996, over 40,000 women and girls in Guatemala have been murdered in over 30 years. Screened in commemoration of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, contact: killer@nbpirg.org.

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In Brief

On Nov. 17, RCMP confirmed the body found in a wooded area in Tracadie-Shelburne was that of Hillary Bennett, the 51-year-old woman who disappeared from Eganville, First Nation two months ago.
John Levis, from Eganville First Nation, was charged with the murder of his wife, Hillary Bennett. His body was found in a wooded area in Tracadie-Shelburne on Nov. 17. Levis is accused of killing his wife and his two sons, who were also found dead in the same area.

Jackie Vautour, 80, charged with violent, the National Parks Act by illegally digging clams out of season in 1998 in Kouchibouguac, continues his fight to have Melita permissions to dig clams. Richard Parnell on Nov. 10, Levis was charged with bringing charges against DFO officers for stopping him and his son from exercising their traditional fishing rights. Levis is scheduled to enter a plea on Dec. 8.

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On Sept. 24, Abd Charkaoua, a Montreal French teacher and father of three children, was cleared of a security certificate imposed on him since 2003. The security certificate has been used against five Muslim men to detain them without disclosing evidence against them. In Charkaoua’s case, he was accused of being a member of al-Qaeda and detained for three years. He was released from Fredericton to Montreal in early June of this year, when Charkaoua’s flight was turned back without explanation. Richard Colton, former senior diplomat with Canada’s mission in Afghanistan, denounced Canada’s detainees report to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The Harper government is trying again to pass Bill C-23, the Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement. With the NPD and Bloc Quebecois opposing the Liberal opposition, the NDP and the Greens are opposing the bill. The bill has been opposed by international labour and human rights groups and labour unions concerned that Colombia is the most dangerous country for trade unionists. Thirty-three trade unionists have been killed so far in the last 10 months.

The state of Maine repealed a law that allowed same-sex marriage on November 3. Will Phillips, a 10-year-old from Arkansas refused to pledge allegiance to the flag, facing suspension from school. World leaders including President Obama have said there will be no binding deal on climate change until 2010. Rajendra Pachauri, chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, said scientific consensus on global warming demands immediate action, not stalling tactics. African Union leaders meeting in Ethiopia in November have called for international reparations to address the effects of global warming.