



東京の反戦集会に5万人 英、仏、スペインでも

東京・芝公園の反戦集会「ワールド・ピース・ノウ3・21」には、約5万人（主催者発表）が参加した。

反戦・平和団体など47団体で構成する実行委が主催した集会はこれで3回目だが、参加人数は今回が最多。同僚と参加した東京都小平市の会社員、原田健秀さん（49）は「世界の共感を得ないこの戦争が、いかに世界秩序を破壊するか。子供が不安な世界に生きること、親として何かしなければならぬ。一人一人の勇気を示したい」と話した。

横浜市の主婦、大塚里奈さん（28）は、3歳と1歳の2児の母。メールで母親（62）に連絡すると「私も行く」と返信がきた。結局姉親子も加え7人で来た。母親は5歳のころ空襲を体験した。「戦争はどんな理由があっても、問題解決の手段にしてはならない。国連決議があれば話し合いを尽くしたとも言えるが、独断で攻撃するなんて」と憤った。里奈さんは「今日来なければ後悔すると思った」と話す。

神奈川県藤沢市、会社員、田村浩子さん（27）は「政府と国民の意思が違うことをアピールしたかった。小泉純一郎首相は、人間味のある人だと思っていたのに」と話した。田村さんに誘われて初参加した東京都日野市、無職、高岡哲也さん（30）は「戦争は始まってしまったが、大勢の人が行動することで、何かが動くかもしれない」と言う。

東京では日比谷公園での労組主催の集会に約5000人（主催者発表）が参加したほか、渋谷でも高校生の集会があった。【長沢晴美】

【ワシントン斗ヶ沢秀俊】イラク攻撃開始から一夜明けた20日、米国各地で抗議行動が繰り広げられた。

ワシントンでは朝から市民団体の連合体「インターナショナルANSWER」などがホワイトハウス周辺で波状的に抗議行動を展開した。降り続く雨の中、数百人が集まり、反戦を訴えた。

同団体メンバーのサラ・スローンさん（22）は「ブッシュ大統領が米国内と世界の反対を無視した。大統領の先制攻撃ドクトリンを認めることはできない」と話した。

一方、現地からの報道によると、サンフランシスコでは数千人が反戦デモに参加した。一部の参加者の投石などをきっかけに、1000人以上の逮捕者が出た。ペンシルベニア州フィラデルフィアでも逮捕者が100人を超えた。デモはほかにロサンゼルスやニューヨークなどで行われた。

<反戦集会、世界各地でも>

英国、フランス、スペインで20日、対イラク攻撃に抗議するデモが行われ、何万人もの市民らが反戦を訴えた。

英国ではロンドンの国会、首相官邸周辺をはじめ、全土で数万人が参加、道路や鉄道を止める行動もあり、十数人が逮捕された。

ロンドンでは、学生や高校生が授業を放棄し「石油のために血を流す戦争に反対」など書いたプラカードを持ち、100人前後で各所を行進。2月15日の史上最大の反戦デモを主催したストップ・ザ・ウォー連合は「午後6時を期して、それぞれの町の中心部をデモの人波で埋めよう」と呼び掛けた。

パリ中心部では、フランス社会党などの政党や市民団体が呼び掛け、市民約4万人がデモに参加。米大使館に抗議の意思を示すため、近くにあるコンコルド広場に集まったが、警察当局が厳重な警備態勢を敷き、大使館には近づけなかった。

スペインでは、計約1万7000人の市民や学生がデモ行進。バルセロナで、アスナール首相の与党、国民党の建物や米領事館前で抗議し、一部の参加者が領事館に卵やトマトを投げ付けたほか、マドリードで国会議事堂へ向かおうとしたデモ隊と警官隊が衝突し、学生1人がけがをした。(ロンドン共同)

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Mass arrests at US peace demo

Police in San Francisco have arrested 1,025 people during violence at an anti-war demonstration.

Protesters blocked streets leading from the city's Oakland Bay Bridge, while small groups of people clashed with police and threw debris.

Tens of thousands of people joined demonstrations across the US.

There were huge protests across the world on Thursday, with violence in several countries including Belgium, Egypt, Spain, India and Switzerland.

"This is no ordinary day," said Jason Mark, a protester in San Francisco. "America is different today.

"We've just launched an unprovoked, unjust war."

Anti-war demonstrators in New York completely blocked New York's Broadway for two blocks below 42nd Street, while hundreds of protesters gathered in Washington and at university campuses around the country.

Hundreds of students at Harvard University walked out of classes at noon, and at least 1,500 people took part in a rally.

Some of the biggest outbursts of opposition to the war have been in Europe.

In Brussels, police used water cannon and tear gas to disperse hundreds of protesters who were throwing stones outside the US embassy.

Organisers said 3,000 people joined the protest, though police put the figure at 1,500.

Arab nations angry

Egyptian riot police used water canon and batons to beat back crowds throwing rocks and trying to advance on the US embassy in Cairo.

"We just wanted to tell the Americans they are no longer welcome here," said student leader Fadlallah Abu Wafia.

Protesters unfurled banners reading "Shame on USA" and "Vive la France, Arab governments go to hell".



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Much of the anger was directed against Arab leaders for not opposing the US action.

In the Syrian capital, Damascus, demonstrators waved Iraqi flags and denounced US President George W Bush as a war criminal.

Crowds tried to advance on the US embassy before being forced back.



There was anger from Tokyo to Toronto

They also marched on the Egyptian embassy, and the embassy of Qatar - the host of the US Central Command for the duration of the war.

Police in the Jordanian capital Amman used force to break up an anti-war march by lawyers belonging to the Jordanian Bar Association.

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At least four of the lawyers were injured, needing hospital treatment.

Turkish protesters marched through central Ankara, where the parliament has voted to allow US planes to use Turkish airspace for the war on Iraq.

Children on the march

At least 100,000 people marched through the Greek capital, Athens, many of them school pupils.

"We left class and asked our professors to join us," said Lefteris Faniotakis, a 15-year old student heading a group of 100 schoolmates.

Tens of thousands of school and university students in Italy staged spontaneous rallies in towns and cities all over the country.

Swiss police used tear gas against hundreds of protesters, also mainly students, who marched on the US diplomatic mission in Geneva.

Spanish police fired rubber bullets at protesters in Madrid. The demonstration, protesting against the government's support for the war, included well-known actors and celebrities.

Eggs were thrown at the British consulate in Venice and police used teargas to disperse demonstrators.

More students staged a sit-in outside Nato headquarters in Naples.

Germany, France and Britain also saw big demonstrations, many involving schoolchildren.

There have also been widespread protests in Asia.

There was violence in Calcutta, in eastern India, when about 1,000 protesters tried to storm a US cultural centre. At least 12 police officers and six protesters were injured, a senior police official told Reuters news agency.

In Indonesia, 2,000 people took part in a march in Jakarta in

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support of the government's call for an end to the war.

And many anti-war demonstrations have been held in Australia - which has committed warships, aircraft and 2,000 troops to the conflict.

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