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ANTI-WAR activists took to the streets once more last night — exactly 10 years after almost two million people demonstrated against British involvement in the conflict in Iraq.

Estimates have put the civilian death toll from the illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq in the hundreds of thousands.

The Stop the War Coalition staged a demonstration opposite Downing Street in Whitehall highlighting Britain's murderous role in Iraq and Afghanistan and how it has paved the way for intervention in Syria, the ongoing war in Mali and a possible attack on Iran.

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SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON FASHION WEEK 'ABUSE'

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TRADE unions targeted London Fashion Week yesterday in protest against alleged abuses of employees by one of the event's key sponsors.

The Communication Workers Union (CWU), UNI Global Union and the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) have accused parcel firm DHL of anti-union discrimination and the exploitation of agency workers in its overseas operations.

London Fashion Week is seen as one of the jewels in the industry's crown, attracting visitors from around the world but unions warned that there was a murkier side to the star-studded event.

They expressed serious concerns over the way DHL is alleged to have behaved in some of the countries in which it operates.

They claimed that in one incident in Turkey the firm sacked over 20 workers after they sought to unionise.

The unions said DHL used lie detectors against workers in Colombia, Panama and South Africa in recent years and has used agency workers in Britain, Malaysia, Indonesia and India to do the same work as permanent employees but on inferior wages and with no job security.

One of DHL's subsidiaries was fined after apparently using students to staff a factory.

The students thought they were travelling to the US on a cultural exchange.

CWU general secretary Billy Hayes said that DHL was a leading global company and should be setting high standards.

He said: "As a key sponsor of London Fashion Week it basks in the glamorous flashlights of catwalk fashion and celebrity beauty, yet the way it treats many of its staff is ugly.

"The company's public image does not match the reality experienced by its workforce and we urge it to have a makeover to improve employee rights."