Statement from Mobilization Against War & Occupation - MAWO
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People all around the world are asking when this inhuman and criminal bombing against the innocent people of Yemen will be stopped. Since March 19, 2015, for over two months, Saudi Arabia, backed by the U.S., has carried out a brutal and devastating bombing campaign against the people of Yemen. A short-lived 5-day ceasefire - which Saudi Arabia never respected - to allow humanitarian aid to reach the Yemeni people ended last Sunday, May 17. It was followed with the prompt return of Saudi airstrikes bombing Yemeni cities and infrastructure, showing that Saudi Arabia and the U.S. are still intent on continuing the humanitarian crisis, destruction and indiscriminate killing in Yemen.

According to UN estimates, over 1,850 innocent Yemeni people have been killed and more than 7,390 injured since the Saudi Arabian assault began. However, these are conservative estimates and other sources almost double the number of people killed.

The indiscriminate bombing campaign against Yemen has created a humanitarian crisis where basic infrastructure has been destroyed, over half a million people have been displaced from their homes, and 12 million people in Yemen do not know where their next meal is coming from. Millions of Yemeni people are suffering from shortages of food, water, fuel and medicines because of the bombing and the air, land and sea blockade. Planes and ships attempting to bring humanitarian aid to Yemen are often blocked and even targeted by Saudi airstrikes, including United Nations UNICEF humanitarian aid ships, which were fired upon on May 17, right after the ceasefire ended.

Under international condemnation and pressure, on Tuesday April 21, 2015 Saudi Arabia announced that their “Operation Decisive Storm” bombing campaign was over as they announced the start of “Operation Renewal of Hope”. This attempt of Saudi Arabia to appear less brutal is a complete farce. Less than 6 hours after this announcement, Saudi airstrikes on Yemen continued, and are still continuing a month later. The U.S. and Saudi Arabia are not only breaking and undermining international laws but also are denying the people of Yemen of their self-determination and sovereignty. Yemen’s struggle to determine their own future free of U.S.-backed regimens is now facing foreign intervention and war with the help of the U.S.

Mobilization Against War and Occupation categorically condemns the Saudi Arabian bombing campaign against the innocent people of Yemen and the complete destruction of infrastructure of cities including roads, hospitals, schools, food and water sources, mosques and electrical power in Yemen.

Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO)

Who’s MAWO?
Mobilization Against War and Occupation is a coalition of over 50 endorsing organizations and also individual members, most of which are working class organizations, student groups, grassroot organizations, and ethnic communities. This is including Indigenous activists and groups from the third world as well as women, youth and elder fighters for social justice and against war and occupation. We are the people in struggle because we are people that suffer at the hands of imperialism. We have the energy, drive and will for change because it is in our interest to make this change in order to create a better world for all of humanity!

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February 20, 2015

For almost four years the United States and other imperialist governments have been actively engaged in a bloated war machine to overthrow the government of Syria. They have done so despite their efforts to impose a cruel civil war upon the country by pumping it full of anti-government money. Throughout this whole time policymakers have been constantly searching for an excuse to justify a full scale military intervention. Now they think they have one in so called “the war against ISIS/ISIL.”

More than 190,000 people have been killed and 22 million displaced because of the American civil war in Syria. Wars of fiery chaos also emerged the armed group ISIS/ISIL. Nobody even fitted the hyper-injection of foreign military aid and funding than they did, and thanks to the protection of power created in war torn areas, they also expanded across Syria and into Iraq. Never ones to miss an opportunity to unjustly increase war and occupation, the US used this as a justification to re-escalate their policies of neo-colonization through the analysis of air strikes and an expanded military presence. The Canadian military joined the war drive by sending almost 700 soldiers, six CF-18 warplanes, two surveillance aircraft and a large Self-Propelled Artillery unit. The first six months of the Canadian mission alone will cost taxpayers $166 million dollars. This is despite repeated demands by Iraqis that all foreign troops leave the country immediately.

Now they are using a supposed war against ISIS/ISIL, a group they helped create, to try and finally accomplish what they’ve been aiming for the whole time: large scale direct military intervention in Syria.

We demand, “No War on Syria”, “Imperialists Out of the Middle East!”

By Marwa Hadar (an excerpt)

Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hasan Nasrallah lashed out at Saudi Arabia over its war on Yemen, stressing that the failure of Riyadh’s foreign policy is the real reason behind the Kingdom’s attack against its neighbor. Sayyed Nasrallah called on Saudi Arabia to halt its military attack on Yemen, saying there’s still a chance for the Kingdom to change its mind over the assault. In this context, the Lebanese resistance leader stressed that the only solution for the Yemeni crisis is political, “or else the invasion will definitely be defeated.”

Meanwhile, his eminence said that the problem in Yemen is not because Saudi Arabia wants to defend a government or a president; it is rather because Saudi Arabia has lost its influence in Yemen.

“If the aim of the war on Yemen is to save the Yemeni people, then why did Saudi Arabia abandon the Palestinian people for long decades?”

Sayyed Nasrallah meanwhile said that the latest developments in Yemen prove that “Arabia has never considered Israel an enemy.”

“Saudi Arabia has opposed the revolution which is overturning the House of Hashemite in Iraq. Why didn’t they form a coalition to strike Egypt?”

“They did not say that they are against Syria.”

“Sayyed Nasrallah said referring to Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile, his eminence said that the Yemeni people’s right to defend their country against the Saudi airstrikes. On the other hand, Hezbollah S.G. stressed that the Saudi bloc between the resistance party and the Future movement must be eradicated.

“Are there the achievements of Saudi Arabia in Yemen. If not, why should Sayyed Nasrallah wondered, stressing that the failure of Riyadh’s policy “is prompting the rise of the resistance movement to rise in the region.”

What did you do for Iraq? You had funded the war waged by Saddam Hussein against Iran. You supported Saddam Hussein as he was committing genocide against Iraqi people. You have supported George Bush in his war on Iraq. And when the Iraqi people resisted the US occupation, you supported al-Qaeda linked groups and Taliban militants, and ISIL, is your latest crime.

Where is your intelligence was sending the boozy-trapped cars and funding the suicide attacks against the Iraqi people? You have sent the Taliban monsters to Syria not to save the Syrian people, but to subdue Syria. However Syria has not been subjugated; the Saudi foreign minister said referring to Saudi Arabia. Sayyed Nasrallah said referring to Saudi Arabia. Moreover, he emphasised that it’s the Yemeni people’s right to defend their country against the Saudi airstrike. On the other hand, Hezbollah S.G. stressed that the Saudi bloc between the resistance party and the Future movement must be eradicated, noting that the move is a national interest.

“We will go on with the dialogue with Future movement since it is the most national interest.”

Responding to claims that Iran is hindering the presidential elections in Lebanon, Sayyed Nasrallah said “Iran has not interfered in the presidential elections. I don’t know why they say so. Tehran is not responsible for the current situation.”

His eminence however, stressed that Saudi Arabia is hindering the presidential vote. He said in a press conference in Lebanon that he believes the election of the candidate who has the majority within the Christians in Lebanon.”