

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, grassroots 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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UPCOMING EVENT ENDORSED BY MAWO:

NEW ERA OF WAR & OCCUPATION

THE URGENCY OF BUILDING THE ANTIWAR MOVEMENT

PUBLIC FORUM + MULTIMEDIA

TUESDAY MAY 23

7PM @ JOE'S CAFE

1150 COMMERCIAL DRIVE

VANCOUVER, CANADA

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ESCALATING IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION

NORTH KOREA

YEMEN

IRAQ

SYRIA

VENEZUELA

MONTHLY ANTIWAR RALLY & PETITION DRIVE

US/CANADA/NATO HANDS OFF!



SYRIA, YEMEN, IRAQ VENEZUELA & NORTH KOREA

FRIDAY MAY 26

5PM VANCOUVER ART GALLERY
ROBSON ST. (DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER)



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SAUDI ARABIA & THE US GIFT TO HUMANITY: ONE CHILD DIES EVERY TEN MINUTES IN YEMEN



By Azza Rojbi

On April 25, 2017, the United Nations (UN) held a daylong Yemen aid conference with the aim to collect pledges to fund its humanitarian efforts in Yemen. The conference raised about half of the \$2.1 billion sought by the UN to be able to provide some relief to the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. The UN secretary general António Guterres opened the conference with a report on the humanitarian disaster in Yemen “On average, a child under the age of five dies of preventable causes in Yemen every ten minutes. And this means fifty children in Yemen will die during today’s conference.”

This humanitarian crisis in Yemen is worsening daily as the Saudi-led bombing campaign continues against the country. Backed by the US, the Saudi-led coalition began its military campaign in Yemen in March 2015 under the pretense of bringing stability and legitimate government to Yemen. The Saudi-led coalition includes United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Senegal and Sudan.

It has been over two years now since the start of this criminal war against the people of Yemen. The promise of bringing stability and peace to the Yemeni people has never seen life. Saudi Arabia and the US failed in restoring their puppet government to power, therefore continuing their inhuman and criminal war on Yemen. It is clear that they never had the interests of the Yemeni people in mind. Their strategic goal is to regain control over Yemen and expand their hegemony over North Africa and the Middle East.

fully functional and 14.8 million people have no access to health care services.

In addition to the constant bombing campaign, Saudi Arabia has imposed a naval, air and land blockade against Yemen. This blockade has created a shortage of food, medicine and fuel and made these vital necessities unreachable for a lot of people in Yemen. The blockade has also made it extremely difficult for humanitarian aid to reach those that desperately need it. According to the UN, the country is on the verge of famine as 17 million people need immediate food assistance. Children have been the most affected by the lack of food and resources, with 2.2 million children severely and acutely malnourished. UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O’Brien described the situation in Yemen as becoming “the world’s worst humanitarian disaster”.

US, UK, Canada are Funding & Backing Saudi Crimes

Saudi Arabia has been carrying on its inhuman and criminal war and blockade on Yemen with the full backing of the United States government and their imperialist allies. Since day one of the bombing campaign, the US has provided logistical, political and financial support to the Saudi-led coalition.

According to Military.com:

“Since April 2015, the Air Force has logged 1,778 tanker sorties for the operation, US Air Forces Central Command spokeswoman Capt. Kathleen Atanasoff told Military.com on Tuesday. That includes 1,069 over the past year, an increase of



Humanitarian Crisis Deepens

Saudi Arabia has imposed death and destruction on the people of Yemen. Yemen’s Legal Center for Rights and Development, estimates the civilian death toll at 12,041, including 2,568 children and 1,870 women. The coalition airstrikes have bombed and destroyed schools, hospitals, roads, homes and other civilian infrastructure. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), fewer than 45% of health facilities in the country are

360, or 50 percent, from the 709 in the previous period. “These operations are ongoing, with aircraft refueling occurring daily, Atanasoff said in an email.”

The Trump administration is continuing and escalating US involvement and support in Saudi crimes in Yemen. Trump approved the resumption of arms sales to Saudi Arabia and welcomed to the White House a Saudi delegation led by the Deputy

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VANCOUVER & THE WORLD STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH YEMEN!
#Together4Yemen #VigilforYemen #EndYemenSiege

By Azza Rojbi

March 25, 2017, marked two years since the beginning of the US-backed Saudi-led bombing campaign against Yemen. The brutal, devastating and ongoing war against the people of Yemen claimed more than 10,000 lives and destroyed schools, hospitals, houses, mosques, markets and other infrastructure. Despite all this death and destruction, the Yemeni people continue to show their strength and resistance to the Saudi-led military aggression on their country. On March 26 2017, hundreds of thousands of people rallied in Yemen’s capital of Sana’a braving the Saudi fighter jets for a massive demonstration condemning two years of Saudi led bombing on their country. Along with the huge mass rally in Yemen, 15 other actions took place in major cities around the world as part of an International Day of Action for Yemen.

This Global Day of Action resulted from relationships built through the International Conference in Support of the Yemeni People that took place in London, England in August 2016. The conference brought together hundreds of antiwar and human rights activists, journalists, lawyers, academics, politicians and community leaders from over 20 countries including representatives from Vancouver’s antiwar coalition Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO). The conference was a great opportunity to establish global connections between groups and individuals organizing against the war on Yemen and have helped to

make organizing against the Saudi-led bombing of Yemen more united and effective.

It is with this spirit of unity, that people in Sana’a, London, New York, Vancouver, Rome, Algiers, Paris, Geneva and several other cities around the world took to the streets to condemns two year of this cruel war against the people of Yemen by Saudi Arabia and their allies. Along with the actions on the ground, people from around the world participated in a social media and twitter campaign sharing videos and photos exposing the crimes of the Saudi led coalition and showing the resistance of the Yemeni people.

In Vancouver, Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO), and the Yemeni community activists organized a vigil for Yemen. In front of the Vancouver Art Gallery, antiwar activists, members of the Yemeni community and peace-loving people came together in support of Yemen waving Yemeni flags and holding signs and banners condemning the atrocities of the Saudi crimes against the people of Yemen. Participants also held candles in honor of the people that lost their lives as consequence of the war on Yemen.

Inspiring photos from the heroic opposition of the Yemeni people to the Saudi aggression to their country, and photos from actions around the world in support of Yemen that took place earlier in the day, were projected on a big screen set up on the stairs of the Vancouver Art Gallery. People passing by stopped to see these images which are not reflected by the mainstream media. An outreach tent was also setup for passersby to get

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Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in March of this year for a series of meetings. Saudi military spokesperson General Ahmed Asiri told reporters in Washington, “What we heard was that they would increase cooperation in all the dimensions,” and that the stepped-up cooperation would likely involve “intelligence sharing, equipment, and training,” for Saudi pilots and troops.

The UK has also been playing a major role in supporting the Saudi-led coalition bombing campaign in Yemen. The Telegraph reported “British military advisers are in control rooms assisting the Saudi-led coalition staging bombing raids across Yemen”. The UK has also continued to arm the Saudi military, selling £3.3 billion worth of weapons to the kingdom since the bombing of Yemen began in March 2015.

Alongside the US and UK governments, Canada is also complicit in providing political and military support to Saudi Arabia. The Trudeau government approved a \$15 billion arms deal to provide light armored vehicles to Saudi Arabia. According to the Globe and Mail, “The light-armored vehicles, or LAVs, will be equipped with machine guns,

medium- or high-caliber weapons or even big-barrel guns that can fire 105mm shells or anti-tank missiles.”

In Defense of Yemen: Hands off Yemen!

It is becoming more and more difficult for the Saudi-led coalition to continue justifying their hideous crimes against the people of Yemen. Despite all the death and destruction Saudi Arabia is imposing on them, the Yemeni people continue to show bravery and resistance to the Saudi aggressor. They are organizing and leading the fight on the ground and in social media to counter all the Saudi lies and defend their sovereignty and their beloved country.

Let’s join the Yemeni people in exposing the atrocities committed by the US, Saudi Arabia and their allies in Yemen. Let’s join the Yemeni people in fighting for their self-determination, sovereignty and human rights. A victory for the Yemeni people represents a victory for all oppressed and working people in the Middle East, North Africa and around the world.

US/Saudi Arabia Hands off Yemen!
Stop Bombing Yemen!
Lift the Naval, Air and Land Blockade on Yemen!



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more information and learn about the situation in Yemen and the destruction and atrocities committed by Saudi Arabia and their military coalition.

Azza Rojbi, MAWO Executive Committee member, welcomed participants to the vigil and spoke about the dire humanitarian situation in Yemen caused by the Saudi led military aggression on the country. She also invited people to sign MAWO’s petition calling on the Canadian government to cancel its \$15 billion arms deal to supply Saudi Arabia with armored military vehicles.

She was followed by a speech from Asaad Aljaboubi, leading Yemeni community organizer with MAWO. Asaad presented a report on the degree of killing and destruction caused by the Saudi-led coalition bombing campaign and the extent of damages especially to the health care sector caused by the air, land and sea blockade imposed by Saudi Arabia on Yemen. He demanded an immediate lift of the blockade on Yemen and an end to the war on the Yemeni people.

Participants also heard from another member of the Yemeni community in Vancouver, Khaled Al-Sarraj who

highlighted the civilian casualties caused by the war on Yemen and the lack of access to food, medicine and basic necessities. Then, Thomas Davies, spoke on behalf of Fire This Time Movement for Social Justice and condemned the role of the US and their imperialist allies in backing and supporting Saudi Arabia’s crimes against the people of Yemen. He called on people to stand together in support of the people of Yemen in their fight for justice and self-determination.

To close off this important action for Yemen, people heard a recorded voice message from Kim Sharif, prominent lawyer and the director of Human Rights for Yemen, also one of the main organizers of the protest for Yemen in London, England. Kim gave a solidarity greeting and thanked MAWO and all participants for their continuous support to the people of Yemen.

As the vigil wrapped up participants chanted energetically “Hands Off Yemen” “End the War Now” “End the Siege Now” and vowed to continue supporting the Yemeni people in their fight for their right to life, freedom, sovereignty and self-determination.

MOBILIZATION AGAINST WAR AND OCCUPATION -MAWO
April 6, 2017 Vancouver, Canada

Hands Off Syria!

**Resist Imperialist War Mongering!
Oppose and Condemn US Missile Attack
Against Syria!
Organize Against New US Direct War Drive
in Syria!
US Stop Bombing Syria Now!
US Hands Off Syria!**

Once again, the blood thirsty war machine of the US has begun to destroy, kill and shed the blood of innocent people, continuing their destruction of humanity through the new era of war and occupation which started by imposing war and occupation on Afghanistan in 2001.

On Thursday April 6 2017, US warships in the Mediterranean Sea sent more than 60 cruise missiles to Syria to punish the Syrian government for allegedly using chemical bombs against their own civilians. Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO) strongly condemns this brutal and criminal attack on Syria and demands US immediately stop bombing Syria and get all US troops out of Syria.

The US, by attacking militarily and unilaterally a sovereign nation, Syria, which is a nation state member of the UN, committed not only a criminal act, but as well has undermined all international laws established by the UN and the Geneva Convention. Therefore, the US itself is subject to a criminal conduct investigation for committing crimes against humanity.

This attack was not decided just recently. Rather, the US government, since the presidency of Barack Obama, has been waiting for an excuse and a bogus claim to attack Syria, because ISIS and all other terrorist groups are losing on the ground. In fact, this limited and ineffective attack by the US is really meant to slow down the Syrian government’s progress in the war against terrorists, as well as to help ISIS and other terrorist groups to gain a position against Syrian government.

It is very obvious that the US and ISIS have emerged as one unit against the legitimate and elected government of President Bashar Assad. This criminal and ugly united front of the US and Daesh/ISIS must be exposed and condemned.

All observations and the course of the events are a clear indication that the US claim that President Bashar Assad’s government used chemical weapons against Syrian people in the city of Idlib is phony and bogus:

- 1- The Syrian government has no chemical weapons. Syria completed the elimination of all chemical weapons material and equipment in the first half of 2014, under an agreement that was ratified and observed by Russia, US, EU and the UN, and is still monitored by International organizations.
- 2- On April 5, 2017, one day before US cruise missile attack against Syria, at the UN Security Council, the UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Mr. Kim Won-Soo, clearly stated, “However, the means of delivery of the alleged attack cannot be definitely confirmed at this stage.”
- 3- One must think, why would the US in the middle of a UN investigation about this incident and the complete denial by the Syrian government of this act, rush to launch a cruise missile attack against Syria? Why would they do this when all indications from political and military facts are that the Syrian government has not committed this crime? It is obvious that US government is afraid that the result would be against the their own claim.

We call upon all progressive, antiwar and human loving organizations and individuals to step forward and unite to resist and fight back against this new bloody and criminal war drive by US government and their puppet allies.

**Syrian People Will Win!
All US troops Out of Syria!
Stop Bombing, Sabotage and Sanctions
Against Syria!**

