

## 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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Oct. 9, 2018 7 PM

Location: Britannia Community Centre - 1661 Napier Street

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## HANDS OFF YEMEN

spare the Children: The US/Saudi Arabian War on Yemen

Excerpt from the United National Coalition (UNAC) statement against the US/Saudi war on Yemen. 6/27/18

In recent weeks we have seen a huge escalation of the war against Yemen being waged by a coalition of forces that includes the United States, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, the UK and France. These forces have waged a relentless war against Yemen, the poorest Arab country. There has been continuous bombing of the country by Saudi Arabia, including hospitals, schools, food supplies, neighborhoods, infrastructure and other civilian targets. More than 14,600 civilians have been killed and injured and over three million people have been internally displaced. The devastation has been so bad that the country is now entirely dependent on outside aid as eight million Yemenis face famine. The worst cholera epidemic ever has caused over 1 million cases and resulted in more than 2,200 deaths.

Demonstration in Yemen against the US/Saudi/UAE war on their country

Even before the war began, this impoverished country imported 90% of its food. The port of Hodeidah has been the primary entry point for food and other aid and is now the target of a new offensive by the US/Saudi/UAE coalition threatening mass starvation to get the Yemeni people to submit to their will. The recent attack on Hodeidah has included massive Saudi bombing of the port and a ground force that includes officers from the

UAE leading anti-Ansar Allah Yemenis along with mercenaries, many from Sudan. This attempt to close the port of Hodeidah should be seen as a war crime. This is a genocidal war that could not continue one day without US support.

The corporate media claims that there is a civil war in Yemen between "Houthi rebels" and the "legitimate government" of Yemen, but this lie is criminal in light of the suffering of the Yemeni people. In 2012 the indigenous Ansar Allah movement, which includes the Houthis, and other contending forces in the country came to an agreement for Abed Rabbo Mansur Hadi to be elected president for a two-year term. In 2014, after breaking the agreement and losing all support, he fled to Saudi Arabia and the Ansar Allah movement came to power as hundreds of thousands marched in the streets in their support.

In 2015, Saudi Arabia started its bombing of Yemen to try and reinstate Hadi into power and crush a popular movement. Their invasion was supported by some other Arab countries and the US. It was the Obama administration that first gave the green light to Saudi Arabia, and the Trump administration has continued the policy. Without US military and diplomatic backing, the war on Yemen could not take place. It rightfully should be called the US/Saudi Arabian war on Yemen.

Many in the US have been horrified by the arrests and separation of families at the US border. This has laid bare the inhumanity of

### STATEMENT BY VETERANS FOR PEACE IN THE U.S. WE CONDEMN TRUMP'S 'ZERO TOLERANCE' IMMIGRATION POLICY



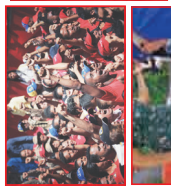
Veterans For Peace strongly condemns Trump's 'zero tolerance' immigration policy, the imprisonment of children, and criminalization of undocumented immigrants. Our immigration laws and enforcement tactics have long been at a crisis point and we are now witnessing even more draconian enforcement and criminalization of people seeking refuge.

Veterans For Peace recognizes that these orders did not happen in a vacuum, but represent a long history of racist and violent policy that has perpetuated U.S. wars across the world and horrific domestic policy that created ICE,

massive immigration detention centers and a wall that already splits towns and separates friends and families. However, the Trump administration has escalated, at an alarming pace, the implementation of new dangerous measures. President Trump is moving to fulfill on the promises of his campaign that caused an upsurge of hateful sentiment in our nation and spurred a rise in fear and anger.

Veterans For Peace understands that this outrageous abuse of refugee children and their parents is an extension of historic and current U.S. intervention in Central America. The U.S. government conducts military interventions, orchestrates coup d'etats, and supports oligarchs and dictators. The CIA, NED and USAID pursues regime change for any Latin American government that will not bow to U.S. economic exploitation of their land and their people. This too must end. It is time for the U.S. to have a just foreign policy that treats our neighbors

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Friday October 12 2018

1. PROTEST ACTION 4PM  
> U.S./CANADA HANDS OFF VENEZUELA!  
US CONSULATE IN VANCOUVER - 1070 WEST PENDER ST.
2. INFO TABLING & PETITION 5:30PM  
> NO MORE U.S./CANADA SANCTIONS & THREATS!  
> RESPECT THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF VENEZUELAN PEOPLE!  
VANCOUVER ART GALLERY - ROBSON ST. AND HOWE ST.



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## U.S./CANADA HANDS OFF AFGHANISTAN!

MARKING 17 YEARS OF WAR AND OCCUPATION IN AFGHANISTAN



**U.S. & SAUDI ARABIA STOP BOMBING YEMEN!**

CANADA CANCEL THE ARMS DEAL WITH SAUDI ARABIA NOW!

**U.S./UK/France HANDS OFF SYRIA!**

**U.S. HANDS OFF IRAN! END SANCTIONS ON IRAN!**

**SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ALL OPPRESSED NATIONS!**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>2018</sup> 1 PM**

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# Yemen, Three Years After

By Azza Rojbi



Yemen is “the world’s largest man-made humanitarian crisis”. Those were the words of UN special envoy for Yemen, Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, as he gave his final briefing to the UN security council on the situation in Yemen. In this briefing, not once were the daily aggression and airstrikes against the people of Yemen led by Saudi Arabia mentioned. He also made no mention of the cruel sea, air and land blockade imposed by Saudi Arabia on Yemen. Instead Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed highlighted Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates’ financial pledge “to support humanitarian action and reconstruction in Yemen”. This is a farce and a mockery thrown in the faces of the Yemeni people that continue to struggle for their lives under daily Saudi-led coalition bombing campaign!

On the same day, February 27, 2018, that Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed gave his speech, a Saudi airstrike killed five civilians and wounded at least 14, including children, outside the northern Yemeni city of Saada.



According to a Reuters photographer who witnessed the wreckage, a first airstrike hit and destroyed a house, then two further airstrikes followed targeting paramedics who were trying to save victims from under the debris. This targeting and killing of civilians by the Saudi-led coalition and its allies is far from being an isolated occurrence. The Saudi government has a track record of targeting civilian infrastructure including homes, schools, hospitals, universities, mosques, refugee camps, funeral and wedding halls, markets, sanitation facilities, cultural centre and even historical sites. Humanitarian catastrophe

Backed by the United States, Saudi Arabia started its brutal war against Yemen in March 2015, claiming that it wants to bring peace and stability to the country by reinstating to power their puppet, former president Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi.

Today, after 3 years of indiscriminate and brutal bombing campaign on Yemen, more than 15,000 people have been killed and thousands more have been injured. According to the United Nations, a record 22.2 million people (80% of population) are in need of humanitarian assistance, including 8.4 million threatened by severe hunger.

The bombing of vital civilian infrastructure and the continuation of the criminal land, air and sea blockade on Yemen have aggravated the humanitarian situation. The lack of food,

medicine and proper health facilities plunged the country into a a cholera outbreak with over 1 million recorded cases around the country as per the World Health Organization (WHO). In addition to cholera, diphtheria is making an alarming comeback into Yemen, with over 1000 suspected cases. Diphtheria is a highly contagious bacterial infection of the nose and throat that can be fatal if left untreated. According to WHO, already 66 have died of the disease, 47% of them are children under the age of 5.

**Yemeni women struggle under the war**  
According to an article by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) dating to March 23, 2017 : “Yemen already has one of the highest maternal death rates in the Arab region. But food scarcity is putting the lives of 352,000 pregnant women at risk, and it could harm the health of 2.2 million women of childbearing age who are in urgent need of assistance and protection, according to UNFPA calculations from January 2017.

Some 52,800 pregnant women are at risk of life-

threatening complications during childbirth. Meanwhile, the conflict has caused a dramatic breakdown in health services. An estimated 14.8 million people lack access to basic health care, including reproductive health care. Medical supplies are in chronically short supply. Only 45 per cent of health facilities are functioning, and only 35 per cent of these provide maternal and newborn services.”

In addition to their own suffering, Yemeni women are bearing the brunt of the suffering of their families and community under the war. In a lot of cases, they find themselves the only one left to care for and feed their families. Despite their lives being gravely affected by the war on their country, Yemeni women are staying resilient and strong in the face of the Saudi-led aggression on their country.

Last year in March 2017, marking International Women’s Day IWD, Yemeni women staged a three-day sit-in outside the UN office in the capital city of Sana’a, demanding an end to the US-backed war on their country. Pictures from the protest showed women and girls of all ages, carrying Yemeni flags and signs calling for the lifting of the Saudi air, land and naval blockade on Yemen. This year again Yemeni women will be marking IWD by standing up for their families and their country and protesting against the atrocious Saudi-led coalition war on their beloved country.

**End the war! #KefayaWar**  
Despite being politically, militarily and logistically supported by the United States, the UK and

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the US government and has caused deserved outrage from the people of the US and the world. As on the US border, children are the major victims of imperialist wars and induced-poverty. The outrage and revulsion caused by the children’s plight in the US forced some backtracking by the US government. The humanitarian crisis in Yemen demands the same outpouring of compassion, anger, and action by the US media and people and the international community for the suffering children and civilians in Yemen as well. We can and must stop this horror.

We demand:

**End to US support for the war on Yemen and end to the fighting!**

**End the blockade and provide humanitarian aid to Yemen!**

**End all military aid to Saudi Arabia!**



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with fairness and compassion.

At a time when refugees who are fleeing U.S.-sponsored violence are being branded as criminals, rapists and terrorists, and as anti-immigrant rhetoric continues to poison the public discourse, it is important for people of conscience to take a stand and to offer a different narrative.

Instead of welcoming refugees as required under international humanitarian standards, the U.S. government is treating individuals and families fleeing to the U.S. as if they are criminals, imprisoning them for profit. Moreover, the U.S. “solution” to the so-called child migrant crisis has been to further militarize the borders of Mexico and Central America and to jail families indefinitely.

We need to build grassroots power to challenge the racist status quo and we need to take action. We applaud those who have already taken action across the country, from Portland to D.C. We can not remain silent about the connections between militarized U.S. foreign policy and the reasons why people flee here for their lives.

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other major imperialist countries, the Saudi government is failing to achieve any of its so called goals in Yemen. As we enter the third year of the war, Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi is still hiding in his masters’ palace in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and the people of Yemen are facing the world’s worst humanitarian crisis.

The United States government is a direct accomplice of this humanitarian catastrophe. “It is U.S. refueling planes flying in the sky around Yemen that restock the Saudi fighter jets with fuel, allowing them to drop more ordnance... It is U.S.-made ordnance that is carried on these planes and dropped on civilian and infrastructure targets inside Yemen. The United States is part of this coalition. The bombing campaign that has caused the cholera outbreak could not happen without us.” Those were the words of US Senator Chris Murphy speaking from the senate floor on November 14, 2017.

It is not only the U.S. that continues selling arms to Saudi Arabia and its allied coalition.

Its neighbour to the north Canada, has been trying to keep quiet the fact that in 2016 “Saudi Arabia was the largest non-U.S. importer of Canadian-made military goods.” as the National Post reported. The Canadian government is also moving ahead with a \$15 billion arms deals to supply Saudi Arabia with light-armored vehicles LAV which come equipped with heavy guns and cannon.

As peace loving people in Canada, and around the world we must stand next to our brothers and sisters in Yemen in their resistance against the Saudi-led war on their country. We must keep our imperialist governments accountable for their complicity in the crimes committed against the brave and innocent people of Yemen.

**US/Saudi Arabia Hands off Yemen!**  
**All Foreign Troops Out of Yemen!**  
**Stop Bombing Yemen!**  
**Lift the Naval, Aerial and Land Blockade on Yemen!**