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Axis of Evil: Genocide in Yemen by the US, Saudi Arabia & UAE
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“The Security Council have asked me to update you today on the humanitarian situation in Yemen. In a word, it is bleak. We are losing the fight against famine. The position has deteriorated alarmingly in recent weeks. We may now be approaching a tipping point, beyond which it will be impossible to prevent massive loss of life as a result of widespread famine across the country.” Those were the words of UN humanitarian chief Mark Lowcock as he briefed the UN Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Yemen on September 21, 2018.

According to the World Food Programme (WFP), “18 million Yemenis (or two-thirds of the population) are food insecure, 8.4 million of which severely so.” WFP’s Executive Director David Beasley told reporters that, “Yemen is undeniably the world’s worst humanitarian crisis by far.”

What all the reports and statements from the United Nations and its different bodies and agencies lack is a clear condemnation of who is responsible for creating and aggravating this humanitarian crisis in Yemen.

In Fire This Time Volume 11 Issue 12, December 2017, in an article titled “Who is Behind the World’s Worst Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen?” we wrote:

“The U.S. backed Saudi-led coalition’s war, and blockade of Yemen is at the root of this crisis… Saudi Arabia continues to claim that it is fighting to bring back legitimacy and stability to Yemen, and the region, by reinstating Yemen’s former president Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi…Backed by the United States, the Saudi-led coalition started its bombing campaign on Yemen called “Operation Decisive Storm,” in March 2015. Within a month of their indiscriminate bombing campaign, the Saudi government claimed success and announced the end of “Operation Decisive Storm” and the start of a reconstruction effort named “Operation Renewal of Hope.”

Now over three years of Saudi-led coalition war on Yemen, where is the renewal of hope? In the words of WFP’s David Beasley, “Yemen is a disaster, and I don’t see any light at the end of the tunnel right now.” The Saudi led military intervention in Yemen has only aggravated the situation in Yemen.

The UN has documented over 17,000 civilian casualties in Yemen. In addition to the human loss, the U.S. backed Saudi-led coalition has bombed and

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

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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 14,000 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 contesting forces in the country came to an agreement for Abdul 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 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 who are being bled dry in an imperialist war against what is considered a “terrorist regime” in Yemen. The UK and France have been major international arms dealers to the Saudis, selling everything from fighter jets to take to the streets around the country, to tanks, helicopters and cannon.

WHO IS AN ACCOMPlice OF THE CRISIS?

The United States government has been supporting the Saudi-led coalition to carry out their bombing campaign on Yemen since day one. The U.S. has been providing political, military, logistical and intelligence support to the Saudi-led coalition, in addition to restocking the weaponry of the Saudi and Emirati militaries.

More recently, on September 12, 2018, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced that he has certified to Congress “that the governments of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are undertaking demonstrable actions to reduce the risk of harm to civilians and civilian infrastructure resulting from military operations of these governments.” This certification was needed to allow U.S. military aircraft to continue their mid-air refueling missions of Saudi and UAE fighter jets bombing Yemen.

The Canadian government is also guilty of providing military support to Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia was the largest non-U.S. importer of Canadian-made military goods and technology in 2016 and 2017. The Trudeau government has also approved a $15 billion arms deal to provide Saudi Arabia with light armed vehicles (LAV) equipped with heavy guns and cannon.

The people of Yemen continue to resist daily to the war, and military interventions on their country by the U.S. backed Saudi-led coalition. They are sharing their stories with the world through their voices and their art. They are calling the Saudi-led coalition to take to the streets around the country and protest against the war on their country.

Peace-loving people around the world have been joining the Yemenis people to help break the media silence and oppose the Saudi-led military intervention in the country. We stand with the Yemeni people as they fight for their freedom, self-determination, sovereignty, human rights and better future for the children of Yemen!