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Axis of Evil: Genocide in Yemen by the US, Saudi Arabia & UAE

By Azza Rojbi

"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.

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."

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

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NO TO WAR!
CANADA OUT OF NATO NOW!



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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.

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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FRIDAY DECEMBER 7 2018

1. PROTEST ACTION 4PM
U.S./CANADA HANDS OFF VENEZUELA!
US CONSULATE IN VANCOUVER - 1070 WEST PENDER ST.

2. INFO TABLE & 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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VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY SAUDI ARABIA
- FROM KHASHOGGI TO YEMEN

FREE PUBLIC COMMUNITY FORUM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 2018
7:30PM
BRITANNIA COMMUNITY CENTRE
CANUCKS FAMILY ROOM
1661 NAPIER ST. @ COMMERCIAL DR.
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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 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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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

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destroyed vital infrastructure, homes, schools, hospitals, roads, sanitary and water system, cultural centers and even historical monuments. This has left millions of Yemenis without access to necessities. According to the UN, 22.3 million out of the country's population of 29.3 million rely on humanitarian assistance to survive.

The people of Yemen are not only victims of the daily bombings, but Saudi Arabia is also imposing a sea, land and air blockade on the country. This blockade is causing a shortage of fuel, food and medicine which has worsened the humanitarian crisis.

The situation has recently become direr after the Saudi and Emirati military started their assault on the key Yemeni port city of Hodeida. More than 80 percent of imports pass through the Red Sea port, including commercial and humanitarian aid. The UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen said, in June 2018, in response to the start of the Saudi-led military offensive on Hodeida that in a "prolonged worst case (scenario), we fear that as many as 250,000 people may lose everything - even their lives".

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 refuelling 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 \$15billion arms deal to provide Saudi Arabia with light armoured

vehicles (LAV) equipped with heavy guns and cannon.

Stop Bombing Yemen! End Blockade of Yemen!

Despite all the military and political support, the Saudi-led coalition gets from the United States and other imperialist countries, Saudi Arabia is in a quagmire in Yemen. They haven't been able to impose their control or dominance over the country. They have only brought death and destruction to Yemen, their claim of wanting peace and stability is a big ugly lie.

The people of Yemen continue to resist daily to the war, and military intervention 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 braving the Saudi fighter jets to take to the streets around Yemen and protest against the war on their country.

Peace-loving people around the world have been joining the Yemeni 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!

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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 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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