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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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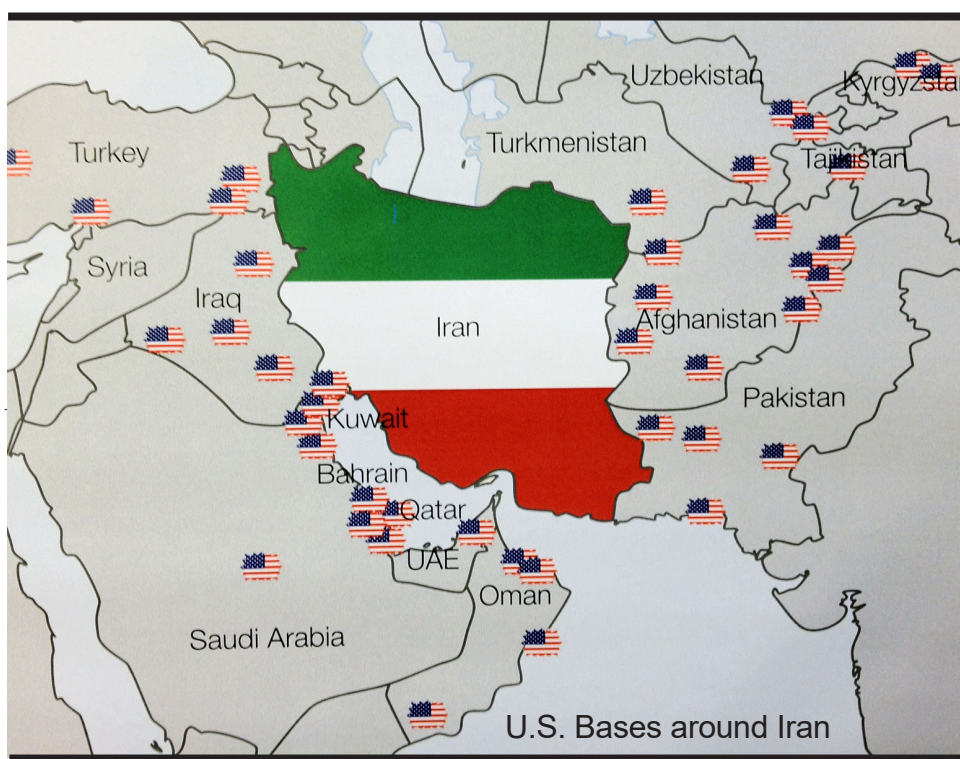
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No War With Iran!

U.S./CANADA TROOPS OUT OF IRAQ NOW!



The United States drone assassination of Iranian general Qassem Soleimani and Iraqi commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis, along with eight others, was a war crime by any definition, violating both Iraqi sovereignty and international law. This criminal act carelessly risked sparking a wider, catastrophic war that would involve many nations and put millions of lives at risk.

President Trump and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo followed their aggression with a series of lies, which were repeated by much of the media and many politicians, claiming that General Soleimani was responsible for the deaths of over 600 U.S. soldiers in Iraq. But it is Iran who has been the victim of U.S. aggression ever since 1953, when the democratically-elected president Mohammed Mossadegh was overthrown in a joint British/U.S. coup, followed by the imposition of the Shah. From 1980-1988, the U.S. fueled the Iran/Iraq war, which killed more than one million people. In 1988, the U.S. shot down an Iranian civilian passenger plane, killing more than 290 Iranian civilians. Since 1984, the U.S. has imposed crippling sanctions that have devastated Iran's economy and the lives of its citizens.

Iraq also has been devastated by U.S. sanctions imposed by the Clinton administration, which killed 500,000 children, and by the U.S.

invasion and occupation which followed in 2003, resulting in the deaths of over one million Iraqis.

Donald Trump's order to assassinate General Soleimani was the culmination of his campaign of "maximum pressure" against the Islamic Republic of Iran. The bipartisan attack began when Democrats joined with Republicans to resume sanctions in 2017, giving Trump leverage to withdraw from the Iran nuclear agreement (JCPOA). The Iranian people continue to suffer tremendously from U.S. sanctions, which prevent Iran from accessing world financial markets, depriving them of life-saving medications and the ability to maintain the nation's infrastructure.

The Anti-War Movement Responds

But the U.S. people are not fooled by their government's aggression. The anti-war movement quickly and decisively organized mass actions in 80 different cities in 38 states. Tens of thousands of people rallied across the country to demand No War on Iran and U.S. Out of Iraq!

Most importantly, the people of Iran and Iraq have spoken loudly. Millions have taken to the streets to mourn their martyrs and both governments spoke quickly. The Iraqi parliament passed legislation demanding that the U.S. close its embassy and remove all military personnel. They also ended all security agreements and now deny the U.S. the right to use Iraqi



MAWO Events:

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

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MONTHLY ANTIWAR RALLY & PETITION DRIVE

SATURDAY JANUARY 25, 2020

2:00 PM

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2020

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Stop Genocide in Yemen! U.S. and Saudi Arabia Hands Off Yemen!

By Azza Rajbi

“The war destroyed our dreams and [our] future” this was how Yemeni mother Adeeyah described the war in her country in the recently released report by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) on the humanitarian situation in Yemen. According to the report, “at the current rate of decline, it will take 20 years to return Yemen to pre-crisis levels of child hunger.”

Millions of Yemenis share Adeeyah’s experience. The war on Yemen has shredded the country into pieces and turned Yemen into the world’s worst humanitarian crisis. A report by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) assessed the impact of the war on Yemen and gave a picture of the dire humanitarian crisis in the country. The report warned that by the end of 2019, the total number of dead will reach 233,000 “with 102,000 combat deaths and 131,000 indirect deaths due to lack of food, health services and infrastructure.” Devastatingly, 60% of these deaths are children under the age of five.

Those who are fortunate to survive the Saudi-led war on their country, must then face disease, famine, violence, displacement and deteriorating life conditions. According to the UN, 40% of the Yemeni population lives in extreme poverty.

The U.S./Saudi War on Yemen Continues

These grim statistics show the hardships lived by the Yemeni people as the war is in its 5th year. The Saudi-led coalition, with the full support of the United States, started its bombing campaign against Yemen in March 2015. Throughout these years the Saudi-led coalition justified its war by renaming its campaign; giving several pretexts



Yemeni Protest against Saudi Arabia Bombing

for continuing it; and arrogantly claiming to have the interest of the Yemeni people and the region in mind. Despite being one of the most militarized nations in the world, Saudi Arabia, supported by the U.S. and other imperialist countries – such as France, the UK, and Canada – has failed to achieve any of their so-called goals in Yemen. The Saudi-led coalition is far from declaring any victory in Yemen. All they have achieved is death, destruction, and more destabilization in Yemen and the region.

Faced with a steadfast Yemeni resistance and a growing international opposition to the war – as well as the devastating damage by Yemen’s armed forces’ drone attack at Saudi’s Aramco oil refinery in Saudi Arabia on September 2019 – Saudi Arabia’s ruling elites are having to rethink their losing and cruel war on Yemen.

On November 22, 2019, the UN Yemen envoy Martin Griffiths told the UN Security Council that “In the last two weeks, the rate of that war has dramatically reduced: there were reportedly almost 80% fewer airstrikes nation-wide than in the two weeks prior.” While the bombing and military intervention in Yemen might seem lower, the war on the people of Yemen is still very much in full force.

According to the UN, 80% of the population in Yemen needs humanitarian assistance. The bombing destroyed schools, homes, hospitals, water and sanitation systems, roads and countless other vital parts of infrastructure in the country. Added to that, the U.S. and Saudi-led coalition have been imposing a sea, land, and air blockade on Yemen, creating extreme shortages of food, fuel, and medicine. This is severely impacting the country’s access to commercial imports and humanitarian aid. As long as the Saudi-led coalition continues its brutal sanctions and blockade on Yemen, the suffering of the Yemeni people will continue. Is there fundamentally any difference between death from bombing or starvation? There can’t be real peace in Yemen without a full lifting of the blockade; a full opening of ports and the Sana’a airport; and an end to all sanctions and restrictions on Yemen’s access to humanitarian and commercial goods.

Canada’s hypocrisy on Yemen

Since the start of the war on Yemen in 2015, the Canadian government has been selling weapons and military goods to Saudi Arabia. Canada exported over \$2 billion of military goods to the kingdom between 2015-2018 according to Canada’s annual “Report on the Export of Military Goods.” According to the same reports, Canada’s military exports to Saudi Arabia have increased yearly since 2015, and Saudi Arabia was “the largest non-U.S. export destination” of Canadian military goods in 2016, 2017, and 2018. These exports include rifles & carbines, armoured combat vehicles, artillery systems and heavy machine guns. In addition, in 2016 the Trudeau government has also approved a \$15 billion deal to supply Saudi Arabia with Light-Armoured Vehicles (LAVs) equipped with heavy guns and cannon.

Several reports, articles, and video footage have been released over the years showing Canadian-made LAVs, being used by Saudi forces and their mercenaries. The most recent videos and photos from September 2019, showed damaged and destroyed Canadian-made LAVs after Saudi forces lost a battle to Yemen’s Houthi forces along the Saudi-Yemen border.

The Canadian government continues to turn a blind eye to the clear evidence. In fact, a September 17, 2019, memo by Global Affairs Canada on the department’s review of military exports to Saudi Arabia has concluded that: “While the overall Saudi human rights record is [REDACTED] problematic, Canadian officials have no information or evidence linking Canadian exports of military equipment or other controlled items to any human rights violations committed by the Saudi government.”

The memo continues, “any Canadian-made vehicles on the KSA-Yemen border are not the LAVs currently being exported by GDLS-C, but older vehicles that were shipped under contracts dating back to the early 1990s.” On the same day that

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airspace. Iran announced that the JCPOA is officially dead, that they will resume enriching uranium, and that they will take their case to the United Nations.

Donald Trump is just the latest U.S. president to lay waste to the nations of the Middle East, a region whose problems can all be laid at Washington’s door. Democrats in Congress have made a great show of their impeachment but not before giving Trump



Millions attending Soleiman’s funeral procession in Ahvaz, Sunday Jan 5, 2020.

everything he wanted. They agreed to remove language from the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that would have required him to seek congressional approval before taking action against Iran. They gave him more than \$700 billion in defense spending – more than ever before – and refused to end the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) which is the pretext for continued occupations in the region.

Trump’s provocations did not end with the assassinations. He publicly stated that the U.S. would target 52 sites in Iran, including those of cultural significance – another war crime. He then threatened Iraq with extreme sanctions after its parliament and



Protest in Washington, D.C. against U.S. war with Iran, Jan 4, 2020.

Prime Minister requested that all foreign troops, including U.S. troops, be removed from their country. Trump also said he would force Iraq to pay for the bases built to support the US occupation. This is a gross violation of Iraqi sovereignty and a slap in the face of the Iraqi people.

When Congress returns on January 7 they must be met with demands for action. Their impeachment makes no mention of the international crimes in which they are complicit. They must add war crimes – surely a high crime and misdemeanor – to their articles of impeachment. Congress must clearly state that they oppose war on Iran, whether Trump seeks approval from them or not.

The people’s demands are clear. We are absolutely opposed to a war with Iran – which could have devastating consequences for the entire planet. The U.S. must withdraw its military from Iraq, Syria, Libya, Yemen and all of the Middle East. The January 4 anti-war protests are just the beginning. We will continue to mobilize mass actions and to voice our demands for an end to invasion, occupation, and war. We stand in solidarity with the people of Iran and Iraq, who want the U.S./NATO axis to leave their region and end their deadly interference and interventions.

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U.S./NATO OUT OF THE MIDDLE EAST!
END THE SANCTIONS!**

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Global Affairs published this memo – September 17, 2019 – Canada officially joined the global Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). The hypocrisy of the Canadian government is incredible!

United to Defend Yemen

#KefayaWar (“enough war” in Arabic), has been the demand of the Yemeni people since the start of the atrocious war. They are continuing to resist against the vicious and criminal Saudi-led war and aggression on their country. They are continuing to share their stories and their struggles with the world, they dream of peace and a better future for themselves and their country.

The war has only brought divisions, poverty, death and destruction to the country. Yemenis deserve to live in peace without any foreign intervention in their country. The U.S./Saudi-led war on Yemen needs to completely end and the blockade on the country must be fully lifted to allow for humanitarian and commercial goods to reach people in need.

As antiwar and peace-loving people in Canada, the United States, the U.K and other imperialist countries it is important to continue to oppose by demonstrating, mobilizing and protesting against our respective governments’ complicity and continued participation in the criminal war in Yemen.

US/Canada/France/UK Out of Yemen, the Middle East & North Africa!