End U.S. Complicity in Yemen War

In the coming weeks, House and Senate leadership will decide which provisions will remain in the FY2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Different versions of the bill passed each chamber over the summer, and House-Senate negotiators are now working out a final agreement.

We want the final version to include a House-passed provision to end U.S. military involvement in the brutal Saudi-UAE led war in Yemen. That amendment was introduced by Reps. Ro Khanna (CA-17), Adam Smith (WA-09), Adam Schiff (CA-28), and Pramila Jayapal (WA-07), and passed by a bipartisan vote of 240-185. It is very similar to the Yemen War Powers Resolution passed by both the House and Senate with bipartisan majorities during the spring of 2019 but vetoed by President Donald Trump.

We now have a real chance to end this war, which has never been authorized by Congress. The Saudi-UAE led coalition’s aerial bombardment of Yemen is one of the leading causes of civilian casualties in the war and a driver of the world’s largest humanitarian crisis. More than half of the country’s population is on the brink of starvation and over 1 million people have contracted cholera, with an alarming 10,000 new cases each week. The United States has the leverage to stop the killing, starting by ending its logistical and intelligence support for the bombing.

Why end U.S. military support for the Saudi-UAE led war in Yemen?

- Congress has never authorized the use of U.S. military force in the Saudi-led war in Yemen, making such participation unconstitutional.
- The Saudi-led war in Yemen is exacerbating the world’s worst humanitarian crisis, with nearly 22 million people in need of emergency assistance.
- Save the Children estimates that at least 85,000 children under the age of five have died from hunger and disease since 2015.

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