

End U.S. Complicity in the Yemen War and Blockade

The United States is complicit in the Saudi-led coalition's war and blockade in Yemen, which is helping to create the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. Over 16 million people are on the brink of famine.

On Feb. 4, 2021, President Biden announced that the U.S. would *end* its support for the coalition's offensive operations in Yemen, but important aspects of U.S. complicity remain. This includes ongoing maintenance and intelligence sharing for *warplanes* conducting airstrikes and enforcing an air and sea *blockade* of Yemen.

Bipartisan majorities in both chambers of Congress passed a Yemen War Powers Resolution in 2019 to end U.S. support for the Saudi-led war. President Trump *vetoed* this resolution, but United Nations officials say that congressional action helped promote peace negotiations. Now, Congress has an historic opportunity to help end U.S. participation in one of the most devastating wars in the world.

We urge Congress to re-introduce and pass a Yemen War Powers Resolution to terminate unauthorized military involvement in the Saudi-led coalition's war and blockade.

The War Powers Act must be invoked because:

- » **U.S. involvement in Yemen is unconstitutional.** Congress has never authorized U.S. military participation in the Saudi-led war and blockade in Yemen.
- » **The war has led to a humanitarian disaster.** Nearly 24 million people are in need of emergency *assistance*.
- » **The war and blockade are killing Yemeni civilians.** The UN Development Programme *estimated* that the Yemen war led to 377,000 deaths in 2021 —nearly 60% of those due to indirect causes such as disruptions in access to food, clean water, and medicine.
- » **Yemen's children are being starved.** The UN *warned* in 2021 that 2.3 million children are suffering from acute malnutrition. 400,000 of these children could die of starvation without urgent action.

Introduce and pass a War Powers Resolution to end U.S. participation in the Saudi-led war on Yemen.

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