

April 20, 2022

Dear Members of Congress,

We, the undersigned national organizations, welcome news that Yemen's warring parties have agreed to a two-month nationwide truce, to halt military operations, lift fuel restrictions, and open Sana'a airport to commercial traffic. In an effort to strengthen this truce and further incentivize Saudi Arabia to stay at the negotiating table, we urge you to cosponsor and publicly support Representatives Jayapal and DeFazio's [forthcoming](#) War Powers Resolution to end U.S. military participation in the Saudi-led coalition's war on Yemen.

March 26th, 2022, marked the start of the eighth year of the Saudi-led war and blockade on Yemen, which has helped cause the deaths of nearly half a million people and pushed millions more to the edge of starvation. With continued U.S. military support, Saudi Arabia escalated its campaign of collective punishment on the people of Yemen in recent months, making the start of 2022 one of the deadliest time periods of the war. Earlier this year, Saudi airstrikes targeting a migrant detention facility and vital communications infrastructure [killed](#) at least 90 civilians, wounded over 200, and triggered a nationwide internet [blackout](#).

While we condemn Houthi violations, after seven years of direct and indirect involvement in the Yemen war, the United States must cease supplying weapons, spare parts, maintenance services, and logistical support to Saudi Arabia to ensure the temporary truce is adhered to and hopefully, extended into a lasting peace agreement.

The truce has had a positive impact on Yemen's humanitarian crisis, but UN officials [warn](#) that millions are still in need of urgent assistance. In Yemen today, roughly [20.7 million people](#) are in need of humanitarian aid for survival, with up to [19 million](#) Yemenis acutely food insecure. A [new report](#) indicates that 2.2 million children under the age of five are expected to suffer from acute malnutrition over the course of 2022 and could perish without urgent treatment.

The war in Ukraine has only exacerbated the humanitarian conditions in Yemen by making food even more scarce. Yemen [imports](#) over 27% of its wheat from Ukraine and 8% from Russia. The UN reported that Yemen could see its famine numbers increase ["five-fold"](#) in the second half of 2022 as a result of wheat import shortages.

According to reports from [UNFPA](#) and the [Yemeni Relief and Reconstruction Fund](#), the conflict has had especially devastating consequences for Yemeni women and children. A woman dies every two hours from complications of pregnancy and childbirth, and for every woman who dies in childbirth, another 20 suffer preventable injuries, infections, and permanent disabilities.

In February 2021, President Biden announced an end to U.S. participation in the Saudi-led coalition's offensive operations in Yemen. Yet the United States continues to provide spare parts, maintenance, and

logistical support for Saudi warplanes. The administration also [never defined](#) what “offensive” and “defensive” support constituted, and it has since approved over a billion dollars in arms sales, including new [attack helicopters](#) and [air-to-air](#) missiles. This support sends a message of impunity to the Saudi-led coalition for its bombardment and siege of Yemen.

Representatives Jayapal and DeFazio [recently announced](#) their plans to introduce and pass a new Yemen War Powers Resolution to end unauthorized U.S. involvement in Saudi Arabia’s brutal military campaign. This is more essential than ever to maintain momentum for the fragile two-month truce and to prevent backsliding by blocking U.S. support for any renewed hostilities. The lawmakers wrote, “As a candidate, President Biden [pledged](#) to end support for the Saudi-led war in Yemen while many who now serve as senior officials in his administration [repeatedly called](#) for shutting down precisely the activities the U.S. is engaged in that enable Saudi Arabia’s brutal offensive. We call on them to follow through on their commitment.”

Congress must reassert its Article I war powers, terminate U.S. involvement in Saudi Arabia’s war and blockade, and do everything it can to support the Yemen truce. Our organizations look forward to the introduction of the Yemen War Powers Resolution. We urge all members of Congress to say “no” to Saudi Arabia’s war of aggression by fully ending all U.S. support for a conflict that has caused such immense bloodshed and human suffering.

Sincerely,

Action Corps

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

American Muslim Bar Association (AMBA)

American Muslim Empowerment Network (AMEN)

Antiwar.com

Ban Killer Drones

Bring Our Troops Home

Center for Economic Policy and Research (CEPR)

Center for International Policy

Center on Conscience and War

Central Valley Islamic Council

Church of the Brethren, Office of Peacebuilding and Policy

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP)

Community Peacemaker Teams

Concerned Vets for America

Defending Rights & Dissent

Defense Priorities Initiative

Demand Progress

Democracy for the Arab World Now (DAWN)

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Freedom Forward
Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)
Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ
Health Alliance International
Historians for Peace and Democracy
ICNA Council for Social Justice
If Not Now
Indivisible
Islamophobia Studies Center
Jewish Voice for Peace Action
Just Foreign Policy
Justice Is Global
MADRE
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
MoveOn
Muslim Justice League
Muslims for Just Futures
National Council of Churches
Neighbors for Peace
Our Revolution
Pax Christi USA
Peace Action
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Progressive Democrats of America
Public Citizen
Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft
ReThinking Foreign Policy
RootsAction.org
Secure Justice
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Justice Team
Spin Film
Sunrise Movement
The Episcopal Church
The Libertarian Institute
The United Methodist Church -- General Board of Church and Society
Union of Arab Women
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
United Church of Christ, Justice and Local Church Ministries
United for Peace and Justice
US Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR)
Veterans For Peace

Win Without War

World BEYOND War

Yemen Freedom Council

Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation

Yemeni Alliance Committee

Yemeni American Merchants Association

Yemeni Liberation Movement