

America and Britain Arm and Train Saudi Arabia's Military, UK-US Involved in "Dirty War" in Yemen

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Both countries supply Riyadh with billions of dollars worth of weapons and munitions annually - fueling its killing machine, including by training its personnel.

Pentagon contractors are involved, cashing in on Saudi wealth. San Diego-based Kratos Defense & Security Solutions will be the prime contractor involved in training Riyadh's navy.

The kingdom requested continuation of a naval training program inside and outside the country - so its naval forces can carry out missions in Yemen and elsewhere, massacring civilians, blockading the country.

Under the United States Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia, USMTM trains, advises and assists the kingdom's armed forces, including through military exercises and related activities.

USMTM is a joint US army, navy, air force and marine corps joint command, an extensive arrangement with the kingdom since the 1950s - under the 1951 Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement and later USMTM agreement.

It's a fundamental component of the US/Saudi military relationship - negotiated by Franklin Roosevelt and Saudi king Abdul Aziz.

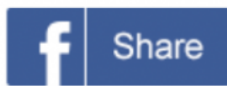
According to London's [Daily Mail](#), Britain is secretly training Saudi's military, aiding its genocidal war in Yemen.

Britain's secret role in Saudi Arabia's dirty war: UK troops are training army that has left a million on the brink of starvation, investigation finds

- **Up to 50 UK military personnel teaching soldiers who will be deployed to Yemen**
- **Thousands of civilians have been killed in bombing raids hitting the country**
- **Charity Unicef predicts that 150,000 children could die by the end of 2017**

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The British Army is secretly training Saudi Arabian troops to fight in Yemen, where the country has been accused of committing crimes against humanity, The Mail on Sunday can reveal.

Dozens of UK military personnel are “teaching battlefield skills to soldiers who will be deployed in the so-called ‘dirty war,’ “ the Daily Mail explained – responsible for high crimes of war and against humanity.

Saudi terror-bombing massacres civilians daily. Blockade and war-related violence caused an epic humanitarian disaster, countless thousands of Yemenis perishing, millions facing potential starvation, young children harmed most.

Tory MP/former development secretary Andrew Mitchell blasted what he called “Britain’s ‘shameful complicity’ in the suffering” of the Yemeni people.

Mistakenly released UK photos and information revealed its training mission – codenamed Operation Crossways.

Mitchell demanded Theresa May’s government explain Britain’s involvement in the war, flagrant international crimes, saying:

“I have no doubt parliament will require an explanation of this training mission in view of the high level of concern about the humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Yemen.”

Washington and Britain are longstanding imperial partners, waging war in multiple countries, including their diabolical involvement in Yemen.

Civilians are being massacred and starved to death. Every day, nearly 650 Yemenis children “are diagnosed as acutely malnourished,” according to the Daily Mail.

US and UK complicity in what's going is the shame of both nations.

Their silence shows contempt for millions of suffering Yemenis – many perishing daily, young children most of all, a child dying every 10 minutes.

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