

Millions in Yemen Are Starving and UK, US and France Are 'Behind This': Oxfam Representative

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The US, UK, and French governments are behind millions of people starving in Yemen because they are "supporting this war," an Oxfam representative told RT, urging London to stop beefing up Saudi Arabia's military.

"We have 14 million people starving," Richard Stanforth, Oxfam UK's regional policy officer for the Middle East, said.

British, French, American governments are all behind this, they are all supporting this war.

Stanforth blamed the British government in particular, saying that London should stop its arms sales to Saudi Arabia, which is accaused of targeting food supplies and even no-strike locations in Yemen.

"We've seen attacks on water infrastructure, on hospitals, warehouses of food. This pattern is continuing. Certainly, it's the airstrikes that are killing most civilians," he said.

Stanforth says Riyadh's bombing is not sparing humanitarian sites either... including that of Oxfam. Saudi Arabia is "aware of many of these locations" and along with the UAE, it is still hitting them, he added.

Western states have been widely criticized by rights groups for their continued arms sales to Riyadh. However, turning the tide on multibillion-dollar deals may not be so easy.

Following the killing of exiled Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, US President Donald Trump issued <u>strong words</u> to Riyadh. He was not prepared, however, to cancel a \$400 billion arms deal, saying there are other ways to <u>"punish"</u> America's Middle East ally.

Trump's position was <u>echoed</u> by the attitude of Canadian PM Justin Trudeau, who said it is "very difficult" (or... costly, to be precise) to get out of the arms deals with Saudi Arabia.

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