

# Possible Tactical Nuclear Strike (Neutron Bomb) in Yemen?

A Note on the Mother of All Bombs (MOAB) and Tactical Nuclear Weapons by Michel Chossudovsky

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GR Editor's note

The report below is unconfirmed. The evidence is scanty. The analysis of this event requires further examination. There is no proof that it was an Israeli IDF undertaking (M. Ch, GR Editor)

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*Analysis by Jeff Smith who is a nuclear physicist and former IAEA inspector:*

A video received from Yemen, believed to be taken May 20, 2015, of an explosion, when analyzed by nuclear weapons experts is, by very high probability, a neutron bomb that could only have been an Israeli attack.

The analysis:

A. Its not a conventional 2k lb bomb. It's much bigger.

B. Its either a very large MOAB bigger than 4,000 lbs. or; ??? Max weight for an F-15 / 16 is about 2,000 lb payload per bomb rack making the deployment of a MOAB impossible.

Lightning effect and duration of the fire ball being suspended in mid air and the very large mushroom cloud is the main give away, that is because it is being hit by neutrons from the nuclear fireball blast. It overloads the ccd's electronic circuit producing white flashes. If the radiation is too high it will burn out the chip. They had big problems with this in Japan with the Fukushima robots cameras failing due to very high radiation counts.

D. Delivery is most likely by an IDF F-16 with a Saudi paint job on the plane. They are not even hiding their use anymore, they just don't publicly admit it and the IAEA does nothing or says nothing. That is the true war crime. The UN just ignores it unless the US, France or GB complain...

Russia and China say nothing.

Post Script:

A. The range of the camera is calculated to be about 4 to 5 miles from ground zero based on shock wave timing.

B. Saudi has no F-16's. The aircraft reported to be used to drop the bomb in Yemen were F-16's. Photos and acoustic signature confirms that the jet engines noise is from a single engine jet fighter of the F-16 type.

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The MOAB or MOP GBU-57A would be delivered with either a B-52 or a B-2 bomber due to its weight. The decision to undertake a MOP strike would emanate from the "Global Strike Command".

In the image below a B52 bomber releases a MOP, escorted by a F-16. The MOP is a tele-guided missile.

The B-2 bomber operates out US Air force base in Missouri. With refuelling it can be deployed Worldwide. The launching of a Mass Ordnance Penetrator (MOP) (MOAB) does not need to be undertaken over Yemeni territory.



The Mass Ordnance Penetrator (MOP) explosion is similar to that recorded in the Yemen video. Moreover, according to unconfirmed reports, the MOP was used during the war on Iraq.

The explosion of the MOP and that of the tactical nuclear weapon (B61-11) are similar although in the case of mini-nukes, they tend to reveal more distinctly a mushroom cloud explosion.

Both the MOP and the mini nukes are bunker buster earth penetrating bombs. The MOP however is a conventional weapon. it does have a nuclear warhead.



B-52 dropping a MOP escorted by an F-16 during a test trail.



archive photo of MOAB explosion



"Mother of All Bombs" (MOAB)



GBU-57A/B Mass Ordnance Penetrator (MOP)

It is worth noting that according to Air Force Magazine (quoted by Wikipedia), USAF Lt. Gen. Phillip Breedlove (currently Commander in Chief of NATO) stated in June 2010 that "the Next-generation Penetrator Munition should be about a third the size of the Massive Ordnance Penetrator so it could be carried by affordable aircraft".

## The Tactical Nuclear Bomb (Mini Nuke)

The image below is a B61-11 tactical nuclear bomb, which can be launched either from a B-2 bomber or an F-16



The US military contend that “mini-nukes” are “humanitarian bombs” which minimize “collateral damage”. According to scientific opinion on contract to the Pentagon, they are “harmless to the surrounding civilian population because the explosion is underground”,

The B61-11 is a bon fide thermonuclear nuclear bomb, a Weapon of Mass Destruction ([WMD](#)) in the real sense of the word.

Military documents distinguish between the Nuclear Earth Penetrator ([NEP](#)) and the “[mini-nuke](#)” which are nuclear weapons with a yield of less than 10 kilotons (two thirds of a Hiroshima bomb).

The NEP can have a yield of up to a 1000 kilotons, or seventy times a Hiroshima bomb.

This distinction between mini-nukes and the NEP is in many regards misleading. In practice there is no dividing line. We are broadly dealing with the same type of weaponry: the B61-11 has several “available yields”, ranging from “low yields” of less than one kiloton, to mid-range and up to the 1000 kiloton bomb.

In all cases, the radioactive fallout is devastating.

Moreover, the B61 series of thermonuclear weapons includes several models with distinct specifications:

- B61-11
- B61-3
- B61- 4
- B61-7

- B61-10

Each of these bombs has several “available yields”.

What is contemplated for theater use is the “low yield” 10 kt bomb, two thirds of a Hiroshima bomb. (quoted from Michel Chossudovsky, America’s Planned Nuclear Attack on Libya, Global Research, April 2011)

The B61-11 tactical nuclear weapon is deployed by several European countries including five non-nuclear states (Belgium, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey).

GR will be following this story.

Michel Chossudovsky, May 2015

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- [Towards a World War III Scenario: The Dangers of Nuclear War](#)
- Michel Chossudovsky

Michel Chossudovsky’s book contains a detailed analysis of both tactical nuclear weapons as well as Mass Ordnance Penetrator (MOP) bombs.

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