

Trump Considers 14,000 Troop Deployment to Middle East to ‘Counter Iran’

Deployment would include dozens more ships, weapons

By [Jason Ditz](#)

Global Research, December 05, 2019
[Antiwar.com](#) 4 December 2019

Region: [Middle East & North Africa](#)
Theme: [Intelligence, Militarization and WMD, US NATO War Agenda](#)
In-depth Report: [IRAN: THE NEXT WAR?](#)

In the past six months, the US has been playing up the idea of threats posed by Iran, and has been steadily announcing new deployments into the Middle East, mostly to Saudi Arabia and the vicinity, and very publicly aimed at Iran.

With over 10,000 US troops already deployed, the Trump Administration [is now considering an even larger deployment, again aimed at “countering Iran,”](#) and potentially more than doubling the US footprint.

The new plan would [include dozens of additional US warships, substantial military hardware, and as many as 14,000](#) more US ground troops. It’s not clear where exactly these troops would be sent, but with Iraq already saying they don’t want any more, Saudi Arabia would likely be taking some of them.

Each new deployment just adds to the tensions, and with Pentagon officials openly talking [about the possibility of Iran attacking the US presence in the region](#), constant additions to that presence only raise the risk of war.

Deployments raising the threat level seems to be very much the point, as recent comments from generals have repeatedly indicated that they don’t believe the many deployments have acted as any sort of deterrent, and they don’t appear to be presenting these new deployments that way either. Instead of deterring, the deployments are said to “counter” Iranian capabilities, seemingly on the assumption that the war is only a matter of time.

*

Note to readers: please click the share buttons above or below. Forward this article to your email lists. Crosspost on your blog site, internet forums. etc.

Jason Ditz is news editor of [Antiwar.com](#).

Featured image is from [Silent Crow News](#)



[The Globalization of War: America's "Long War" against Humanity](#)

Michel Chossudovsky

The "globalization of war" is a hegemonic project. Major military and covert intelligence operations are being undertaken simultaneously in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia and the Far East. The U.S. military agenda combines both major theater operations as well as covert actions geared towards destabilizing sovereign states.

ISBN Number: 978-0-9737147-6-0

Year: 2015

Pages: 240 Pages

List Price: ~~\$22.95~~

Special Price: \$15.00

[Click here to order.](#)

The original source of this article is [Antiwar.com](#)

Copyright © [Jason Ditz](#), [Antiwar.com](#), 2019

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Jason Ditz](#)

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca