

Trump, The “Warrior Leader” and the Grave Danger of Nuclear War

By [Stephen Lendman](#)

Global Research, December 11, 2017

Region: [Asia](#), [USA](#)

Theme: [Intelligence](#), [US NATO War Agenda](#)

In-depth Report: [NORTH KOREA](#), [Nuclear War](#)

VISIT MY NEW WEB SITE:

stephenlendman.org

([Home - Stephen Lendman](#)).

Contact at lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net.

Controlled by Wall Street, war profiteers, other corporate predators, Pentagon hawks and likeminded GOP extremists, businessman Trump transformed himself into a warrior leader – continuing naked aggression begun by Bush/Cheney and Obama, threatening war on North Korea and Iran.

Are Russia and China on his target list per orders from the nation’s deep state? Is nuclear war inevitable?

On the occasion of Sunday’s Oslo, Norway award ceremony, presenting the Nobel Peace Prize to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), I was invited on India’s WION television yesterday.

I and other guests discussed the cutting edge issue of our time, WION asking

“Are nuclear weapons dearer than peace?”

We all agreed on the danger these weapons pose. I disagreed with a view expressed that it’s unlikely they’ll be used.

I stressed how America poses a grave danger – the only nation ever to use nuclear weapons, twice gratuitously on Japan after the war in the Pacific was won, its overtures to surrender months earlier turned down by **Franklin Roosevelt** and **Harry Truman**.

Trump threatened North Korea with “fire and fury like the world has never seen.” **Nikki Haley** said if Pyongyang threatens America or its allies, “we will have no choice but to totally destroy” the country.

She repeated the threat on Sunday, December 10 talk shows. More on this below. Last October, after being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, ICAN said nuclear war may be just “a

temper tantrum away.”

Sunday on WION, I stressed the grave danger that America may use these weapons again, North Korea the most likely target.

I explained what founder of Washington’s nuclear navy **Admiral Hyman Rickover** told Congress in the early 1980s, saying when nations go to war, they’ll use all weapons in their arsenal necessary to win.

If America attacks North Korea, nuclear war is likely, the DPRK using its most effective deterrent on pre-selected targets, the Pentagon likely using these weapons in response.

Here’s a [link to Sunday’s program](#). Unfortunately the audio from Chicago is very choppy - hopefully clear enough to understand the points I made.

I emphasized that today is the most perilous time in world history, a view I’ve expressed before in my articles and other interviews.

Cold War “mutually assured destruction (MAD)” kept these weapons from being used. Soviet Russia never intended to use them preemptively.

As it turned out, neither did US leaders, especially Jack Kennedy, saying in the aftermath of the October 1962 Cuban missile crisis that he never had any intention of using these weapons.

Trump is no Jack Kennedy. Neither were the Clintons, Bush/Cheney and Obama. For the first time in world history, the threat of possible nuclear war is ominously real.

ICAN said it could be just “a temper tantrum away.” I’ve said it could happen by accident or design.

On Fox News Sunday, Nikki Haley came perilously close to suggesting war on North Korea is coming, saying if China doesn’t do more, “we’re going to take (things) into our own hands...”

Will naked aggression on the DPRK follow? Then nuclear war? Then Seoul, Tokyo and US regional bases attacked?

Then China and Russia intervening to protect their threatened security?

Then WW III? Then armageddon, risking the end of life on earth? It’s breath-holding time, wondering whether nuclear war on the Korean peninsula and/or elsewhere is coming.

Stephen Lendman is a Research Associate of the CRG, Correspondent of Global Research based in Chicago.

VISIT MY NEW WEB SITE: stephenlendman.org (Home - Stephen Lendman). Contact at lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net.

My newest book as editor and contributor is titled “Flashpoint in Ukraine: How the US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III.”

<http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html>

The original source of this article is Global Research
Copyright © [Stephen Lendman](#), Global Research, 2017

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

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: **[Stephen Lendman](#)**

About the author:

Stephen Lendman lives in Chicago. He can be reached at lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net. His new book as editor and contributor is titled "Flashpoint in Ukraine: US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III."

<http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html> Visit his blog site at sjlendman.blogspot.com. Listen to cutting-edge discussions with distinguished guests on the Progressive Radio News Hour on the Progressive Radio Network. It airs three times weekly: live on Sundays at 1PM Central time plus two prerecorded archived programs.

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