

# **US Rejects "Resolution" in All Its War Theaters**

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Permanent war is longstanding US policy. Today it's military Keynesianism on steroids.

With all categories included, spending for militarism, warmaking, maintaining its global empire of bases, so-called homeland security, black budgets, and related areas is more than double official the so-called National Defense Authorization Act amount.

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) put global military spending at \$1.8 trillion dollars in 2018.

US military-related spending exceeds the rest of the world combined. Yet the nation's only enemies are invented. No real ones existed since WW II ended.

Last December, Trump said

"(o)ur boys, our young women, our men — they're all coming back (from Syria), and they're coming back now (sic)."

"We have started returning United States troops home (sic) as we transition to the next phase of this campaign," then-White House press secretary **Sarah Sanders** added.

In mid-December, Trump said all US forces would be out of Syria in 30 days, in January extended to 120 days.

At the time, a State Department official said there's "no timeline" for withdrawal of US troops from the country, adding:

"The president has made the decision that we will withdraw our military forces from Syria, but that it will be done in a deliberate, heavily coordinated way with our allies and partners."

US forces remain, no plans to withdraw them. Pompeo, Bolton, and their henchmen undermined a pullout.

The US illegally occupies about 30% of Syrian northern and southern territory, numerous Pentagon bases maintained in the country.

Last week, Fars News said US troops "are currently stationed at 18 military bases and centers in the occupied regions of Syria."

Along with CIA operatives and their proxies, there's no ambiguity about the mission of

Pentagon forces in all US combat and other theaters.

Along with propping up friendly despots, they're involved in toppling sovereign independent governments, wanting them replaced with pro-Western puppet regimes.

There's no prospect of ending hostile US involvement in Yemen, the second longest US war in modern times after Afghanistan.

Passed months earlier, Joint House/Senate Resolution 7 "to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress" was meaningless, achieving nothing.

In March, Pompeo falsely said

"(w)e all want (the Yemen) conflict to end (sic). We all want to improve the dire humanitarian situation (sic)," adding:

"But the Trump (regime) fundamentally disagrees that curbing our assistance to the Saudi-led coalition (sic) is the way to achieve these goals."

His remarks were code language for continued hostile US involvement in Yemen. He and Bolton undermined the notion of restoring peace and stability to the country.

Yemen's strategic location makes it important for the US, why war to gain and maintain control of the nation rages endlessly.

On Sunday, member of Yemen's Supreme Political Council **Muhammad Ali al-Houthi** tweeted:

"Washington opposes all parties that want peace, including Congress. That's why Adel al-Jubair (Saudi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs) and Turki al-Maliki (anti-Yemen coalition spokesman) say the war has been imposed on them" by US hardliners.

On Sunday, Iranian Foreign Minister Zarif slammed Pompeo's Big Lie, falsely claiming Iranian responsibility for strikes Saturday by Houthis on Riyadh's key oil and gas facilities, shutting down over half the nation's production for now.

"Having failed at 'max pressure,' @SecPompeo's turning to 'max deceit.' US & its clients are stuck in Yemen because of illusion that weapon superiority will lead to military victory," said Zarif.

"Blaming Iran won't end disaster. Accepting our April '15 proposal to end war & begin talks may," he added.

The US doesn't wage wars to quit, not since over a decade of Southeast Asia war ended in 1975. Forever wars replaced it, notably post-9/11.

US direct or proxy war on Iraq raged on and off intermittently since Jimmy Carter launched the Iran/Iraq war in September 1980 — nearly four decades of horrors inflicted on long-

suffering Iragis, continuing today.

US forces occupied the country in early 2003 with no intention of leaving, Iraqi puppet rule permitting it.

The same is true for Afghanistan, permanent occupation planned. Longstanding US policy aims to install pro-Western puppet rule in Iran, wanting control of Libya maintained the same way.

Transforming swords into plowshares is off the table in parts of the world where US wars rage — peace and stability considered anathema notions, equity and justice disdained the same way.

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