

## The Illusion of Conflict Resolution in Yemen. Several Hundred Thousand Yemenis Have Perished from War, Disease, Starvation and Overall Deprivation.

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Like numerous other endless conflicts, Yemen is Washington's war, waged for strategic interests, the Saudis and UAE involved for their own – along with aiding the US achieve its objectives.

There's nothing civil about war in Yemen. The notion of possible diplomatic resolution near-term is pure illusion. Fierce clashes continue.

In his days earlier address, Saudi king Salman lied, falsely claiming support for ending years of war – a notion he, crown prince Mohammad bin Salman, and Trump regime hardliners reject.

After suspending hostilities on Yemen's port city of Hodeidah days earlier, the country's humanitarian lifeline, a scheme to regroup, Saudi/UAE terror-bombing resumed intensively on Monday.

A UK Security Council draft resolution, calling on all parties to cease hostilities in Hodeidah and elsewhere in densely populated areas, along with permitting unhindered humanitarian aid to enter the country will accomplish nothing even if unanimously adopted.

Washington, NATO, the Saudis and their warrior partners flagrantly breach Security Council resolutions and other international laws, letting nothing stand in the way of pursuing their imperial agenda.

Years of US drone terror-bombing alone, greatly escalated by Trump, massacred countless thousands of defenseless Yemeni children and other civilians.

One Yemeni spoke for others, saying "(w)e live in fear. Drones don't leave the sky" – reigning death and destruction on the country and its people, along with US, Saudi, UAE terror-bombing, massacring countless thousands more.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is part of the problem, supporting Washington's imperial agenda like his predecessors while pretending otherwise. Weeks earlier UN statistics on Yemen turned truth on its head, claiming years of war killed 6,400 people, injuring 30,000 more.

Since Washington launched naked aggression on the country in late October 2001, hundreds of thousands of Yemenis perished from war, untreated diseases, starvation, and

overall deprivation.

Grossly understating casualty numbers by the UN secretary-general's office is a crime against humanity, a horrendous affront to millions of long-suffering Yemenis, victims of US imperial viciousness.

A months earlier statement by Guterres through his spokesman on Yemen was much like what he always says about US, NATO, and Israeli aggression – calling on all sides to show restraint, spare civilians, and resolve things diplomatically.

He pretends both sides of ongoing conflicts are evenly matched, ignoring naked aggression, failing to blame the US, NATO, Israel, and their imperial partners for their high crimes of war and against humanity too great to ignore.

Like most of his predecessors, he disgraces the office he holds, violating the UN Charter he's sworn to uphold.

The days earlier Houthi peace offering was genuine but unattainable because Washington, NATO, the Saudis, and UAE reject conflict resolution.

The horrendous human toll mounts exponentially daily. Save the Children conservatively estimated around 85,000 children under age-five perished from starvation and untreated diseases since early 2015 alone.

UNESCO earlier estimated over 50,000 children under age-five perishing annually since March 2015.

Western and other media-reported lowball figures are bald-faced lies, a way to greatly downplay one of history's great crimes, continuing daily in the country with no prospect for ending the carnage any time soon – nor in any other active US war theaters.

If US launched aggression continues years longer, along with blockade, millions of Yemenis may perish from starvation and untreated diseases alone.

Save the Children's Yemen director Tamer Kirolos said the following:

"We are horrified that some 85,000 children in Yemen may have died because of extreme hunger since the war began. For every child killed by bombs and bullets, dozens are starving to death and it's entirely preventable," adding:

"Children who die in this way suffer immensely as their vital organ functions slow down and eventually stop. Their immune systems are so weak they are more prone to infections with some too frail to even cry. Parents are having to witness their children wasting away, unable to do anything about it."

How many Yemeni deaths are too many? How many more raped and destroyed countries will it take to satisfy Washington's imperial appetite?

Is higher intelligence more a curse than blessing? Will technologically advanced weapons doom us all?

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