

# Did the Mueller Report Distract You? \$750 Billion Budget Increase for “National Security”

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*The drama that has played out in the mainstream media over the release of the Mueller report had us at the Black Alliance for Peace asking the question we always come back to: What are the ruling-class minions in media and government not discussing?*

We'll tell you: Congress is about to hand the president a \$750 billion budget increase for “national security.” Trump also vetoed the congressional bill that attempts to stop U.S. involvement in the Saudi-led war on Yemen.

Folks, don't let the Democrats play you.

These people—especially our mis-leaders in the Congressional Black Caucus—had the power to stop the war in Yemen when Obama was in office. (Indeed, this was Obama's war, as was the attack on Libya and the destabilization that destroyed parts of Syria.)

That's why it is so important we as African/Black internationalists attempt to re-develop our people's historic anti-war and anti-imperialist positions. Because when our folks are clear, we don't stand for these media charades.

BAP members have been in the streets and in alternative media broadcasts doing propaganda work to bring the message to our people.

For example, watch BAP member Jacqueline Luqman interview BAP Coordinating Committee members Vanessa Beck and Netfa Freeman on the connection between the U.S. militarization of Africa and the militarized occupation of African/Black communities in the United States. Watch [part 1](#) and [part 2](#).

BAP member Bilal Mafundi Ali joined more than 300 activists on a bus to Sacramento to lobby the California state legislature to pass the California Act to Save Lives (AB 392). The bill proposes easing the process of filing criminal charges against police officers when they use force in cases where de-escalation techniques could have been used. The bill passed the state Assembly's Committee on Public Safety and has moved to the Appropriations Committee. The Bay Area chapter of BAP spoke with activists about the connection BAP makes between U.S. wars abroad and the war on our people in the United States. People took to our message, as you can see from the collage below.



The U.S.-instigated crisis in Venezuela continues to morph. That is why BAP National Organizer Ajamu Baraka gave interviews to TeleSUR's ["From Washington"](#) and ["From Caracas"](#), as well as to [Mayadeen Programs](#).

We're proud BAP member organization [Pan-African Community Action](#) participated last week in securing the Venezuelan embassy in Washington, D.C. Brothers Netfa and Garrett and Sister Queshia gave a [presentation](#) on how the U.S. militarization of Africa is the flip side of the repression of U.S. African/Black communities.



We ask those of you in Washington, D.C., and those who can travel to the city, to [help occupy the Venezuelan embassy](#). The opposition has announced they plan to seize the embassy this week, as they have done with other Venezuelan buildings in the United States.

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