

Selected Articles: On the Brink of War?

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[Iran Takes 5th and Final JCPOA Rollback Step](#)

By [Stephen Lendman](#), January 08, 2020

It took years of negotiations to conclude the landmark JCPOA nuclear deal in 2015 between Iran and P5+1 countries (Russia, China, UK, France and Germany + the EU).

Adopted unanimously by Security Council Resolution 2231, the agreement became binding international law.

In May 2018, the Trump regime unlawfully pullout out, a mortal blow to the deal based on what followed.



[Come Home, America: Stop Policing the Globe and Put an End to Wars-Without-End](#)

By [John W. Whitehead](#), January 08, 2020

The U.S. military reportedly has more than *1.3 million* men and women on active duty, with [more than 200,000 of them stationed overseas](#) in nearly every country in the world. Those numbers are likely significantly higher in keeping with the Pentagon's policy of not fully disclosing where and how many troops are deployed for the sake of "[operational security and denying the enemy any advantage](#)." As investigative journalist David Vine explains, "Although few Americans realize it, the United States likely has [more bases in foreign lands than any other people, nation, or empire in history](#)."



[Iran's Hero Has Fallen, and Now the World Is an Even More Dangerous Place](#)

By [Andre Vltchek](#), January 08, 2020

It appears that all boundaries have been crossed. Washington and its NATO allies have lost all restraint, shame and decency. They actually never had much of those, but now they have almost none.

Everything appears to be primitive, as in a badly directed mafia film. If the rulers of the West do not like some country? In that case they simply attack it, starve and destroy it. As brutal as that. No U.N. Security Council mediations, no arguments, and no pretending that there should be some legal process.



[No Shame, No Honor, No Heart](#)

By [Renee Parsons](#), January 08, 2020

The entire world now knows, as reported by the NY Times, that President Donald Trump

[personally](#) “opted for the most extreme” option as he ordered the assassination of Iranian Gen. Qasem Souleimani. In an article entitled “[As Tensions with Iran Escalated, Trump Opts for the Most Extreme Measure](#),” the Times reported that “Top Pentagon military officials were ‘flabbergasted’ at Trump’s decision” even as the level of ‘imminent’ attacks on US personnel was speculative and unconfirmed. Other options identified were strikes on Iranian ships or missile facilities or against Iranian-backed militia groups in Iraq.



[Video: Trump Calls Upon Iran: “We Should Work Together”](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), January 08, 2020

US military facilities in the Middle East are vulnerable, including USCENTOM’s forward base at the al Udeid US Air Force base in Qatar which is de facto located in enemy territory. Since 2017, Qatar has become a staunch ally of Iran.

Military analysts now admit that in the case of a conflict with Iran [The Al-Udeid base in Qatar would be an immediate target](#). “The base’s defence system is said to be ill-equipped to defend itself against the low-flying cruise missiles and drones...” Al Udeid is America’s largest US Airforce base in the Middle East.



[On the Brink of War?](#)

By [Dr. Chandra Muzaffar](#), January 07, 2020

While the Trump administration has tried to justify the killing of Qassem Sulaimani in terms of his role in combating the American military presence in West Asia, it is indisputably true that he was also instrumental in the defeat of Al-Qaeda and Daesh and their affiliates in both Iraq and Syria — groups which the US leadership formally regarded as “terrorists.” If Qassem had an iconic stature in Iran and certain other countries in the region it was because of his success against terrorists inasmuch as his resistance to the Americans whom he saw as occupiers.



[Financial N-Option Will Settle Trump’s Oil War](#)

By [Pepe Escobar](#), January 07, 2020

The bombshell facts were delivered by caretaker Iraqi Prime Minister Adil Abdul-Mahdi, during an extraordinary, historic parliamentary session in Baghdad on Sunday.

Maj. Gen. Qasem Soleimani had flown into Baghdad on a normal carrier flight, carrying a diplomatic passport. He had been sent by Tehran to deliver, in person, a reply to a message from Riyadh on de-escalation across the Middle East. Those negotiations had been requested by the Trump administration.

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