

Friends Committee on National Legislation: Activists stand for peace and an end to starvation in Yemen

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Every week, peace activists stand at an intersection in the Milwaukee area in support of peace. This week the focus will be on ending the Saudi led war on Yemen which has caused mass starvation and which has been enabled by military assistance from the United States.

Activists will hold signs at the intersection of 27th and National. At 12:30 they will receive an update on conditions in Yemen from Nashwan Al Shargabi, a Milwaukee resident who has family in Yemen. They will also get an update from Roger Hansen on congressional legislation (H.J.Res. 87 and S.J.Res. 56) that will require the United States to end military support for the Yemen War. This legislation has bi-partisan support. In WI, all of the Democrats have co-sponsored it. But, so far, none of the Republicans have. We hope WI Republicans will join their colleagues from other states in co-sponsoring the legislation.

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The war has created one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world, and over 16

million people are on the brink of famine.

On Feb. 4, 2021, President Biden announced that the U.S. would end its support for the coalition's offensive operations in Yemen, but important aspects of U.S. complicity remain. This includes ongoing maintenance and intelligence sharing for warplanes conducting airstrikes and enforcing an air and sea blockade of Yemen.

Bipartisan majorities in both chambers of Congress passed a Yemen War Powers Resolution in 2019 to end U.S. support for the Saudi-led war. President Trump vetoed this resolution, but United Nations officials say that congressional action helped promote peace negotiations. Now, Congress has an historic opportunity to help end U.S. participation in one of the most devastating wars in the world.

We urge Congress to pass H.J. Res. 87 and S.J. Res. 56 to terminate unauthorized military involvement in the Saudi-led coalition's war and blockade. The War Powers Act must be invoked because:

- » **The war has led to a humanitarian disaster.** Nearly 24 million people are in need of emergency *assistance*.
- » **The war and blockade are killing Yemeni civilians.** The UN estimated that the Yemen war led to 377,000 deaths by end of 2021—nearly 60% of those due to indirect causes such as disruptions in access to food, clean water, and medicine.
- » **Yemen's children are being starved.** The UN warned in 2021 that 2.3 million children are suffering from acute malnutrition.