

# STOP ARMS SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA



Saudi Arabia, with strong U.S. support, has been competing with Iran for dominance in the Middle East. It allied with Israel to marginalize Iran and oppose JCPOA. Saudi Arabia:

- has a leading role supporting violent extremists in Syria
- has intervened in the Yemen civil conflict by bombarding the country
- can only conduct its campaign with massive logistical assistance from the U.S., with American bombs and other weapons
- is responsible for roughly two-thirds of civilian casualties in the war (UN)

According to the UN, thousands of civilians have been killed or injured in the fighting in Yemen, and hundreds of thousands of the country's children are suffering from cholera and hunger.

Yemen's suffering is the most serious humanitarian crisis in the world today.

# TAKE ACTION

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# END WAR WITHOUT END

Since October 2001, the US has been fighting the so-called "War on Terror" in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Libya, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. The result has been death, destruction, and more terrorism. President Trump has ordered ground troops to Syria, escalated the war in Afghanistan, dropped the Mother of all Bombs, has promised a \$54 billion increase in military spending and supported attacks on Yemen. He continues Obama's policies of bombing, drone strikes, and troop deployments all the while training and arming rebels in the Middle East.

## DO WE FEEL SAFER NOW?



WE ARE NO SAFER NOW THAN BEFORE 9/11  
#ENDLESSWAR #VOTEONWAR

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# SAVE THE IRAN AGREEMENT

The War without End has been justified by two Congressional resolutions enabling the use of military force. The first Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) was passed on Sept. 14, 2001, three days after the attacks of 9/11. That resolution was the basis for the US-led invasion of Afghanistan, which is the longest war in U.S. history. Because it was not deemed sufficient for an invasion of Iraq, a second authorization was adopted in October 2002.

The two authorizations have given the U.S. the ability to use force over a wide area for more than 16 years. They were the basis for the bombing of Libya in 2011. They justify the on-going air war in Somalia. In December 2016 President Obama declared that the AUMF justified the battle against ISIS in Iraq, Syria, or wherever else it exists. President Trump appealed to the same AUMF to support a plan to send additional U.S. troops to join the battle against ISIS in Syria, and may possibly invoke it in order to wage war against Iran.

The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) was signed in April 2015. It is a significant international agreement and was one of the greatest U.S. diplomatic feats. Through it, Iran has:

- Shipped out 98% of its enriched uranium
- Decommissioned 2/3rds of its centrifuges
- Agreed to the most extensive and technologically advanced inspection regime in history

The Iran Deal limits nuclear proliferation and has been vigorously defended by the European signatories and the UN. U.S. opposition to the agreement, however, has only made our world even more dangerous.

*"So let's not mince words. The choice we face is ultimately between diplomacy or some form of war – maybe not tomorrow, maybe not three months from now, but soon," (Obama, 2015)*

Despite its successful adoption in January 2016 and the JCPOA working exactly as intended, the Trump administration's decision to pull the US out of the Iran deal starting in May 2018, paired with their new sanctions on Iran in June 2019, are only escalating tensions and have put us on a path to war. Our job is to protect JCPOA, push back against dangerous threats of military force and calls for war, and advocate for diplomacy.



**#IranDeal**  
**#DiplomacyWorks**  
**#ReturnToTheIranDeal**  
**#NoWarWithIran**

## Congress Must Act on the AUMF

For nearly 2 decades, the United States has been in a perpetual state of war. Following the 9/11 attacks, Congress passed the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) which has been used nearly 40 times to justify U.S. military actions in 14 countries. Intended as an authorization for force against the perpetrators of the 9/11 attacks, the overly vague authorization, with no geographic limits or expiration date, has been stretched beyond belief. It is why an entire generation has grown up not knowing a time without war. For these reasons, repealing the 2001 AUMF has been, and remains, a top priority.

