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Stop the Unconstitutional War in Yemen

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“We believe that the American people, if presented with the facts of this conflict, will oppose the use of their tax dollars to bomb and starve civilians in order to further the Saudi monarchy’s regional goals.”

- **Congress has never authorized U.S. military involvement in the Saudi war in Yemen.**
- **The US has been involved for nearly 3 years** in refueling Saudi and UAE bombers and providing the Saudi-led coalition with weapons, intelligence and logistical support.
- **The Saudi-led war and blockade have plunged Yemen into the world’s largest humanitarian crisis** and the worst cholera outbreak in recorded history.
- **The War Powers Resolution requires the president to notify Congress** when U.S. armed forces are assigned to “coordinate, participate in the movement of, or accompany the regular or irregular military forces of any foreign country,” when they are “engaged or there exists an imminent threat that such forces will become engaged in hostilities.”

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WAR POWERS RESOLUTION SEC. 8. (c) *For purposes of this joint resolution, the term "introduction of United States Armed Forces" includes the assignment of member of such armed forces to command, coordinate, participate in the movement of, or accompany the regular or irregular military forces of any foreign country or government when such military forces are engaged, or there exists an imminent threat that such forces will become engaged, in hostilities.*

H. CON. RES. 81

Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from unauthorized hostilities in the Republic of Yemen.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM HOSTILITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN THAT HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

- (1) Congress has the sole power to declare war under article I, section 8, of the Constitution.
- (2) A state of war has not been declared to exist with respect to the conflict between forces led by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates against the Houthi-Saleh alliance in the Republic of Yemen.
- (3) United States Armed Forces have been involved in hostilities between Saudi-led forces and the Houthi-Saleh alliance, including through assisting Saudi and United Arab Emirates warplanes conducting aerial bombings in Yemen with selecting targets and by providing midair refueling services to such warplanes, amounting to millions of pounds of jet fuel delivered during thousands of Saudi and United Arab Emirates airstrikes.
- (4) According to the Department of State’s Country Reports on Terrorism 2016, the conflict between Saudi-led forces and the Houthi-Saleh alliance is counterproductive to ongoing efforts by the United States to pursue Al Qaeda and its associated forces under the Authorization for the Use of Military Force ([Public Law 107–40](#); [50 U.S.C. 1541](#) note).
- (5) No authorization for the use of United States Armed Forces with respect to the conflict between Saudi-led forces and the Houthi-Saleh alliance in Yemen has been enacted, and no provision of law authorizes the provision of midair refueling services to warplanes of Saudi Arabia or the United Arab Emirates that are engaged in such conflict.
- (6) The conflict between Saudi-led forces and the Houthi-Saleh alliance in Yemen constitutes, within the meaning of section 4(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution ([50 U.S.C. 1543\(a\)\(1\)](#)), either hostilities or a situation where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances into which United States Armed Forces have been introduced.

(b) REMOVAL OF ARMED FORCES.—Pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution ([50 U.S.C. 1544\(c\)](#)), Congress hereby directs the President to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen, except United States Armed Forces engaged in operations directed at Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula or associated forces, by not later than the date that is 30 days after the date of the adoption of this concurrent resolution (unless the President requests and the Congress authorizes a later date), and unless and until a declaration of war or specific authorization for such use of United States Armed Forces has been enacted.