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on CNN and MSNBC appeared in two key U.S. drone assassination center communities – Syracuse, NY and Fort Smith, AR - year-round, beginning in August 2018. (Sep 28, 2018)

“You may be coming to this website not knowing much about drone war. Or you may be a drone operator and know a great deal. Whatever your knowledge or experience, we hope that what you find here will help you understand that drone war – intensive, long-term aerial surveillance and killing by the military or police - is not about “fighting terrorism”. Instead, we will expose drone war as a new, extremely powerful, illegal process of repression and control being developed by the United States and other governments as our “leaders” compete to exploit human and material resources around the world. Its primary victims are poor, people of color who have no defense against drone attack. This is a time when the vast majority of us humans crave more freedom and more cooperation, not more killing. We hope to persuasively explain why there is no place for drone war in Earth’s future.” <https://www.knowdrones.com/>

Two examples of U.S. Drone Warfare:

YEMEN – The U.S. support for Saudi Arabia in its effort to control the Yemeni people extends back at least to 2001 and is related to the dependency of U.S. oil corporations and politicians on Saudi Arabia’s willingness to regulate the amount of oil it pumps so as to control prices on the world oil market in such a way as to maximize corporate profit while stopping short of backlash by the U.S. public. In July, 2018, President Trump called on Saudi Arabia to pump more oil, leading up to the 2018 mid-term elections.

AFGHANISTAN – That the U.S. military presence in Afghanistan is related to the wealth of minerals there is supported not only by the General Petraeus video commentary in our ad <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wvQJcMmPmsY> but also other sources, such as this article from the New York Times. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/25/world/asia/afghanistan-trump-mineral-deposits.html>. Since the U.S. started drone attacks in Afghanistan in 2001, U.S. weaponized drones have, as of January 1, 2017, reportedly killed at least 7,511 people in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia and Yemen, according to statistics supplied to Knowdrones.com by the Bureau of Investigative Journalism (BIJ).

Pakistan: 4,001; Afghanistan: 2,295; Yemen: 859; Somalia: 356 Total: 7,511

This is a gross underestimate of U.S. drone killings because the BIJ only began counting drone deaths in Afghanistan in 2015. There are also no comprehensive tallies of drone killings in Iraq, Syria or Libya, nations where the U.S. has been conducting extensive drone attack operations. U.S. drones have also attacked in the Philippines. (All above content obtained via KNOWDRONES website.)

WAR POWERS ACT: *“The Trump Administration must work to secure concessions from the Saudis to stop their brutal bombing campaign, ease their blockade of food and medicine, and end fresh assaults and military sieges on heavily populated centers,”* noted **Mark Pocan and Ro Khanna**.

“Recent remarks suggest the White House is sensitive to the increasing likelihood that majorities in both chambers of Congress will pass bipartisan measures to decisively end over three years of unauthorized U.S. participation in the Saudi-led war,” **Pocan and Khanna continued.** *“The War Powers Resolution of 1973 guarantees floor votes to both House Concurrent Resolution 138 and Senate Joint Res. 54, which would terminate U.S. logistical, intelligence, and midair refueling assistance to Saudi-led airstrikes within 30 days.”* <https://pocan.house.gov/.../celebrating-house-democratic-unity-reps-pocan-khanna-m...> It's time to do it!

