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There Is Hope for Peace on Earth!
The call went out and many nations throughout the world rose to answer.

by Marie Braun

Good news for the world to celebrate!
As 2021 draws to a close, we rejoice that this was the year that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) became international law. The landmark agreement, adopted by the United Nations in 2017, entered into force on January 22, 2021, at the beginning of the year. This treaty bans nuclear weapons, with the ultimate intention of eliminating them entirely.

“Without a doubt, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is the most promising development concerning nuclear disarmament since the nuclear age began more than 75 years ago,” said Timmon Wallis of BanNuclearUS. He goes on to say, “Nothing even comes close to the final and absolute rejection

of these weapons by a majority of the world’s countries.”

One hundred thirty-two countries initially adopted the treaty. As of this date, the 56 countries listed on the next page have ratified the treaty; 30 other countries have signed and await ratification.

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ACTION:

In the U.S., the Senate ratifies treaties. Encourage your friends to sign post-cards to Senators Klobuchar and Smith, asking them to support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Cards available at the Women Against Military Madness office. If you live in another state, please contact your U.S. senators.

Were you there in 1982?

The first meeting of Women Against Military Madness took place 40 years ago in January 1982. If you were there, we want to talk to you and collect your memories! Please contact the WAMM office: 612-827-5364 or director@wamm.me.

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Let's rejoice in this milestone victory championed by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) and supported by Women Against Military Madness, one of its member groups. There is exciting momentum to build on for peace on earth.

Marie Braun is a long-time active member of Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) and the chair of the WAMM End War Committee. She initiated the WAMM Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons.

PM: What's on Polly Mann's Mind? Afghanistan & Korea

by Polly Mann



Afghanistan – the Long War and Its Aftermath

To hear Western analysts, it might appear that the 20-year war on Afghanistan waged by the U.S. and its allies was a benign and beneficial effort to modernize the country, liberate Afghan women, and provide health care, education, and good jobs for the Afghan people, and that all this has been swept away by capitulation to the Taliban. But the truth is that the U.S. spent \$2.26 trillion on the war and the bulk of this sum went to maintaining the U.S. military occupation, dropping over 80,000 bombs and missiles on Afghans, paying private contractors, and transporting troops, weapons, and military equipment back and forth for 20 years.

Under pressure from the Biden administration, \$460 million in funds allocated by the International Monetary Fund that were scheduled to be sent to Afghanistan have been cancelled. The U.S. and other Western nations have also halted humanitarian aid to Afghanistan. After chairing a 67-nation summit on Afghanistan in August, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that withholding aid and recognition provided sufficient leverage

– “economic, political and diplomatic” – to affect Taliban policy.

Peace does not come easily – unfortunately for the Afghan people, who continue to suffer.

The U.S. war on Afghanistan has often been referred to as “the longest war,” but, in fact, Korea is the longest war. Although hostilities supposedly ended in 1953, a peace treaty was never signed to officially end the Korean War. Today, the U.S. maintains a military force of 28,500 personnel at bases in South Korea, as well as weaponry on land, air, and naval warships. The U.S. has also installed the THADD missile “defense” weapon system in South Korea, which is regarded as a potentially offensive system by China. In addition, on the basis that North Korea has an arsenal of nuclear weapons, the U.S. has been leading a war of economic sanctions against North Korea, which impact basic human needs of ordinary Koreans.*

Korea – the Longer War and Its Continuation

The San Francisco Chronicle of October 1st ran an interesting story about

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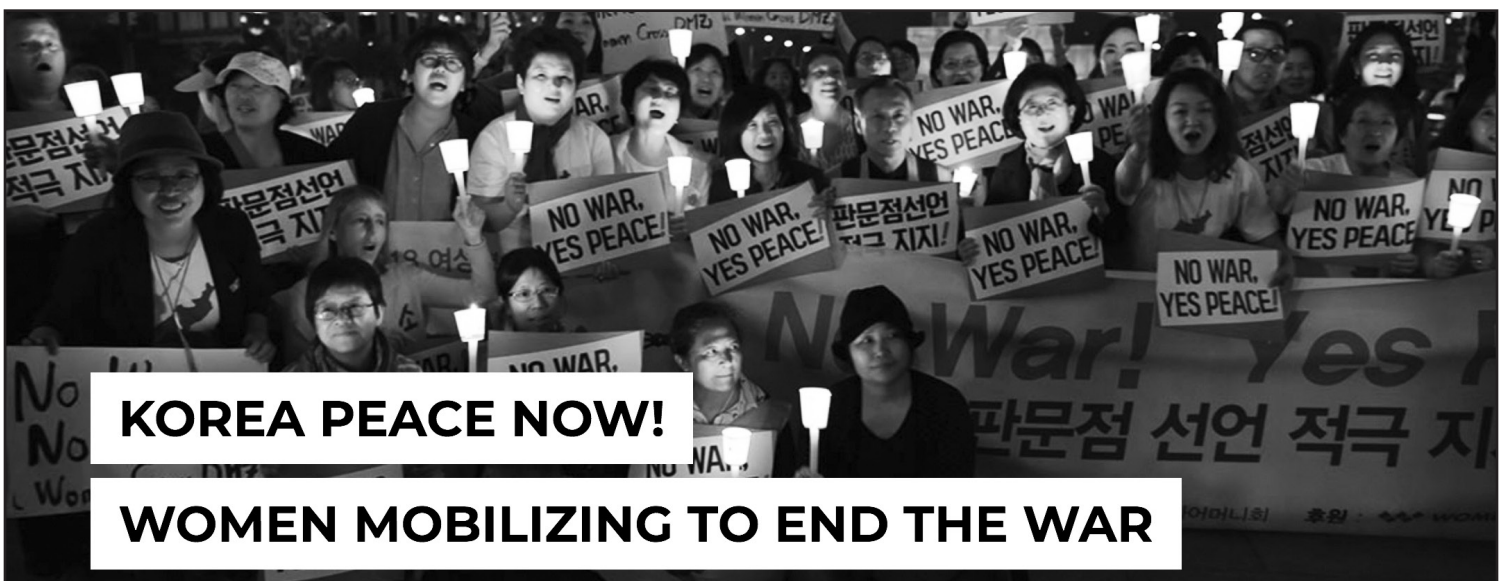
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Korea Peace Now holding a candlelight vigil. Image: koreapeacenow.org

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Kim Jong Un, the present-day leader of North Korea, and his nation's newly developed anti-aircraft missile, which was fired in the fourth round of missile tests conducted within six months. At the same time, Kim has been pushing to renew conditional talks with Seoul, expressing his willingness to hold communication with South Korea.

According to the Korean Central News Agency, the official state media of North Korea, Kim said the restoration of border talks in early October would realize the Korean people's wish for peace between the two Koreas.

Some experts say North Korea, in its quest to receive international recognition as a nuclear power, is pressuring South Korea to tone down its criticism of the missile tests, which are banned by UN Security Council resolutions.

U.S. officials are reported expressing hope for talks with North Korea but state that they will continue sanctions until the North takes concrete steps toward denuclearization. While announcing his intention to open communication with South Korea, Kim said the U.S. offer to talk was an attempt to hide America's "hostile policy and military threats."

Korea Peace Now, a global movement of women mobilizing to end the Korean War, commissioned a report, "The Human Costs and Gendered Impact of Sanctions on North Korea." Released in 2019, the report revealed that nearly 4,000 North Koreans had died and millions more were at risk due to the impact of U.S.-led sanctions creating delays and shortages in the flow of aid.

What is the way out of this? Peace is possible on the Korean peninsula.



Military bases on the Korean peninsula. Map: James Martin Centre for Nonproliferation Studies/Council on Foreign Relations

The way is already being led by grassroots activism. Korea Peace Now is a coalition of organizations and activists who have been mobilizing for the United States, North Korea, South Korea, and China to end the Korean War, sign a peace agreement, and include women in the peace process.

Polly Mann is a co-founder of WAMM and regular contributor to this newsletter. Mary Beaudoin contributed to this column.

ACTION:

Call your congressional representatives to support this legislation recommended by Korea Peace Now (In Minnesota, only Rep. Omar has co-sponsored):

H.R.3446, the Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act

H.R.1504, the Enhancing North Korea Humanitarian Assistance Act

S.690, the Enhancing North Korea Humanitarian Assistance

S.2688, the Korean War Divided Families Reunification Act

MORE INFO:

Korea Peace Now: (Koreapeacenow.org), a global movement of women mobilizing to end the Korean War and advocate for Korea. Toolkit, reports, news, events, actions.

Korean Quarterly: (koreanquarterly.org), a national publication based in the Twin Cities with news and information related to Korea.

Endnote

* For more information on THADD, see "PM: Nuclear Notes and a THAAD Story," by Polly Mann, Women Against Military Madness Newsletter, Vol.35, No. 5, 2017 tinyurl.com/27ys7sv7.

Now that the War Is Over: Man-made Crisis

The Afghan People Face Freezing and Starvation

The U.S.-led war on Afghanistan should never have begun, and we are glad that it ended. But the suffering is not over for the Afghan people. In the following essay pleading for the people of Afghanistan, Dominik Stillhart, director of operations for the Committee of the International Red Cross, describes the catastrophic conditions that Afghans face now, as well as the root causes of those conditions. He is honest about the fact that the situation is so enormous that solutions are beyond the capacity of humanitarian assistance, though providers do their best, because efforts to deliver aid are impeded by politically-motivated economic and financial restrictions. Stillhart also explains what must be done as tragedy looms:

I Am Livid

by Dominik Stillhart

I am livid. Pictures viewed from afar of bone-thin children rightly elicit gasps of horror. When you're standing in the pediatric ward in Kandahar's largest hospital, looking into the empty eyes of hungry children and the anguished faces of desperate parents, the situation is absolutely infuriating.

It's so infuriating because *this suffering is man-made*. Economic sanctions meant to punish those in power in Kabul are instead freezing millions of people across Afghanistan out of the basics they need to survive. The international community is turning its back as the country teeters on the precipice of man-made catastrophe.

Sanctions on banking services are sending the economy into free fall and holding up bilateral aid. Municipal workers, teachers, and

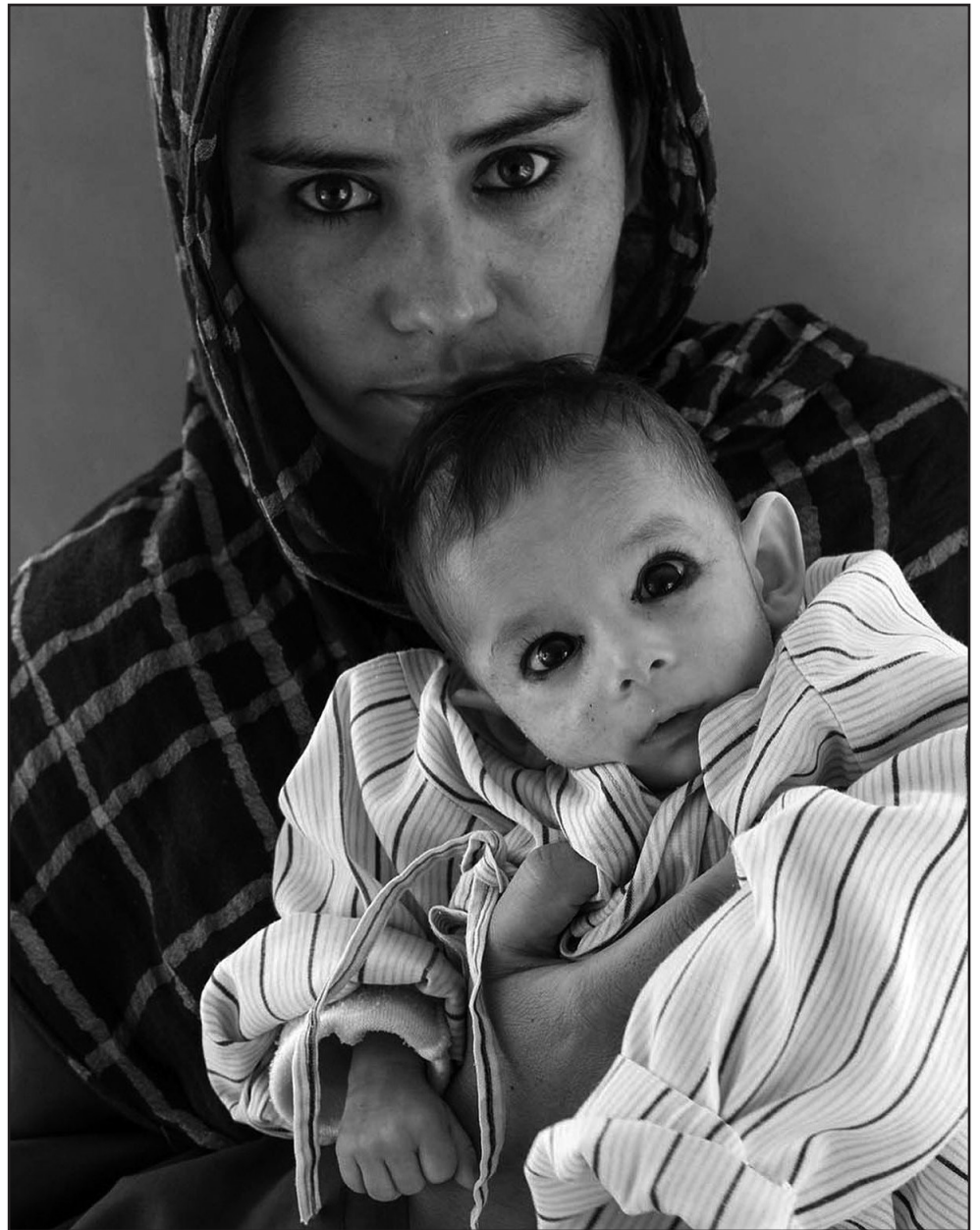
health staff haven't been paid in five months. They walk up to two hours to work instead of taking public transportation. They have no money to buy food; their children go hungry, get dangerously thin, and then die.

At the pediatric intensive care unit the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) supports at Mirwais Regional Hospital in Kandahar, the number of children suffering from malnutrition, pneumonia and

dehydration more than doubled from mid-August to September.

More broadly, severe and moderate global acute malnutrition is up 31% around Kandahar compared to the same period in 2020. Region by region the severity of child malnutrition can be up to three times the emergency rating. This is a serious food crisis even before the worst of winter sets in.

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Afghan mother and child. Photo: UNICEF

I Am Livid!

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New support for hospitals: Amid a sea of heartache is one small silver lining – the ICRC on Monday began supporting 18 regional and provincial hospitals and the 5,100 staff who work in them to help prevent total collapse of the public health system in Afghanistan. This support, slated to last six months, includes funding for running costs and medical supplies, and will ensure the continuity of nearly half a million medical consultations per month.

But it's not enough.

Drought, failed harvests, and the economic collapse are all driving the increase in malnutrition. Rising food costs are pushing proteins and other staples out of reach. As the harsh winter sets in with temperatures below freezing, the suffering will be immense as people lack the cash to heat their homes.

What must be done?

Stillhart continues:

First, states must engage with Afghanistan. This is the only way to prevent a total collapse of essential services like health care and education. Political considerations should not interfere with humanitarian action. A political solution must be found to avoid irreparable humanitarian consequences.

And this is technical but important. Foreign assistance to Afghanistan is currently put in question as donors ask themselves how they can comply with their legal obligations stemming from relevant UN Security Council resolutions. Simply put, some donors feel they can either comply with the resolutions and their own law – thereby denying life-saving assistance – or provide such assistance through

organizations such as the ICRC and others.

Suppliers and banking services will have similar impediments. The ICRC is calling for a clear carve-out for impartial humanitarian organizations engaged in exclusively humanitarian activities, and for its translation into domestic legislation. It is in everyone's interest to see humanitarian activities operating smoothly in Afghanistan.

Amid what we know will be a tragic winter, the ICRC will step up its response to the most urgent humanitarian needs, but humanitarian assistance is only part of the solution. The existing and projected needs are beyond any humanitarian organization's capacity to deal with or solve.

More than 22 million Afghans will face crisis or emergency levels of acute hunger between November and March 2022, according to the latest IPC report [Integrated Food Security Phase Classification tinyurl.com/mfmm38hx]. The desperation can be seen in the huge crowds lining up in front of banks at 5 a.m. in the hope that they can withdraw a little bit of cash.

The empty eyes of hungry children are not something one soon forgets. It makes my plea to the international community even more urgent: that it rapidly finds creative solutions to save millions of Afghans from deprivation and despair. Ultimately, this is in everybody's interest as it will help prevent Afghanistan from slipping back into conflict and violence, and help give Afghans more means to remain in their country.

~ *Dominik Stillhart*, Voltaire Network, www.voltairenet.org. November 22, 2021. Reprinted with encouragement from Voltaire Network.

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**U.S.
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IN 39
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The cynical decision to seize all of Afghanistan's assets is reported in the back pages of the business and financial news. *New York Times* reporter Alan Rappeport, in the business section wrote: "The United States and the international community are already shutting the flow of money, leaving Afghanistan in the stranglehold of sanctions that were designed to cut the Taliban off from the global financial system. Analysts say the looming shock threatens to amplify a humanitarian crisis in a country that has already endured years of war." (July 2, 2021) The U.S. has blocked access to Afghanistan's nearly \$9.5 billion in the Afghan's Central Bank's assets (*Al-Jazeera*, Aug. 18, 2021). The International Monetary Fund suspended plans to distribute more than \$460 million in emergency reserves to the country. . . The \$1.3 billion held in funds in euros and British pounds and by the Swiss-based Bank for International Settlements are also frozen. Funds from the agreement in November 2020 among six countries to send \$12 billion over four years for emergency relief to Afghanistan are frozen. . . Ajmal Ahmady, former acting governor of the Afghan National Bank, fled the country and tweeted safely from afar: "We can say the accessible funds to the Taliban are perhaps 0.1-0.2% of Afghanistan's total international reserves. Not much."
~ excerpted from Sara Flounders, "U.S. plans – sanctions and famine for Afghanistan," *Workers World*, August 24, 2021

The Doublethink and Newspeak of Release from Guantánamo

by Maj. Todd E. Pierce (Ret.)

Guantánamo prisoner Asadullah Haroon Gul, an Afghan citizen captured in 2007, might finally be released from Guantánamo after prevailing on his habeas corpus petition to Judge Amit P. Mehta. Under habeas corpus a detained person must be brought before a judge or court to allow his case for release be heard.

The judge issued an order stating that the U.S. Government *must* release him from Guantánamo imprisonment.* But then again, maybe he won't be released, even for another decade or more – a scenario which wouldn't be unprecedented. That could be the case if the legal theory of the U.S. Department of “Justice” (DOJ), working in conjunction with the CIA, controls the matter. In a recent oral argument made in the *Al Hela v. Biden* case before the D.C. Circuit Appellate Court, the response of the DOJ attorney to a question from a judge was classic doublethink and newspeak.

The DOJ attorney was asked if the government's position was that *Al Hela*, or any Guantánamo prisoner, after being found by a court to no longer present a threat, could be held “indefinitely.” The attorney answered: “And so I quibble with the word indefinitely. You know, we don't believe his detention is

indefinite. We don't know how long it will last because we don't know how long the hostilities will go on, but we do think we can hold him . . . he's been declared eligible for release but still found to pose a threat, and so we don't think there's any obligation under principles of the law of war . . . that would require us to release somebody who's held as an enemy combatant when we believe that he still poses a threat.”

So don't hold your breath waiting for Gul's release, even though a federal judge has ordered it. This case serves as proof that Guantánamo and its related proceedings do not meet the minimal standard of “a regularly constituted court, affording all the judicial guarantees which are recognized as indispensable by civilized peoples,” under Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions. Consequently, those proceedings and Guantánamo are themselves “war crimes,” unfolding before our eyes over the last 20 years, and counting.

Maj. Todd E. Pierce (Ret.) is a retired U.S. Army Judge Advocate officer, who served as defense attorney in the Military Commissions in defense of prisoners held at Guantánamo Bay. He continues to serve on an appellate case.

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The father and mother of Asadullah Haroon Gul have been waiting 14 years for the return of their son captured in 2007 and held in Guantánamo. Photo: Aftab Khan

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Counting how long Guantánamo has been open, and urging President Biden to close it.

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IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT
CHARGE OR TRIAL
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The Gitmo Clock displays the number of days that prisoners will have been held in Guantánamo prison as of January 11, 2022. Image: gitmoclock.com

ACTION:

Urge the immediate closure of Guantánamo Bay prison. Call on President Biden to “finish what President Obama started, to close Guantánamo for good. Insist that Congress stop making Guantánamo – and the fate of the men imprisoned there – into a cynical game of political maneuvering.” Also, call your congressional representatives and urge them to use their influence to close Guantánamo. See request at closeguantanamo.org. Use the automatic form at gitmoclock.org to send your message to Washington.

MORE INFO:

Close Guantánamo: closeguantanamo.org Lawyers, journalists, retired military personnel and concerned individuals conducting a campaign to close Guantánamo. Information and actions.

Andy Worthington: andyworthington.com: Information, updates, and related material on the prisoners remaining at Guantánamo.

Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Branded as Terrorist

to be clear they're not terrorist!

by Jenny Hartley

What if the U.S. government declared the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) a terrorist organization?

What if the U.S. government declared the Children's Defense Fund a terrorist organization?

What if the U.S. government declared the Equal Justice Initiative a terrorist organization?

What if the U.S. government declared Outfront Minnesota a terrorist organization?

What if the U.S. government declared the American Indian Movement (AIM) a terrorist organization?

What if the U.S. government declared the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) a terrorist organization?

Now imagine if six prominent Palestinian human rights groups were declared "terrorist organizations." On October 22, 2021, that is exactly what happened. According to Lara Friedman of the Foundation for Middle East Peace, this designation assigned by the Israel government "effectively outlaws the groups, criminalizes their work under Israeli law, and enables Israel to seize assets, arrest staff, prohibit funding, and punish public expressions of support and solidarity."¹

Disappointingly, this action by Israel has gotten little attention in the U.S. media.

The targeted nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) are: Addameer, Al-Haq, Defense for Children International – Palestine, the Bisan Centre

for Research and Development, the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees, and the Union of Agricultural Work Committees. These are some of the most highly respected and reputable human rights organizations working in Palestine. In a guest essay in *The New York Times*, Zena Agha, an Iraq-Palestinian writer and scholar with the Middle East Institute, said of these groups: "For over three decades, the groups' rigorous documentation, monitoring, data collection and international advocacy have been vital to revealing the reality on the ground, and they are often the first port of call for diplomats, the United Nations, and the wider international community that relies on them for assessments

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The Union of Palestinian Women's Committees protesting its designation by Israel as a terrorist organization.

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of what's happening in the occupied territories."²

Targeting these groups is part of a large ongoing effort by the Israel government that has been in play for decades to destroy and silence Palestinian civil society. But the tactics have escalated to the point where a broad definition of terrorism, originally enacted in Israel (The Israeli Counter-Terrorism Law of 2016), is broad and ambiguous.

The designation of "terrorist organization" has two major implications:

1. Funding: International organizations and individuals are reluctant – and sometimes unable – to support organizations labeled as "terrorist organizations." (*To be clear:* these Palestinian organizations are **not** terrorist organizations, but once such a label has been applied to an organization – whether or not it is appropriate – the damage has been done.)
2. The cascade effect: Similar organizations, inside and outside of Palestine, risk similar designations. It puts all of us who engage in Palestinian solidarity work on the defensive.

On October 28, 2021, U.S. Representative Betty McCollum introduced H. Res. 751 condemning the repressive designation by the government of Israel of the six prominent Palestinian human rights and civil society groups as terrorist organizations. In her press release introducing this resolution, the congresswoman stated:

"When a government uses the label of terrorist as a weapon to silence the work of human rights organizations and advocates who courageously

represent vulnerable people living under military occupation, it is a sign of incredible weakness more aligned with an authoritarian regime than a healthy democracy. Israel's decision to brand these prominent Palestinian civil society groups as terrorist organizations exposes the truth that Israel's occupation is violent, immoral, and unjust, and that peaceful efforts to defend the rights of Palestinian children, women, farmers, or prisoners must be declared illegal."³

For me, to date, this is one of the most egregious acts of the Israeli government, which receives \$3.8 billion per year from the U.S. Sadly this resolution, which should be a "no-brainer" for members of Congress to support, has only ten co-sponsors, as of this writing.

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ACTION:

Call to Thank:

Minnesota U.S. Congresswomen Betty McCollum (4th District) for introducing and Ilhan Omar (5th District) for cosponsoring H. Res. 751.

Rep. Betty McCollum:

651-224-9191

Rep. Ilhan Omar: 612-333-1272

In other congressional districts, please contact your representative and, if they have not already done so, ask them to sponsor H. Res. 751. The congressional switchboard will connect you to any member of Congress: 202-224-3121

OR e-mail:

Write a message to send directly through the website of your congressional representative or through the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC): tinyurl.com/ytrmfz8c.



Suha Jarrar (on right) spoke around the world about Palestinian rights and the freedom struggle and worked in legal research and advocacy with Al-Haq, designated a terrorist organization by Israel. Here with her mother Khalida Jarrar, the prominent Palestinian political leader, feminist, and parliamentarian who was imprisoned several times by the Israeli military occupation. Photo: Samidoun.net



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Defense for Children International-Palestine (DCI-Palestine) was labeled a terrorist organization by the Israeli government. Graphic from DCI-Palestine report, "No Way to Treat a Child."

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Jenny Hartley is a member of the Middle East Committee of Women Against Military Madness, Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel, and the Minnesota BDS Community.

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WAMM Calendar

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Ongoing Peace/ Justice Vigils

Pipeline Blues Vigil (formerly Stop Line 3 Vigil)

Every Monday, **note new time:** 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., outside Minnesota Governor's Mansion, 1006 Summit Ave., St. Paul.

Peace Vigil

Every Tuesday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the east side of the Franklin Avenue Bridge, Minneapolis. Sponsored by: Prospect Hill Neighbors for Peace. FFI: 612-379-7398.

Vigil to End War

Every Wednesday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge. Signs available on St. Paul side. Brief circle up for announcements after the vigil on St. Paul side. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Grandmothers for Peace Vigil

Every Wednesday, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. 50th Street and Halifax (1 block west of France), Edina. FFI: Call Marian Wright 612-927-7607.

Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine

Every Friday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., corner of Summit Avenue and Snelling Avenue, St. Paul. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Immigrant Solidarity Vigils

Second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 a.m.

In solidarity with immigrants and refugees to achieve justice, stand up to oppression. Vigil outside Bishop Whipple Bldg., 1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, St. Paul. FFI: Facebook: Interfaith Coalition on Immigration

Every Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

NO to family separation, deportation. Gather at ICE entrance, closest to Ft. Snelling light rail station. Vigil on Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis driveway entrance to ICE. FFI: Call Pepper at 612-701-6963.

WAMM Action Groups

Board Meeting

Third Tuesday of every month via Zoom, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Book Club

Times/dates pending. FFI: 612-827-5364.

End Domestic Militarism

Every other Monday via Zoom, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

End Military Madness Against the Earth

Time/dates pending. FFI: 612-827-5364.

End War

First Monday of every month via Zoom, 6:30 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Middle East

Second and fourth Monday of every month via Zoom, 9:30 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

St. Joan of Arc/ WAMM Peacemakers

Fourth Tuesday of every month via Zoom, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. FFI: Call Barbara 612-722-4444 or Bill 612-926-8459.

Solidarity Committee on the Americas (SCOTA)

Every Friday via Zoom, 10:00 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Tackling Torture at the Top (T3)

Second Wednesday of every month via Zoom, 10:00 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Ongoing Events

Grandmothers for Peace

First Wednesday of every month, 12:45 p.m. via Zoom. Justice issue programs for understanding our role in changing systems. FFI: 701-260-7566.

Middle East Peace Now

Usually second or third Saturday. Program 10:00 a.m. Location varies. FFI: Visit mepn.org.

WAMM Second Monday at the Movies

"Breaking Boundaries:

The Science of Our Planet, " Monday, December 13, 7:00 p.m., 4200 Cedar Ave. So., Minneapolis. What is the scientific climate crisis and what are solutions? This will be WAMM's first in-person event since the start of the Covid pandemic in March 2020. This event will not be available on line. Masks required. Social Distancing observed. Sponsored by the WAMM Movies and End Military Madness Against the Earth action groups and Veterans for Peace Chapter 27.

Special Events

Leaving World War II Behind book discussion

Sunday, January 9, 2022, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Registration: TBA. Call the WAMM office. Book by David Swanson of World Beyond War debunks the myths of the "good war" and attacks the arguments used to justify war. Books available at MayDay Books, 301 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. Some copies may be available at the WAMM office. Discussion hosted by WAMM Middle East Committee. FFI: 612-827-5364

WAMM 40th Anniversary Rally!

Sunday, January 16, 2022. Rally: 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., U of MN Armory, University Ave. SE and Delaware St. SE, Minneapolis. After-rally gathering: Mayday Books, 301 Cedar Ave. on the West Bank, Minneapolis. Join us to celebrate! See back page for details.

Access Zoom events through the Women Against Military Madness Calendar at womenagainstmilitarymadness.org and Women Against Military Madness Facebook. All events on CST zone.



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AFTER RALLY GATHERING:

FOOD, DRINKS AND A TOAST

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**Updates and more info:
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