

Some Current Faces of the Endless War

Since 1999 when our Sunday vigil began, passersby have asked us what “endless war” we’re talking about, what we mean by the phrase. Simply, we mean that the wars being fought and the injustices being perpetrated throughout the world and in this country are all parts of one war being waged on many fronts. Through military action, occupation, and genocide, adults and children continue to be slaughtered, maimed, traumatized, and driven from their homes everywhere so that enormous wealth and power can be concentrated in the hands of a very few people. Bigotry, discrimination, widespread economic injustice, and domestic repression serve the same goal of enriching the few at the expense of the many.

This “endless war” did not begin with the current administration, but it is now being pursued with no holds barred by the right wing MAGA movement in the United States and other authoritarian movements across the globe in a final, blatant attempt to consolidate power and destroy any semblance of democracy.

Here are just a few of its current manifestations.

In International Waters: Throughout September and October, the U.S. military has conducted over 15 strikes on vessels in the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific Ocean, claiming without evidence that they were carrying drugs to the United States. These strikes have reportedly killed more than 65 people on small boats from Venezuela, Colombia, and Ecuador. In addition to these drone strikes in the Caribbean, Trump openly states that he has authorized “covert” CIA operations within the borders of Venezuela. He has ordered B-52 bombers to fly just off the Venezuela coast and threatened a land war as well. This undeclared and illegal war-making is an escalation of a decades long U.S. government attempt to assert U.S. political, economic, and military dominance throughout the Western Hemisphere.

In Chicago, LA, New York, Baltimore, D.C. and cities across the country: In its bid to consolidate its illegal, authoritarian regime, the Trump administration is deploying ICE thugs and other federal agents to round up citizens and non-citizens (documented and undocumented) alike. People are being arrested, detained without due process, deported, and disappeared- just as they have been by right-wing dictatorships supported economically and militarily by the United States government for nearly 80 years. The Trump regime is trying to make our country over in the image of those dictatorships.

In Gaza: At least 211 Gazans have been killed by Israeli strikes since the U.S. brokered “ceasefire” on October 10.

As part of the ceasefire deal, 600 trucks of food, water, tents, medical supplies and other life-saving assistance are supposed to be entering Gaza every day. But according to humanitarian organizations such as Oxfam and others, since the current ceasefire began, Israeli authorities have arbitrarily rejected scores of shipments, with the result that only about 145 trucks, or 24 %, of those required to be admitted daily under the ceasefire agreement have been allowed in. (1)

The U.S. government continues to support the right-wing Netanyahu government of Israel through arms sales and direct military aid.

In the United States: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits relied upon by about 41.7 million Americans per month are being suspended due to the government shutdown, despite the existence of a \$6 billion contingency fund that the federal government is legally obligated to pay out in such an emergency. (2) The current Trump appointed Secretary of Agriculture, who oversees the US Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service, is refusing to do so. Children, the elderly, and the most vulnerable among our population are already beginning to suffer the consequences.

And...an escalated nuclear arms race: On Thursday, October 30, Trump announced to the world that the U.S. would begin underground nuclear testing for the first time since the end of the Cold War, when Russia, the United States and China declared a voluntary moratorium.(3) If this is carried out, the already critical hair-trigger danger of a nuclear war by accident or design will increase further as other countries also resume their own tests.

New Haven Sunday Vigil for Peace and Justice

<https://newhavensundayvigil.org>

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Resist this Endless War. Resist fascism now (before it's too late.)

(1)<https://www.oxfamamerica.org/explore/emergencies/gaza-and-israel-emergency-appeal/is-humanitarian-aid-getting-into-gaza/>

(2)<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/chart-gallery/chart-detail?chartId=55416>

(3) <https://www.npr.org/2025/10/30/nx-s1-5590818/trump-nuclear-testing>