

Another Endless War brought to you by lies and deception

1. It's not about Iran's nuclear program

“The US once again used the veneer of negotiations as a cover to bomb Iran. Tehran had just offered terms that went far beyond the 2015 nuclear deal. What was preempted was diplomacy. The same propaganda tactics used in the 2003 Iraq war.” (Jeremy Scahill, DropSite News journalist)

“President Donald Trump announced in the early hours of Saturday morning that the US has launched a massive military operation aimed at toppling the Iranian government...Israel, under the leadership of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, is taking part in the assault...Trump instructed Iranians to ‘stay sheltered,’ warning that ‘bombs will be dropping everywhere.’ People were seen seeking cover in Tehran as the US and Israeli bombs began to fall.

“The assault, dubbed ‘Operation Epic Fury’ by the Pentagon, comes days after the US and Iran took part in talks in Geneva, which Trump’s envoys characterized as ‘positive.’ In announcing military action on Saturday, Trump said falsely that the Iranian government has ‘rejected every opportunity to renounce their nuclear ambitions.’”

The mediator of these recent talks between Iran and the United States, Badr Albusaidi, Oman’s Foreign Minister, told CBS’ Face the Nation on Friday that Iran had committed to renounce the possibility of amassing “nuclear material that will create a bomb”—a pledge that Trump falsely claimed Iran refused to make as part of his justification for Saturday’s strikes. Albusaidi said that this agreement improved on the 2015 nuclear accord negotiated under President Obama, which Trump completely ditched during his first term in the White House. He said that the Iranians also committed to a plan of “full and comprehensive verification by the [International Atomic Energy Agency].”

(For the full content of these articles, see:

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/trump-bombs-iran?and>

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/oman-foreign-minister-iran-deal?>)

2. It's not about Iran's human rights violations

The Iranian government has a long history of vicious human rights violations. The history of the Western powers’ role in these violations (especially the roles of the United States and Britain) is equally long.

In 1951, Iran’s democratically elected prime minister, Mohammed Mossadegh, nationalized his country’s oil industry on the grounds that Iran should profit from its vast oil reserves, which had previously been under the exclusive control of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company (later known as British Petroleum.) Two years later, in 1953, the United States’ Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) undertook one of its first of many covert actions to topple a foreign government, overthrowing Mossadegh and ushering in more than two decades of dictatorship under the Shah. For 26 years, Iran purchased billions of dollars in weapons from the United States while the CIA helped to establish and continued to train the Shah’s secret police force, SAVAK, which hunted down, tortured, and murdered dissident Iranian citizens in their own country and throughout the world. The predictable anti-American backlash led to the Shah’s overthrow in 1979 and the rise of the brutal, militant religious dictatorships that have governed the country since then. *(For more information, see:*

<https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/tdih/iran-coup/>; and Stephen Kinzer, *All the Shah’s Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror*.)

Trump and the people propping him up want “regime change” in Iran in order to install a government that is once again fully compliant with the interests of US empire (which coincide directly with the interests of the global oligarchy) in the Middle East. They do *not* want and *will not* tolerate a people’s uprising that could create a democratically elected system. This new war is part of a larger effort to increase repression and consolidate their power within the United States and to further their movement toward authoritarianism and fascism both at home and abroad.

RESIST this endless war. REMOVE the Trump regime.

Resist fascism now (before it’s too late.)

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