

## ***The Iran War Is Unfathomably Depraved***

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***Are we able to confront the full sickening evil of what the U.S. is doing? (Read entire article at: <https://www.currentaffairs.org/news/the-iran-war-is-unfathomably-depraved>)***

In the first hours of the U.S.-Israeli war against Iran, up to 175 young children and school staff were blown to pieces at an elementary school. Others were maimed and burned and will be suffering from their injuries for the rest of their lives. Witnesses describe scenes of unfathomable horror, with limbs and blood strewn across classrooms: “People were pulling out children’s arms and legs. People were pulling out severed heads.”

This was not the only massacre carried out by the U.S. and Israel in a war that has been going on just a few days. The Human Rights Activists News Agency reports that there have already been over 1,000 civilian deaths in Iran, including 181 children under the age of ten, with thousands more civilians injured. *DropSite* reports on the nauseating scene in a middle-class Tehran neighborhood following a “double tap” strike (dropping one bomb first, and then dropping another on the survivors and emergency responders, a favorite war crime of the U.S. and Israel).

### **Where our money goes**

If you are an American, you paid your government to murder those little girls and those Tehran cafe-goers in the form of federal income taxes. If the attack was conducted with a Tomahawk missile (of which 400 were fired in 72 hours), that money would have been paid to the RTX Corporation (formerly Raytheon). **The killing of the Iranian schoolgirls, which left their bloody backpacks and tiny severed limbs scattered across classroom floors, transferred hundreds of thousands of dollars from American taxpayers into RTX’s bank accounts.**

### **A pack of lies vs. the real history**

The Trump administration can’t even get its story straight on why the war is being waged and has produced no justification beyond vague invocations of National Security. In fact, it’s the U.S. that has been a threat to Iran, not the other way around. It was the United States and Britain that overthrew Iran’s legitimately elected leader, Mohammad Mosaddegh, in 1953. Since 1979, when the Iranians ousted the dictator (the Shah) that the U.S. had helped install and maintain in power, the U.S. has had a virtually unremittingly hostile

attitude toward Iran.- not because of that government’s (very real) human rights abuses, since the U.S. is happy to support human rights abusing states that are pliant and servile (see, e.g., Saudi Arabia and Egypt). But Iran is viewed as a threat to U.S. dominance in the Middle East. Thus, in the 1980s, the U.S. supported Saddam Hussein’s war of aggression against Iran, killing hundreds of thousands of Iranians including with chemical weapons. More recently, the U.S. and Israel have tried to destabilize the country through devastating cyberattacks [and] economy-wrecking sanctions explicitly aimed at harming civilians.

### **Sabotaging diplomacy**

[In the case of this war], the Trump administration sabotaged diplomacy. Oman, which was mediating the ongoing talks between the U.S. and Iran, saw “the most promising diplomatic opening in years” and thought “diplomacy was producing tangible results and that a negotiated settlement was imminent.” [But] Trump’s position is that there is nothing to negotiate: the only choice is whether a country is willing to comply with U.S. demands, or whether we will have to use force to ensure their compliance.

### **Endless conflict and its consequences**

If a president has the power to wage a relentless bombing and assassination campaign without Congressional approval, the Constitution simply ceases to mean anything. [This war also] violates international law [which Trump says he doesn’t need and is not bound by.]

The costs to this country are only just beginning. Of course, if you’re an RTX shareholder this may be a bonanza, but the rest of us are likely to see major economic disruption. Worse, military action has catastrophic climate consequences, since the U.S. war machine is the world’s biggest polluter and the carbon emissions of our vast, brutal empire are driving us toward ever-worsening climate catastrophe.

When the fallout in cost, lives, and global chaos begins to come home, perhaps Americans will turn once and for good against their warmongering president. But it is hard for me to think hopefully right now. All I can feel is horror and rage at the sociopaths willing to do such things, who claim to want peace while ensuring that humanity will be consigned to a future of endless, senseless conflict.

***Resist this endless war. Resist fascism now (before it’s too late.)***

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