



US Ally, Saudi Arabia, Is Using Child Mercenaries to Fight in Yemen

Saudi Arabia, allied with the US and United Arab Emirates, is using child mercenary soldiers from Sudan to fight its war in Yemen, claiming that they are battling to rescue Yemen from the Houthis who the Saudis say are backed by Iran.

The Saudis entered Yemen in early 2015 and subsidized 14,000 Sudanese mercenaries to fight, often on the front lines, receiving commands remotely by radio, in places UAE officers do not dare to go. People in Sudan struggle for survival, and males, including children, are paid to fight as mercenaries. Some humanitarian organization estimates now put the total civilian death toll in Yemen at over 70,000.

Over a year ago we reported on the fact that the Saudi-US-UAE coalition in Yemen has been increasingly reliant on foreign mercenaries, including even officers, from Sudan to execute its three-year long ground war against Shia Houthi rebels as coalition jets pounded urban areas from the skies. As this was long before the brutal Jamal Khashoggi killing at the hands of the Saudis, we were among a tiny handful that bothered to cover it – aside from a few Middle East outlets – significantly before western mainstream media suddenly “discovered” the tragedy unfolding in Yemen, a Saudi-driven conflict the UN has belatedly called “the world’s worst

humanitarian crisis”.

But Khashoggi's death and crown prince MbS' new pariah status means *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *CNN*, and others have finally decided to spotlight Yemen and dig into inconvenient truths of the war at a moment the United States has pledged to greatly lessen its role and as the US Senate is scrutinizing American involvement, including the Pentagon's recently halting its aerial refueling program to Saudi-UAE jets. What does the latest NYT coverage find? The Saudi coalition – made up of America's closest Middle East allies – is sending child mercenaries from Darfur to the front lines of the Yemen war.

Human Rights Watch: “The Saudi Arabia government has been outsourcing the ground war in Yemen to Sudanese men and boys from Darfur.” Image via Tasnim.

According to the *Times* report:

Led by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the Saudis say they are battling to rescue Yemen from a hostile faction backed by Iran. But to do it, the Saudis have used their vast oil wealth to outsource the war, mainly by hiring what Sudanese soldiers say are tens of thousands of desperate survivors of the conflict in Darfur to fight, many of them children.

At any given time throughout the past almost four years of war (the Saudis entered Yemen in early 2015), some 14,000 Sudanese mercenaries have been fighting alongside pro-Saudi forces, often on the front lines in places their UAE officers won't dare to go.

For families in war-torn Sudan, the Saudis' deep pockets and lucrative payment offers to send their young to fight in Yemen has proven irresistible given no other means of survival, according to the story of one such family:

Then, around the end of 2016, Saudi Arabia offered a

lifeline: The kingdom would pay as much as \$10,000 if Hager joined its forces fighting 1,200 miles away in Yemen.

Hager, 14 at the time, could not find Yemen on a map, and his mother was appalled. He had survived one horrific civil war – how could his parents toss him into another? But the family overruled her.

“Families know that the only way their lives will change is if their sons join the war and bring them back money,” Hager said in an interview last week in the capital, Khartoum, a few days after his 16th birthday.

Noticeably, unlike all prior scant reporting on Yemen, the New York Times actually features Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman’s name front and center as responsible for such evils and injustice.

The Saudi Arabia government has been outsourcing the ground war in Yemen to Sudanese men and boys from Darfur—turning many into child soldiers—paying impoverished people and directing them by radio so no Saudi soldiers need to be on the ground in Yemen. <https://t.co/XcKQaTcJDxpic.twitter.com/2AfrMHuEaC>

– Kenneth Roth (@KenRoth) December 29, 2018

Most Americans might be forgiven for having no clue what the war in Yemen actually looks like, especially as Western media has spent at least the first three years of the conflict completely ignoring the mass atrocities taking place while white-washing the Saudi coalition’s crimes. Unlike wars in Iraq, Libya, and Syria, which received near daily coverage as they were at their most intense, and in which many Americans could at least visualize the battlefield and the actors involved through endless photographs and video from on the ground, Yemen’s war has largely been a faceless and nameless

conflict as far as major media is concerned.

Aside from mainstream media endlessly demonstrating its collective ignorance of Middle East dynamics, it is also no secret that the oil and gas monarchies allied to the West are rarely subject to media scrutiny or criticism, something infamously demonstrated on an obscene and frighteningly absurd level with Thomas Friedman's prior fawning and hagiographic interview with Saudi MbS published in the Times.

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UK Parliament Declared Theresa May's Government in Contempt for Hiding Legal Advice About Brexit

Theresa May withdrew her proposed Brexit deal before it could be voted upon because she knew it would fail because of its unpopularity – so much so that she tried to keep the damning legal advice from the attorney general about the deal hidden from parliament. That caused Theresa May's government to be declared in contempt of parliament. As bad as the proposed

deal was, her 'divorce' agreement, as it has been called, is even worse. It will cost the UK \$50-billion and keeps the immigration floodgates open until 2022. The UK still is scheduled to break from the EU on March 29, 2019, but Theresa May and other globalists in high places are hard at work pursuing ways to clog the machinery so badly that another referendum will seem acceptable to the public. [The commentator for this source does not represent the views of *Need to Know News*, but we believe that this analysis is the most accurate of all that currently are available.] -GEG



Tesla Technology Is Being Revived in Milford, Texas

Milford, Texas: A Tesla tower designed to generate wireless energy has been built by Viziv Technologies and now is operational. In 1902, at Wardenclyffe, New York, Nikola Tesla built a 187-foot tower that reportedly could transmit wireless messages and pictures. It is believed that, instead of providing free electricity to the masses, as was Tesla's goal, much of his technology was weaponized by the military. The Milford tower will utilize what is called the Zenneck Surface Wave, which is an electromagnetic wave that uses the surface of the earth as a wave guide enabling it to carry either communications signals or electrical power over long distances. The Viziv company is closely tied to the military. -GEG