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## Q&A with Margaret Kimberley **Prejudicial: Black America and the Presidents**

As we fast approach the 2020 presidential elections, Women Against Military Madness presents a Q&A with Margaret Kimberley on her new book (*Steerforth Press, 2020*) examining U.S. presidents from a Black perspective—a focus that should be of interest to all. Kimberley is the co-founder, senior editor and columnist of Black Agenda Report, a member of the coordinating committee of Black Alliance for Peace, and serves on the Administrative Committee of United National Antiwar Coalition.

**Q: Why did you decide to write this book?**

**A:** *Prejudicial: Black America and the Presidents* presents 45 essays, one for

each presidency, that analyze the history of Black people as they attempt to navigate a political system which is inherently hostile to their existence. Chattel slavery was defeated after 200 years of European settlement only to be followed by nearly 100 years of Jim Crow segregation, and now 50 years of varying degrees of reaction. The presidency is a long history of betrayals punctuated by progress only when brought about by the action of the people themselves.

This book is the result of a *Black Agenda Report* column (I'm a co-founder and editor and senior columnist at that site)

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Margaret Kimberley



# NEWSLETTER

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## Margaret Kimberley

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that I wrote in 2014 about Theodore Roosevelt. I watched a PBS documentary about the Roosevelt family that was not surprisingly a paean to its subjects. But I was struck by the fact that as usual Roosevelt's very open bigotry was omitted and I felt moved to write about his white supremacist beliefs, the war against the Philippines, and his unjust court-martial of black soldiers in Brownsville, Texas. A friend and supporter of *Black Agenda Report* urged me to write about all of the presidents and I began this journey.

### Q: Who do you see as the audience for the book?

**A:** *Prejudicial* obviously appeals to anyone interested in American history in general, and Black studies and presidential history in particular.

### Q: Much has been written about presidents beginning with Washington up through Trump today. Given the vast amount of information about presidents, how did you approach the subject?

**A:** The information I researched is readily available to anyone who looks for it, although that is easier said than done.

The subject matter is a contentious one and scholars have hidden much of the information I present. Most people want to feel positive about their country and its leadership. That is a problem, because most historians feel that way too. My area of interest meant that I had to take special care to decipher what others had written before me. Most historians are system affirming people and don't want to give great attention to anything which casts a blemish on notions of American superiority.

Biographies of the twelve slave-holding presidents will say that the human beings they enslaved as property were well treated and say little else about their

lives or why slaveholding was a path to success. It is up to a discerning writer to build on that information and reveal what others may want to ignore.

American history, as traditionally taught, is full of the ideology of exceptionalism. Donald Trump's recent speech advocating "patriotic education" is in fact a return to the norm. Books like *Prejudicial* are still the exception and are often relegated to the label "alternative history," a term which inherently disregards the idea that the historical narrative should ever be challenged.

**Q: It's in the public consciousness now that Washington and Jefferson were slaveholders, and of course everyone is familiar with Lincoln on some level, but your book provides insight with a deeper look of enormous importance to U.S. history. Are there also presidents, other than the more familiar ones, that have had significance for race in the U.S.?**

**A:** I give attention to each president, including the more obscure office holders such as Millard Fillmore, who signed the Fugitive Slave Act of 1851 into law, and James Buchanan, who actively colluded with the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case which deprived all Black people of citizenship rights. [Note: *The Dred Scott case is of particular interest to Minnesotans as it was based on a man challenging his enslavement when he was brought by a soldier to Ft. Snelling, located in what is now the Minneapolis/St. Paul area where the murder by police of George Floyd sparked uprisings that extended across the United States under Donald Trump's presidency in 2020.*]

The 2020 election is just the latest example of the trap that the political duopoly presents for Black voters, whose choices are narrowed by the need to protect the party they see as being more supportive or even merely less harmful to their interests. But in foreign policy Trump and Biden differ very little. They

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compete with one another to see who can express more bellicosity towards China and perhaps move from hybrid war to a hot war between nuclear nations, which could, at best, trigger a horrific nuclear winter and, at worst, easily result in the destruction of the whole earth.

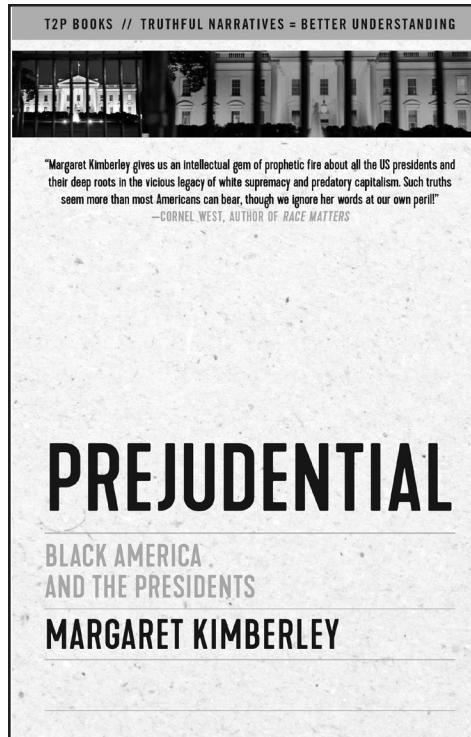
**Q: With the other concerns that all voters have—and Black voters specifically—healthcare, jobs, police brutality, education, surviving the pandemic, why are the foreign policies of the presidents of interest?**

**A:** Foreign policy has always been of interest to Black voters who debated along with the rest of the country various wars and interventions. The war against the Philippines at the turn of the 20th century is one example of this dynamic. Some argued for patriotic support which might improve the lot of Black people, while activist and writer Ida B. Wells-Barnett cautioned that the age of lynch law was no time to be in favor of imperialism.

**Q: Why is it important for activists and others seeking justice to have an understanding of history from a Black perspective?**

**A:** Activists yearning for justice must know their country's history and must actively seek out information which helps them understand why domestic injustices, wars, and interventions continue. The plight of Black people explains quite a lot about this country's politics. This nation was founded as a settler colonial state, and as such will not change absent revolutionary thought and action. Reading a book like *Prejudential* is a necessity for anyone who wants to be part of that transformation.

You can hear Margaret Kimberley on Black Agenda Radio and see more of her writing at Black Agenda Report. Contact information: [margaret.kimberley@blackagendareport.com](mailto:margaret.kimberley@blackagendareport.com)



*Prejudential: Black America and the Presidents* is available in the Twin Cities at May Day Bookstore, 301 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, 55454 (Phone: 612-333-4719), where new books are 15 percent off all the time. To obtain this book outside the Twin Cities, order at [tinyurl.com/y5b9u7fr](http://tinyurl.com/y5b9u7fr) through bookshop.org, an independent source. Also available in electronic form from various sources.

### FURTHER RESOURCES:

**Black Agenda Report:** News, commentary, and analysis from the Black left. Includes Black Agenda Radio [agendareport.com](http://agendareport.com)

**Black Alliance for Peace:** Anti-war, anti-imperialist, and pro-peace alliance. Through education and action campaigns, BAP works to oppose both militarized domestic state repression and the global policies of de-stabilization, subversion, and the permanent war agenda of the U.S. state. [Blackallianceforpeace.com](http://blackallianceforpeace.com)



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# Support the Philippine Human Rights Act

On September 17, 2020, Representative Susan Weld of Pennsylvania introduced the Philippine Human Rights Act to the U.S. House of Representatives. (It is now supported by 25 co-sponsors, including Representatives Ilhan Omar and Betty McCollum of Minnesota.)

This bill would force the U.S. government to respond to gross human rights violations in the Philippines by stopping assistance to the country's police and military.

The Philippines, under President Rodrigo Duterte, has a history of human rights violations including a brutal war on drugs that has claimed tens of thousands of lives, a crackdown on the media and freedom of speech, and numerous politically motivated arrests and extrajudicial killings. Since the onset of COVID-19, human rights of Filipinos have further deteriorated. UN High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet, along with organizations such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, has raised

serious questions about Duterte's "highly militarized response" to the current public health crisis. Recent reports indicate a 50 percent increase in war-on-drugs killings during the response to COVID-19.

While the Philippine police continue to commit abuses against civilians, the shutdown on May 5th of the largest media broadcasting company (ABS-CBN) and harassment of Rappler, an online news outlet, may foreshadow re-implementation of nationwide martial law. Rappler CEO Maria Ressa, a 2018 *Time Magazine* person of the year, is facing eight different criminal and civil charges brought by government prosecutors. It is noteworthy to recall that the last time such drastic measures were taken to censor the media was during martial law under the dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos in the 1970s-'80s.

The military and police continue to target those who protest against Duterte and his policies. This includes "red-tagging," a highly arbitrary tactic whereby members of the military publicly post lists of those deemed as dissenters. Human rights activists, community leaders, legal rights defenders, journalists, and religious and tribal leaders are accused of being members of the communist New People's Army. Some have been harassed, threatened, arbitrarily detained, and even killed by security forces and government-backed paramilitaries.

Among the victims is journalist Brandon Lee, a U.S. citizen who was reporting on human rights abuses that were targeting environmental activists. He was shot and critically injured. On the Philippine island of Negros, joint police and military operations have resulted in mass

by Paul Bloom and Tim McGloin

killings of farmers and human rights defenders. Ongoing intimidation, harassment, and killings of indigenous leaders and communities have continued throughout the archipelago.

On July 3, Philippine President Duterte signed the Anti-Terrorism Act —a law that Amnesty International has called "yet another setback for human rights." The law appears to be a pretext to target perceived political opponents. The law creates a new Anti-Terrorism Council, consisting of members appointed by the president, that would permit the authorities to arrest, without a judicial warrant, people it designates as "terrorists" and to detain them without charge for up to 24 days before they must be presented before a judicial authority.

Despite all the evidence of human rights violations in the Philippines, the U.S. continues close military cooperation with the Duterte administration, including the transfer of weapons under the U.S. State Department Foreign Military Financing program, as well as enabling the direct sale of weapons. In May, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency in the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) authorized two possible sales of heavily armed attack helicopters which includes Stinger and Hellfire missiles. One offer is priced at \$1.5 billion and the other \$450 million. In August, DoD authorized a \$126 million sale of high-speed patrol boats and 126 machine guns.

All of these proposals include a mention of "offsets," meaning that to make these sales work for the Philippines, the U.S. taxpayers will likely have to pay much of the bill.

The Philippine Human Rights Act

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A 2018 TIME Magazine Person of the Year and "Guardian in the War on Truth," Rappler editor Maria Ressa, an outspoken critic of President Duterte, faces politically-motivated criminal charges in the Philippines.

## **Phillipine Human Rights Act**

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(PHRA), HR 8313, blocks U.S. funds for police or military assistance to the Philippines, including equipment and training, until such time as human rights conditions are met. Specifically, to lift restrictions set by the bill, the Philippines must meet the following conditions:

1. investigate and prosecute members of the military and police forces who are credibly found to have violated human rights
2. withdraw the military from domestic policy
3. establish protections of the rights of trade unionists, journalists, human rights defenders, indigenous persons, small farmers, LGBTI activists, and critics of the government
4. take steps to guarantee a judicial system that is capable of investigating, prosecuting, and bringing to justice members of the police and military who have committed human rights abuses
5. fully comply with any and all audits or investigations regarding the improper use of security aid.

The bill is supported by a coalition of labor and faith groups including The International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines (ICHRP), Communications Workers of America, the AFL-CIO, SEIU, Teamsters, AFT, Ecumenical Advocacy Network on the Philippines, United Church of Christ – Global Ministries, United Methodist Church – General Board of Church & Society, Ecumenical Advocacy Network on the Philippines, Migrante USA, Gabriela USA, Anakbayan USA, Bayan-USA, Franciscan Network on Migration, Pax Christi New Jersey, Kabataan Alliance, and National Alliance for Filipino Concerns.



*Sales to the Philippine military of attack helicopters with Hellfire and Stinger missiles, Advanced Precision Kill Weapons Systems, and Honeywell Global Positioning were preapproved by the U.S. Security Cooperation Agency, but are pending U.S. Congressional approval. Photo: Lance Cpl. Sean M. Evans, U.S. Marine Corps*

The legislation will only be enacted into law if it receives broad and popular community support. As of this writing, the bill has 25 co-sponsors, but more bipartisan support is needed.

*Paul Bloom is a member of the Philippine Study Group of Minnesota and co-coordinator of the Ecumenical Advocacy Network on the Philippines. Tim McGloin is the co-coordinator of the Ecumenical Advocacy Network on the Philippines.*

### **ACTION & INFO:**

**Urge your congressional representatives to co-sponsor the Philippine Human Rights Act, HR 8313.**

Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar: (202) 224-3244 or (651) 727-5220; website: klobuchar.senate.gov

Minnesota Senator Tina Smith: (202) 221-1016 or (651) 221-1016; website: smith.senate.gov

Outside the state of Minnesota: Reach your senator through the Congressional switchboard, Washington, D.C.: (202) 224-3121, or go to your senators' websites.

It is especially important to contact those on the Foreign Affairs and Financial Services Committees, as this is where the bill is at this time, and it needs to be moved to the next stage of the legislative process.

**Follow the progress of the bill:** congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8313.

**For the long-term struggle:** Share this with your contacts and network to engage more people.

# Protest at General Mills: “No to U.S. Dough for the Occupation of Palestine!”

Processed-food megacorporation General Mills, headquartered in Minnesota, is “heartbroken over the murder of George Floyd” according to its website, and has called for police reform. The corporation has a history of celebrating Martin Luther King with a holiday breakfast (since 1991), raising \$6 million for the United Negro College Fund, and conducting an assertive racial equity program to attract and retain employees of color, including in managerial and board positions. But now it says it has more work to do and has embarked on community outreach programs in its “commitment to racial equity in being a force for good.” And, according to its website, it has a sense of “global responsibility” helping people and the planet with programs in other parts of the world, far from its Minneapolis corporate headquarters.

But apparently this corporate magnanimity and desire for racial equality does not extend to Palestinians. In February of 2020, the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights listed General Mills among corporations that are in violation of UN Security Council Resolution 2334, which condemns Israeli settlement activity as illegal and demands that Israel cease all settlement activities in occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, which is where, in the Atarot Industrial Zone, General Mills manufactures frozen baked goods for its Pillsbury brand.

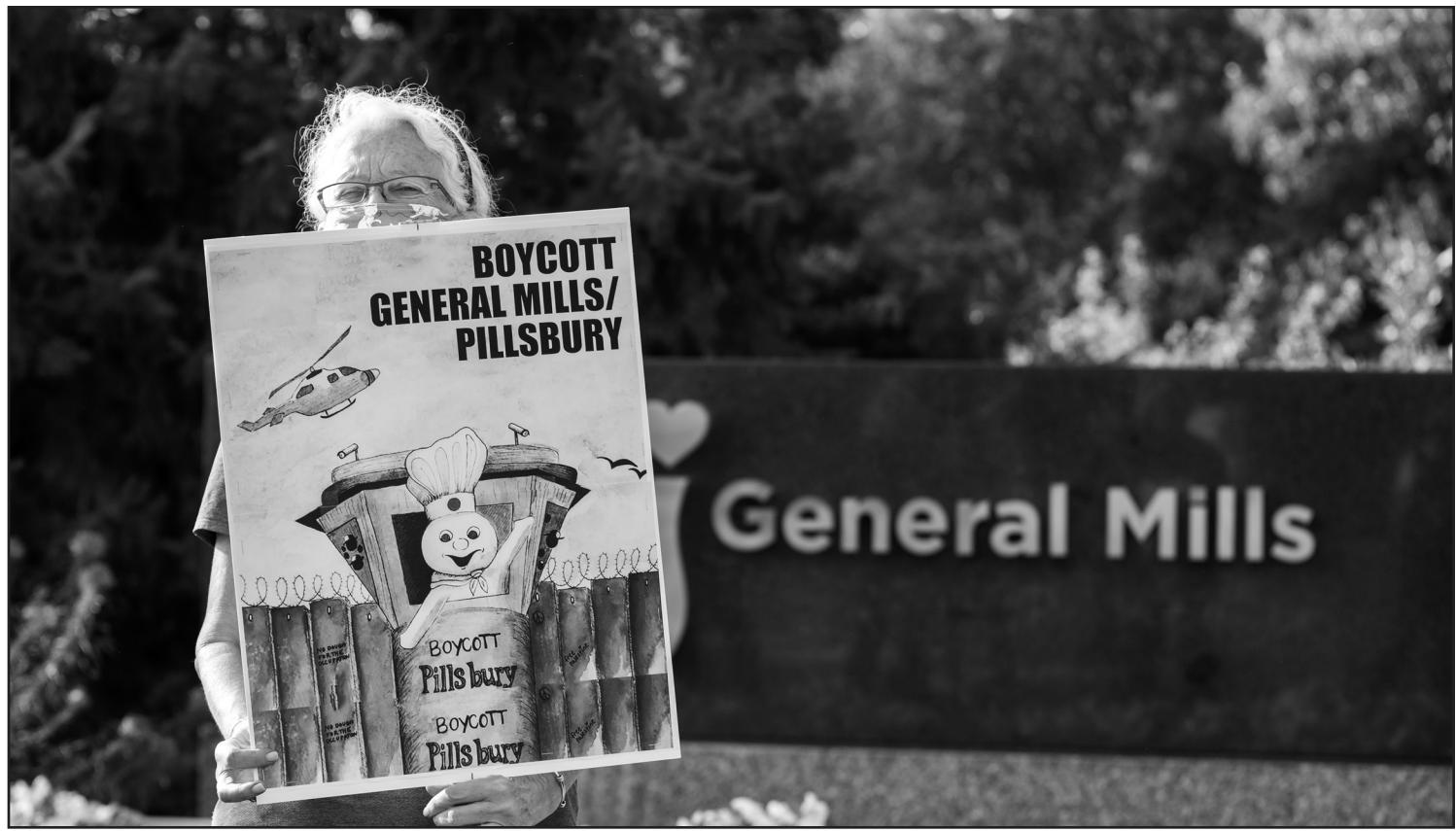
The Palestinian human rights organization Al-Haq calls the Atarot settlement “the industrial key in Israel’s plan to permanently erase Palestine” ([tinyurl.com/y7v9jm2e](http://tinyurl.com/y7v9jm2e)) and describes the issue as follows: “Israel, the Occupying Power, has

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systemically and unlawfully appropriated Palestinian public and privately owned land, exploiting Palestinian natural resources, while forcing the transfer of and creating coercive environments [sic] to forcibly displace the protected Palestinian population.\* Such measures have enabled and enhanced the Israeli national and settler economy, at the expense of the Palestinian economy and the rights of Palestinians.”

The Atarot Industrial Zone is located north of Jerusalem, in the West Bank area known as “East Jerusalem,” which Israel illegally annexed in the aftermath of the 1967 war. An American Friends Service Committee investigative report ([investigate.afsc.org/company/general-mills](http://investigate.afsc.org/company/general-mills)) explains that “the Pillsbury factory was built on land that belongs to Beit Hanina,

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A protest sign at General Mills headquarters, Minneapolis, shows a Pillsbury Doughboy waving from an Israeli military watchtower. Photo: Emma Sron. More photos at [emmasron.com](http://emmasron.com)

## Protest at General Mills

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a Palestinian town that Israel made into a neighborhood of Jerusalem and later split into two by the separation wall. Israel confiscated this land in 1970, as part of the largest confiscation of Palestinian land in the Jerusalem environs.”

On September 21, in defense of human rights and international law, local people gathered at General Mills world headquarters in Minneapolis for a rally, revealing that, despite its wholesome image, this corporation is complicit in racial inequity—toward Palestinians.

\* Under international law, an occupying party has to protect the occupied population.



*Protesters reveal that Pillsbury is producing products in an East Jerusalem industrial zone on land taken from Palestinians. Photo: emmasron.com*

## PM: What's On Polly Mann's Mind?

*by Polly Mann*

The U.S. Department of Defense is a misnomer. Actually, it is the Department of War, Death, and Suicide. Hundreds of billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars are spent by corporations to create and build the most hideous weapons ever known. Investments in these companies, no doubt, bring returns, but at what cost!

And what about this? The United States gives Israel \$3.8 billion every year. More of it used to go to economic development, but now the majority of it goes for the Israeli military.

“From 2009 to 2018, the United States will give [now past tense: gave] Israel—the largest recipient of U.S. assistance—\$30 billion in **military aid**. In enforcing its brutal military occupation of the Palestinian West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip, Israel regularly misuses U.S. weapons in violation of U.S.

law to kill and injure Palestinian civilians, destroy Palestinian civilian infrastructure, blockade the Gaza Strip, and build illegal settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem,” says the Palestinian Campaign for Human Rights. If broken down by state, this means, for example: \$3.5B from the state of California and \$2.5B from the state of New York. For the state of Minnesota, it means \$886,428,240 for the Israeli military. That was then. This is now: The U.S. continues to provide funding for the Israeli military today.

This is outrageous when, instead of contributing to making Palestinians homeless by grabbing their land and doing terrible things to them, that money could be spent in this country making affordable housing available and feeding food-insecure children. It could provide healthcare, education, and training for green jobs. How

about restitution to Palestinians for what has been done to them—recognizing that nothing can ever compensate for the loss of life and land and that this awful funding of Israeli military must stop?

*Polly Mann is a co-founder of WAMM and regular contributor to the newsletter.*

# Saying Her Name: Breonna Taylor

by Emma Sron

On Wednesday, September 23, a Kentucky grand jury indicted Louisville police officer Brett Hankison for wanton endangerment in connection with the killing of Breonna Taylor, during a night raid on her apartment in March of this year. The Louisville police fatal encounter with 26-year-old Taylor, an emergency room technician, accelerated the Black Lives Matter movement nationwide. Hankison was ultimately charged for potentially endangering the lives of three of

Taylor's neighbors when he fired into Taylor's apartment. The officer was not charged for endangering the lives of Taylor or her boyfriend, Kenneth Walker. Two additional officers involved were not charged, and more serious charges were not brought against Hankinson.

In response, more than 3,000 people gathered at the Minnesota State Capitol for an emergency rally and march the evening of September 23. Many organizations participated:

The Twin Cities Coalition for Justice4Jamar, Black Lives Matter-Minnesota, Racial Justice Network, and 17 other organizations, including Women Against Military Madness. At the time of the rally, Hankison posted bail and has since pleaded not guilty to wanton endangerment charges. Nationwide people continue to call for justice for Breonna.

*Emma Sron is a photo-journalist, co-chair of the WAMM Board, and member of the WAMM Newsletter Committee.*



An acquittal in Breonna Taylor's killing by police ignited a rally and march in the Twin Cities. Photo: emmasron.com

## ACTIONS & INFO:

**Watch for anti-racism actions and events:** WAMM calendar at [womenagainstmilitarymadness.org](http://womenagainstmilitarymadness.org)

**Twin Cities Coalition for JUSTICE4JAMAR (TCC4J):** [facebook.com/TCC4J](https://facebook.com/TCC4J)

**See the connection between U.S. wars abroad and the militarized policing of Black and Brown communities within the U.S.** The Black Alliance for Peace is a valuable resource with its "U.S. Out of Africa/

Shut Down AFRICOM" campaign and the "Candidate Accountability Pledge." [blackallianceforpeace.com](http://blackallianceforpeace.com)

# Explosions in Iraq: A Response to the Incident in Najaf

On September 18, Samya Kullab reported for the Associated Press in Baghdad: *An improvised explosive device blew up outside an English-language institute in southern Iraq [The American Institute of English Language in Najaf] early Friday without causing any casualties, Iraqi police said in a statement, amid a recent uptick in attacks targeting the American presence in Iraq . . . Attacks targeting the U.S. presence have been on the rise since Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi traveled to Washington last month to conclude strategic talks. Rocket attacks routinely target the heavily fortified Green Zone, the seat of the Iraqi government, where the U.S. Embassy is located [Baghdad] . . . There are more than 5,000 American troops in Iraq now. Last month, the top U.S. general for the Middle East said he believed the U.S. will keep a smaller but enduring presence in the country.*

Sami Rasouli of the Muslim-American Peace Team, who is the founder and the former director of the American Institute of English Language, made the following statement:

We thank God that there were no deaths or injuries due to the damage caused by the explosion that targeted the American Institute of English Language Headquarters in Najaf.

We sincerely regret the damage to the nearby shops and the pain of their dear owners due to the targeting of our center's building, provoking terror and anxiety in the people of Najaf. We have been grateful to the honorable people who have never stopped supporting the school.

We thank all our brothers and sisters in Iraq and abroad for

their interest and follow-up to the incident, personal messages of sympathy, and generous support.

We can't point a finger at anyone, and we don't know the real motive behind the accident, but the assumption is that the name of the institute, "The American Institute," may have upset some and caused it to be a target.

But the name was chosen for purely cultural, not political, reasons. According to the Sister City Agreement between the cities of Najaf and Minneapolis, signed by the two cities in 2009, the institute was designed to be visited by American professional staff and experts, with the approval of the Iraqi government, for the purpose of supervising the local teaching staffs to train them and encourage modern teaching methods, especially in the skills and abilities needed for American conversation with correct pronunciation, and mutual understanding, to enable English-speaking visitors to learn Arabic in a conversational setting.

Based on the Sister City Agreement, more than 20 American visitors and experts were welcomed at the school—visitors who sympathized with the Iraqi people, contrary to their own government's prejudicial policies directed against

with statement by Sami Rasouli



An explosion damaged the American Institute for English Language in Najaf on September 18.

the rights of Arabs and Muslims in occupied Palestine and other Arab and Islamic countries.

The United States consists of 50 states with more than 7 million Americans of Arab descent and 8 million American-Muslims from Africa, India, Pakistan, and other countries, as well as many peace-loving white Americans who trace their origins to Europe, support Arab and Muslim rights, and protest against anti-Arab and anti-Muslim government policies.

In spite of the setback of damage to the institute, the Muslim Peacemaker Team continues to affirm our common humanity through the activities of the American Institute and works to build peaceful cultural relations with our brothers and sisters based on truth, trust, respect, and mutual understanding.

For more information and to contact Sami Rasouli: Marie Braun at 612-275-2720.

# 37 to 59 Million People Displaced by U.S. Post-9/11 Wars

"The U.S. post-9/11 wars have forcibly displaced at least 37 million people in and from Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, the Philippines, Libya, and Syria. This exceeds those displaced by every war since 1900, except World War II.

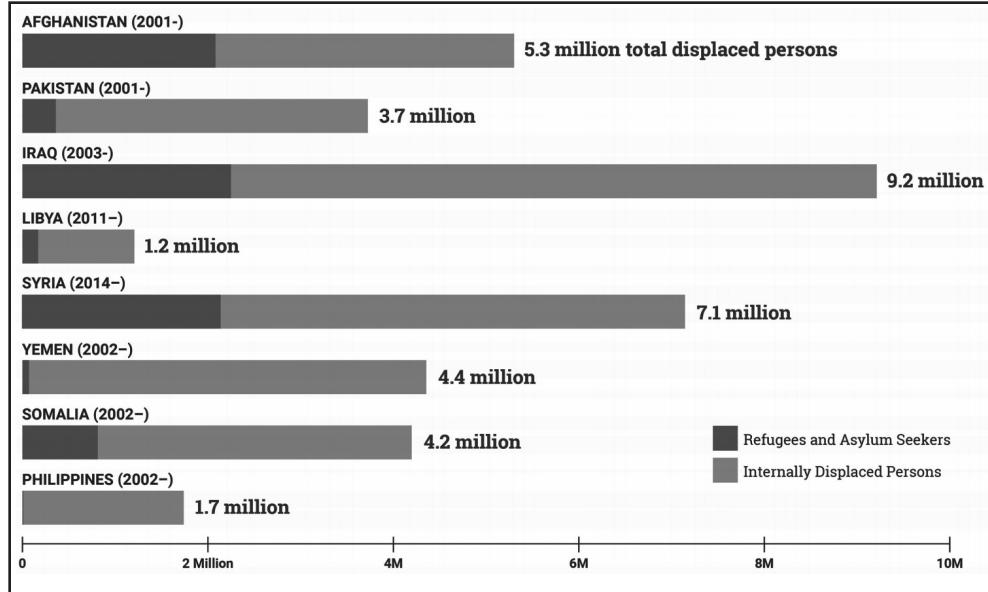
37 million is a very conservative estimate. The total displaced by the U.S. post-9/11 wars could be closer to 48–59 million.

25.3 million people have returned after being displaced, although return does not erase the trauma of displacement or mean that those displaced have returned to their original homes or to a secure life.

Any number is limited in what it can convey about displacement's damage. The people behind the numbers can be difficult to see, and numbers cannot communicate how it might feel to lose one's home,

belongings, community, and much more. Displacement has caused incalculable harm to individuals, families, towns, cities, regions, and entire countries physically, socially, emotionally, and economically."

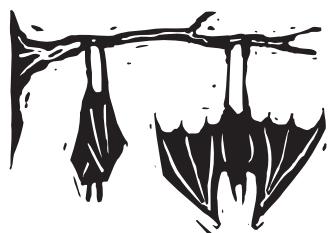
— "Creating Refugees: Displacement Caused by the U.S. Post-9/11 Wars," Costs of Wars project, Watson Institute of International and Public Affairs, Brown University, Sept. 21, 2020 ([tinyurl.com/y2h5uxn3](http://tinyurl.com/y2h5uxn3))



Number, by country, of the displaced. Chart: Cost of War project

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# **WAMM Calendar**

*Please note that WAMM's provision of information on other groups' events is not meant to convey or endorse any action contrary to public policy that would be inconsistent with exempt purposes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3), i.e., charitable purposes.*

## **Ongoing Peace/ Justice Vigils**

### **Vigil to End War**

*Wear masks and practice social distancing!* Every Wednesday, 5:00 to 6:00 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.

### **Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine**

*Wear masks and practice social distancing!* Every Friday, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., corner of Summit Avenue and Snelling Avenue, St. Paul. FFI: 612-827-5364.

### **Peace Vigil**

*Wear masks and practice social distancing!* 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.

### **Grandmothers for Peace Vigil**

*Wear masks and practice social distancing!* 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.

## **Immigrant Solidarity Vigils**

### **Every Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.**

*Wear masks and practice social distancing!* Stand up for justice, say NO to family separation, deportation. Gather weekly with signs (bring your own or use one provided) at ICE entrance closest to Fort Snelling light rail station. Vigil on Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis by the sign at the driveway entrance to ICE. Rain or shine. (If using GPS – 6000 Minnehaha Ave, Minneapolis). FFI: Call Pepper 612-701-6963 or Mary Lou 612-280-0354

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

*Wear masks and practice social distancing!* Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM) gathers in solidarity with immigrants and refugees to achieve justice and stand up to systems of oppression. Vigil outside the Bishop Whipple Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, St. Paul. FFI: Facebook: Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM).

## **WAMM Committee Meetings**

### **Board Meeting**

Third Tuesday of every month via Zoom, 6:00 p.m.  
FFI: 612-827-5364.

### **Book Club**

Times/dates pending.  
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### **End War**

First Monday of every month via Zoom, 6:00 p.m.  
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### **Ground All Drones**

Times/dates pending.  
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### **Middle East**

Second Monday of every month via Zoom, 10:00 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 Thursday via Zoom, 1:00 p.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**

During the pandemic, we are no longer screening movies. However, the Movie Committee is posting links to important movies available on line. Check WAMM's Calendar and Facebook page for details. FFI: 612-827-5364.

## **Special Events**

### **Palestine and Black Liberation.**

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Kristin Davis Bailey, co-founder of Black for Palestine, discusses intersectionality. Sponsored by Middle East Peace Now and WAMM. Zoom meeting registration: tinyurl.com/y6mnnsbn

## **Rise Up March**

Saturday, October 17, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Minnesota State Capitol building in St. Paul. Third annual march sponsored by MN Women's March. tinyurl.com/yxtkexct

## **Foreign Policy Trump vs. Biden**

Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Sponsored by Anti-War Committee. Discuss foreign policies of the candidates. Zoom meeting. tinyurl.com/y2f35jxs

## **Sister Solidarity Rally**

Sunday, October 25, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Minnesota State Capitol building in St. Paul. Justice for Breonna Taylor and other black women. Sponsored by Black Lives Matter Minnesota.

## **Celebrate Polly Mann's 101st Birthday!!**

Thursday, November 19, TBA. Zoom meeting details to come. See back page ad.



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