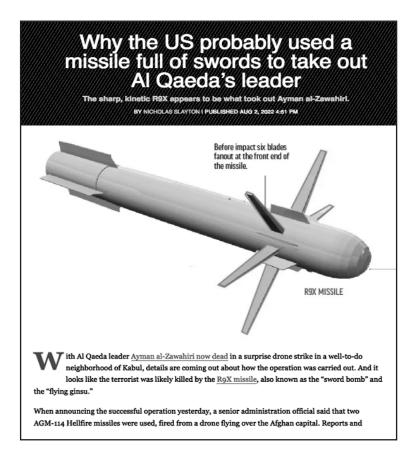
Send Aid, Not Bombs End the US Wars in Afghanistan and Syria

Rally & March

Friday, October 7, 2022 5:00 PM

Pioneer Courthouse Sq SW Yamhill & Broadway

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This special Friday Rally for Peace and Justice will mark 21 years since the US invasion of Afghanistan and eight since the US began bombing Syria. In July and August of 2022, the US dropped bombs in each of these countries, showing the wars are not over.

The US used a missile laden with knives to assassinate an Al Qaeda leader in Kabul in late July, despite having left Afghanistan at the end of August 2021. The Biden administration has also withheld most of Afghanistan's money that was in US banks at the time of the withdrawal, pledging to set aside \$7 billion for American 9/11 survivors, rather than to help the people of Afghanistan who are facing starvation and economic collapse. Thus, the US war that started in Afghanistan on August 6, 2001 continues.

In Syria, the US bombed three days in a row in late August in retaliation for attacks on American military bases in that country. Strangely, no mainstream news stories about this attack seem to question why the United States has military bases in Syria, which clearly did not invite the troops. There is no UN mandate and Congress never voted to authorize the deployment of roughly 1000 soldiers. The US began bombing Syria in September, 2014 and has continued for eight years with no domestic or international repercussions.

While the world is focused on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the US continues to commit war crimes and violate the United Nations charter. There were also at least two days in August where US bombs were dropped on Somalia, as well. The Friday Rally for Peace and Justice began on a weekly basis shortly after the invasion of Afghanistan.

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