



## HIGHLIGHTS

### USA Keeps Fighting for Iran

Scott Horton on Washington's wars

### Remote Warfare and

### Expendable People

Nick Turse on Somalia

### The Israeli Genocide in Gaza

Ramzy Baround asks is the EU a direct partner?

## BREAKING NEWS

### Biden's Decided Response to Drone Attack

The US might target Iranians in Iraq and Syria

### Hamas Reasserts Control in N. Gaza

Israel is failing to dismantle the group

### EU Could Sabotage Hungary's Economy

If Orban blocks Ukraine aid

## SCOTT HORTON SHOW

### Regional War

Jason Ditz on the Mideast in flames

### The Hannibal Directive

Brad Pearce on Israeli friendly fire

### Israel's Slaughter in Gaza

Gareth Porter the Great does Episode 6,000

[Antiwar.com Home](#)
[About Antiwar.com](#)
[Donate](#)  
[News](#)
[Blog](#)
[US Casualties](#)
[Contact](#)
[Latest](#)

Antiwar News and Opinions

# USA Keeps Fighting for Iran

by Scott Horton / January 31, 2024

According to neoconservative theoreticians [David Wurmser and Richard Perle](#), George W. Bush's Iraq War II (supported by Senator Biden) was supposed to [weaken Iran and Syria](#) and therefore Hezbollah's threat to Israel. Instead, the war empowered Iran as [the U.S. put](#) their [best friends](#) from the Hakim family's Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI) and their Badr Brigade in power. [Gen. David Petraeus](#) turned their death and torture squads into the Iraqi army.



[Obama's dirty war in Syria](#) (Supported by Vice-President Biden) [was supposed to weaken Iran](#) by taking out their friend Bashar al-Assad, the “keystone” of the arch of Iranian power in the region. Instead Assad asked Iran, Hezbollah and Russia to come help and is now more dependent on them than ever before, especially after Western, Turkish, GCC and Israeli support for the bin Ladenites blew up into the [ISIS Caliphate](#) which required Obama to launch Iraq War III (2014–2018), [back on the side of the Iraqi Shi'ites](#) they wish they hadn't fought Iraq War II for. US planes even flew [air cover](#) for Iranian Quds force in the battle for Saddam's hometown of Tikrit. In Syria, our guys were left at the al Tanf base – why? – to block the so-called “[land bridge](#)” from Tehran to Beirut that George W. Bush and Barack Obama built for them. They pretend it's about ISIS, but, though they are still there, it is a lie that that is their primary mission.

Obama, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Emirati President Mohammed bin Zayed and Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's [genocidal war against the people of Yemen](#), (supported by Vice President Biden) which deliberately targeted the civilian population and killed at an absolute minimum [350,000 people](#), was supposed to weaken Iran by destroying the power of the Iranian-friendly Houthi regime which took over power in the capital city at the end of 2014. Even though the U.S. [had been helping](#) them [kill AQ](#), Obama stabbed them in the back and [took AQ's side against them](#) in March 2015. They've survived and thrived, are [closer to Iran](#) than before, are now [intervening](#) in the American-Israeli war on the Palestinians in Gaza, unfortunately helping to turn the current slaughter into a regional war of America and Israel versus the Shi'ites they keep trying to thwart and end up empowering.

Donald Trump continued this war for the [entire four years](#) of his presidency, achieving nothing. It ended when Saudi realized the Houthis won in early 2022. They were just signing a [peace treaty](#) when the current war started.

Now Biden is threatening to escalate Israel's Gaza slaughter into a regional war against all the Shi'ite-controlled countries, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, southern Lebanon and possibly even Iran itself, which would be a [catastrophe](#).

At this rate, the Ayatollah will be Secretary General of the UN by the time President Biden is done with him.



Like

Post



## Author: Scott Horton

Scott Horton is editorial director of [Antiwar.com](https://antiwar.com), director of [the Libertarian Institute](https://the-libertarian-institute.com), host of Antiwar Radio on Pacifica, [90.7 FM KPFC](https://www.kpfc.com) in Los Angeles, California and podcasts the Scott Horton Show from [ScottHorton.org](https://scotthorton.org). He's the author of the 2021 book [Enough Already: Time to End the War on Terrorism](#), the 2017 book, [Fool's Errand: Time to End the War in Afghanistan](#), and the editor of the 2019 book, [The Great Ron Paul: The Scott Horton Show Interviews 2004–2019](#). He's conducted more than [5,500 interviews](#) since 2003. Scott's articles have appeared at [Antiwar.com](https://antiwar.com), The American Conservative magazine, the History News Network, The Future of Freedom, The National Interest and the Christian Science Monitor. He also contributed a chapter to the 2019 book, [The Impact of War](#). Scott lives in Austin, Texas with his wife, investigative reporter Larisa Alexandrovna Horton. He is a fan of, but no relation to the lawyer from Harper's. Scott's [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Patreon](#).  
[View all posts by Scott Horton](#)

# CLICK to DISCUSS THIS ARTICLE

Search  
Antiwar.com

### HIGHLIGHTS

- [USA Keeps Fighting for Iran](#)  
Scott Horton on Washington's wars
- [Remote Warfare and Expendable People](#)  
Nick Turse on Somalia
- [The Israeli Genocide in Gaza](#)  
Ramzy Baround asks is the EU a direct partner?

### BREAKING NEWS

- [Biden's Decided Response to Drone Attack](#)  
The US might target Iranians in Iraq and Syria
- [Hamas Reasserts Control in N. Gaza](#)  
Israel is failing to dismantle the group
- [EU Could Sabotage Hungary's Economy](#)  
If Orban blocks Ukraine aid

© 2024 Antiwar.com. All rights reserved.

Antiwar.com / Stock Photos provided by our partner Depositphotos