

MEANWHILE, THE PACE OF US WAR CRIMES IN AFGHANISTAN ACCELERATES DRAMATICALLY

Night raids carried out by CIA-trained paramilitary groups in Afghanistan have become more frequent—and more deadly—under Donald Trump. A new report from Human Rights Watch labels many of the things they found as war crimes.

WE WILL NOT GET PEACE FROM THE PEOPLE WHO DISMEMBER DISSIDENTS ALIVE

Those who embrace Trump's withdrawal as a means to end the forever war have a lot of work to do to ensure it doesn't actually bring more war.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT RULES DATA ON FAILURE IN AFGHANISTAN IS NOT

RELEASABLE

In a new trick following on its previous attempt at retroactive classification, the Department of Defense has now decided that the war in Afghanistan is going so badly that even unclassified data now can not be released.

“NOTWITHSTANDING”: HOW CONGRESS ENABLED CHUCK HAGEL AND ASH CARTER TO KEEP CHILD RAPE AND TORTURE FROM DISRUPTING FOREVER WAR

After a victim of child rape by Afghan forces killed three Marines in Afghanistan in 2015, Congress asked SIGAR to investigate how Afghan units continue to receive funding in light of known human rights abuses. Congress has enabled violation of the Leahy laws that prevent such funding by stating that funds to Afghan forces can be provided “notwithstanding any other provision of law”.

A THOUSAND DAYS OF

HELL IN YEMEN PRODUCE A MILLION CASES OF CHOLERA

War crimes are being committed on a daily basis in Yemen and the world barely takes notice. The Saudi bombardment of Yemen, enabled by the US, is now 1000 days old, has forced millions of Yemenis into starvation and caused a million cases of cholera.

POOT AND POTUS PLAN TO MOVE BEYOND THE MUELLER INVESTIGATION

Vladimir Putin made it clear to Trump the other day he wants to start getting his payoff for helping him get elected.

And Trump responded with an effort to make that possible.

FIFTEEN YEARS FIGHTING THE WAR ON TERROR WOULD HAVE INURED MIKE FLYNN TO

KIDNAPPING

I find Mike Flynn's willingness to engage in kidnapping horrible. But I'm surprised that some others – who didn't used to have a problem with extraordinary rendition – do.

IS THERE MORE TO TRUMP'S THUMBS UP PICTURE?

Was the picture of Trump's thumbs up about winning the election, or signaling support for Mohammed bin Salman's grand plans for the Middle East?

ZBIG'S BLOWBACK OUTLIVES HIM

38 years ago, Zbig Brzezinski launched the covert operation that would end up training the jihadist warriors that would one day attack the United States. Officially, the blowback from that decision has outlived the man.

WHAT FAKE FRENCH NEWS LOOKS LIKE (TO A

BRITISH CONSULTING COMPANY)

A study on fake news in France that has gotten a lot of attention is as valuable for its assumptions as it is for its interesting conclusions.