

Biden's Arms Sales Review: What's Needed Next



DATE: February 17, 2021

TIME: 10:00-11:00AM EST

LOCATION: *Virtual*

Video of today's event is available on the Forum's [website](https://www.forumonthearmstrade.org/) and can be directly viewed on youtube at <https://youtu.be/Cj84Svbw5xw>

To jump to specific portions of the event that might interest you, please find below the timing in the video at which certain conversations begin:

2:15 Kate Kizer (Win Without War) introduces panelists and frames the event

5:00 Raed Jarrar (DAWN) introduces video remarks from Rep. Ro Khana

6:55 Rep. Ro Khana remarks (via video)

9:10 Radhya Al-Mutawakel (Mwatana for Human Rights) initial comments on war in Yemen and what can be done next

16:45 Scott Paul (Oxfam America) initial comments on humanitarian crisis, role of arms, and situation in Marib

23:25 Heidi Peltier (20 Years of War Project) jobs and opportunity costs of arms sale

Q&A

28:45 Kate frames questions around accountability

30:45 Radhya on accountability, including international and criminal

34:00 Scott on lessons learned including as relates to "flipping the script" on arms sales accountability

37:00 Heidi on arms sales, jobs, and other suppliers

40:15 William Hartung (Center for International Policy) on arms sales and other suppliers

42:45 Kate frames questions about Houthi behavior, war economy in Yemen, and impacting warring parties to change behavior

44:15 Scott on terror designation and humanitarian assistance

48:15 Radhya on the start and ongoing war in Yemen -- impact of six years of conflict and military intervention -- need for international pressure for peace

53:40 Kate on increasing inclusivity in the peace process

55:00 Kate frames closing question about actions in other countries as well as legal possibilities

56:10 Scott on ending the policy of impunity

Select resources relevant to today's conversation include:

- Video of Rep. Ro Khanna's remarks <https://youtu.be/xuFITopNzbA>
- Forum on the Arms Trade resource page on Biden's arms sales review <https://www.forumarmstrade.org/bidenarmsreview.html>
- Recent letter from more than 75 organizations and experts identifying arms sales to Saudi Arabia and UAE that they recommend deserve scrutiny https://winwithoutwar.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021.02.08_Coalition-letter_Yemen-offensive-support.pdf
- Heidi Peltier's 2017 report "Job Opportunity Cost of War" <https://www.brown.edu/news/2017-05-25/jobscow>
- New op-ed today by William Hartung <https://responsiblestatecraft.org/2021/02/17/dont-stop-with-saudis-biden-must-cut-off-weapons-to-uae-too/>

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