

# Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, April 8, 2021 Meeting  
4:45 – 6:30 on ZOOM

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq̓ (Cayuga Nation)**
- III. **Announcements and Presentations**
  - a. Joseph Mullen, [Cornell and the War in Yemen](#)
- IV. **Open Microphone**
- V. **Approval of the Minutes**
  - a. [April 1, 2021 Minutes](#)
- VI. **New Business**
  - a. Resolution #40 – [Access to Menstrual Cups Through Cornell Health](#)
- VII. **Adjournment**

# Cornell University and the War in Yemen

War Rhythm  
إيقاع الحرب



#Silent\_Victims  
Haifa Subay  
19/07/2018

# Action this week:

 **Hunger Strike Day 8 -Yemeni Liberation Movement**  
@LiberateYemen

Yemen is not starving -- it is being starved.  
[#HungerStrike4Yemen](#) [#YemenCantWait](#)



1:08 164.9K views And I'm hunger striking for Yemen

8:35 PM · Apr 5, 2021 · Twitter Web App

1,066 Retweets 77 Quote Tweets 2,221 Likes

 @noname · 9h

"a child dies every 75 seconds in yemen.... biden, end the blockade!!!"

 **Hunger Strike Day 8 -Yemeni Liberation Movement** @Lib... · 11h

Yemen is not starving -- it is being starved.  
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19 1.4K 5K

 jordan ✓  
@JordanUhl

NEW: 65 members of Congress have signed onto a letter demanding action from Biden on the US-backed blockade in Yemen that is starving millions.

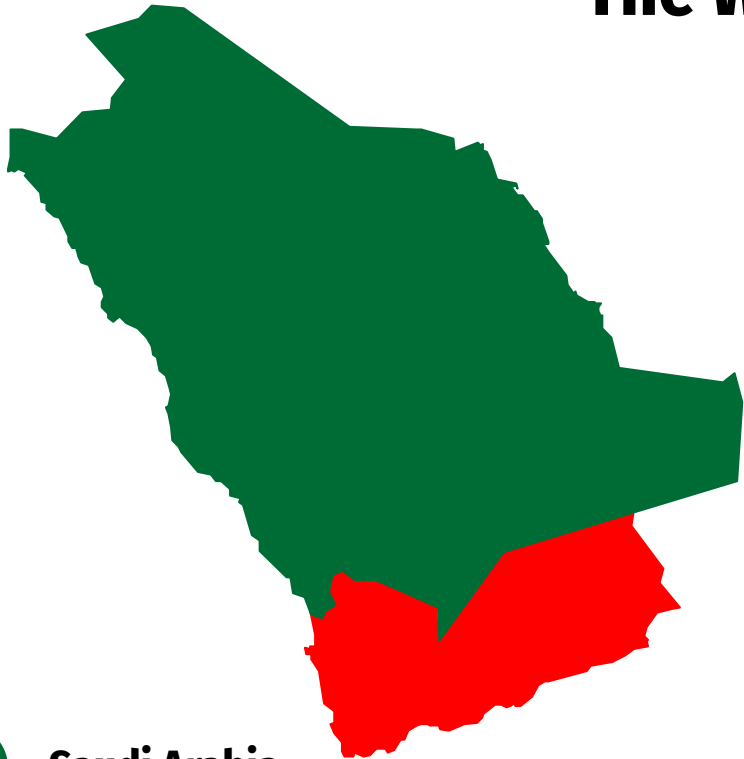
Contact your member & ask they add their name [HERE](#):

[EndTheBlockade.com](#)

12:11 PM · Apr 5, 2021 · Twitter Web App

272 Retweets 13 Quote Tweets 1,199 Likes

# The War in Yemen



**Saudi Arabia**

**Yemen**

Since 2014, Saudi Arabia has led a coalition of nations, with support from America and the United Kingdom, in a military intervention to support Abdrabbuh Mansur-Hadi, the dictator of Yemen, in a civil war against the Houthis, an opposing political faction. Caught in the crossfire are the Yemeni people.

Saudi Arabia has committed a variety of atrocities, from bombing school buses and hospitals to blockading Yemen and engineering a famine that is starving civilians.

In 2021, President Joe Biden announced he would suspend American support for the Saudi coalition due to the growing number of war crimes being committed (this does not erase American complicity during the Trump and Obama administrations).

# The Horrors of the War in Yemen



8,338 civilian war deaths - 1,283 of which were **children**.



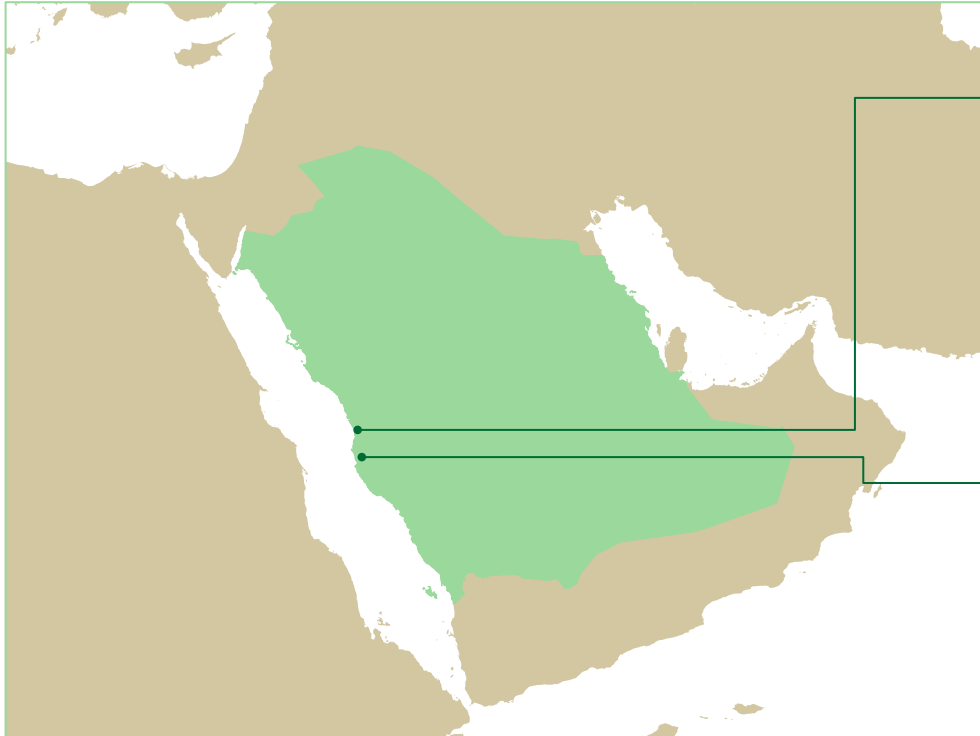
22,701 coalition **bombings** - including **hospitals**, **funerals**, ancient **relics** and **school buses**.



85,000 **children** dead from the engineered **famine**, 130 **children dying each day**, 10 million **at risk of famine**.



# Cornell Partnerships in Saudi Arabia



## **Thuwal**

Cornell University-KAUST  
Center for Research  
and Education  
(\$25 million)



## **Jeddah**

Cornell Johnson  
School partnership  
with Global Business  
School in Jeddah

# Saudi Arabia Profits from our Partnership

The  
Global  
Business  
School

partners with



Johnson  
Cornell  
SC Johnson College of Business

## GBS BRINGS CORNELL TO KSA!

The Global Business School, Saudi Arabia, would like to announce its strategic collaboration with one of the top Ivy League schools in the world – **Cornell University, USA**

✉ [info@thegbs.org](mailto:info@thegbs.org)

🌐 [www.thegbs.org](http://www.thegbs.org)

The Global Business School in Jeddah consistently advertises its relationship with Cornell to lend more credibility to its brand.

As Cornell Professors and faculty wrote in 2018, the GBS has ties to the Saudi Ministry of Defense and the Royal Court of Saudi Arabia, even listing them as clients.

Our reputation as a university is being used by clients directly involved in the war in Yemen, specifically the Saudi Ministry of Defense.



# Do we profit from our partnerships with Saudi Arabia?



Fact: In 2009, Cornell received \$25 million from the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, or KAUST (*Daily Sun*, 2009)

Cornell Professors and Faculty asked the University to disclose all donations from Saudi Arabia in 2018, but we still do not have full transparency.

We therefore urge you to discontinue Cornell's institutional and financial collaboration with the KSA. We further ask that you disclose to the Cornell community all grants and gifts received from the KSA, in addition to programmatic collaboration such as academic exchanges.

(“Cornell’s ties to Saudi Arabia need scrutiny”, *Daily Sun Letter to the Editor*, 2018)

# Cornell Engineering is partnered with weapons manufacturers that are selling to Saudia Arabia



**CornellEngineering**  
Systems Engineering

Programs Research People Alumni Res

**BAE SYSTEMS**  
INSPIRED WORK

[BAE Systems](#)

**NORTHROP GRUMMAN**

[Northrop Grumman](#)

**LOCKHEED MARTIN**

[Lockheed Martin](#)

**BOEING**

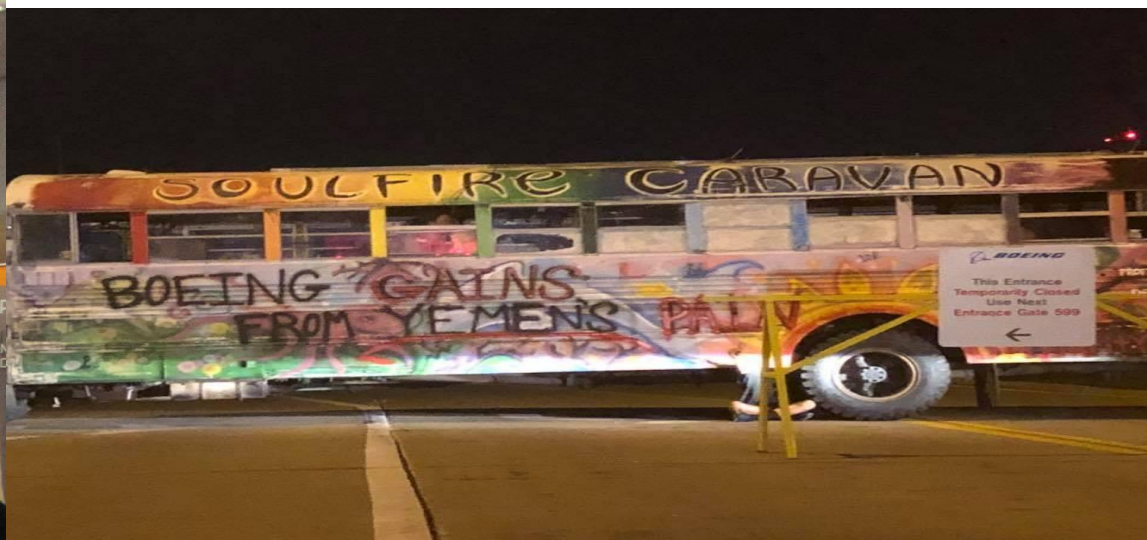
[The Boeing Company](#)

BAE (British arms manufacturer) sold £15bn in arms to the Saudis since 2015, and is now accused of being party to war crimes in a complaint to the International Criminal Court (*The Guardian*).

Northrop Grumman had a \$2.5 billion deal with Saudi Arabia and is one of the major suppliers of the Saudi Royal Air Force, which has been bombing civilians in Yemen (*Security Assistance Monitor*)

Lockheed Martin supplied the bombs used by Saudi Arabia in the Dhahyan airstrike, where the coalition bombed a school bus and killed 40 children, a war crime (*Human Rights Watch*)

Boeing doesn't just make airplanes: they received a \$2.6 billion contract in 2020 to sell missiles to Saudi Arabia, a deal that was cancelled by the Biden administration (*Middle East Eye*)



# Resolution # Demands

- Immediately end all Cornell partnerships with Saudi institutions such as the GBS - Jeddah and KAUST.
- Disclose all grants and donations from Saudi Arabia and reinvest them in organizations fighting for the Yemeni people.
- Immediately end Cornell Engineering's corporate partnerships with the arms manufacturers listed before (BAE Systems, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, and Boeing).
- Reinvest donations from arms manufacturers into humanitarian groups aiding Yemeni victims.
- Follow the ethical processes established by Resolution #39 before establishing future partnerships in nations involved in wars.
- Never allow these major arms manufacturers to recruit at Cornell again.
- Publicly condemn the War in Yemen and cease business with any company profiting from the war.

**Until these demands are met, Cornell is complicit in the atrocities being committed by Saudi Arabia in Yemen.**



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Minutes of the Thursday, April 1, 2021 Meeting  
4:45pm via Zoom

### I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. C. Huang called the meeting to order at 4:47pm (EST).
- b. Roll Call
  - i. *Members Present:* M. Baker, J. Bansah, C. Castillo, U. Chukwukere, L. Contreras, A. Gleiberman, S. Kapoor, A. Lampert, K. Santacruz, M. Shardow, L. Smith, V. Valencia, S. Woldai, V. Xu, Y. Yuan, R. Zohar, L. Zumpano, S. Zverev, C. Huang
  - ii. *Members Absent:* L. Abd Elmagid, K. Butler, A. Miramontes Serrano, E. Perez, T. Reuning, C. Templeman, N. Watson

### II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq' (Cayuga Nation)

- a. Cornell University is located on the traditional homelands of the Gayogohó:nq' (the Cayuga Nation). The Gayogohó:nq' are members of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, an alliance of six sovereign Nations with a historic and contemporary presence on this land. The Confederacy precedes the establishment of Cornell University, New York State, and the United States of America. We acknowledge the painful history of Gayogohó:nq' dispossession and honor the ongoing connection of the Gayogohó:nq' people, past and present, to these lands and waters.

### III. Open Microphone

- a. W. Treat stated that if you have started a registration form for the elections, to make sure you submitted by noon on Monday, April 5. Some registrations that have been started, but not touched, are set to expire. P. Mehler has reached out to some individuals, but just in case, if you have started a registration form, update something really quick to refresh the expiration date.

### IV. Approval of the Minutes

- a. March 25, 2021
  - i. Motion to approve the March 25<sup>th</sup> minutes – approved Unanimous Consent

### V. Adjournment

- a. C. Huang adjourned the meeting at 4:52pm (EST).

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Ciara Shanahan*  
Clerk of the Student Assembly

## S.A Resolution: Access to Menstrual Cups Through Cornell Health

Abstract: The Student Assembly recommends that Cornell University implements the plan to provide equitable access of menstrual cups to students, faculty, and staff.

Sponsored by: Jay Doshi, Samuel Zverev, Laila Abd Elmagid, Alexa Slyman, Carlo Castillo, and Arsen Omurzakov

Whereas, Cornell's female student body is 11,902; and

Whereas, many of students in Cornell are financially insecure; more than 40% of all Cornell students receive need-based financial aid in 2021; and

Whereas, Cornell provides tampons and pads, but not menstrual cups,

Whereas, if the Cornell student chooses to use menstrual cups and Cornell does not provide menstrual cups, the student must buy their own; and

Whereas, if economically disadvantaged students must purchase these products on their own, they may be further financially burdened, which could affect their ability to be successful in their classes; and

Whereas, menstrual cups offer an alternative for menstrual hygiene products and are more environmentally sustainable than tampons and pads since menstrual cups are reusable and biodegradable,

Whereas, in the span of a decade, the plastic waste built up by one menstrual cup is 0.4% of the plastic waste that pads build up and 6% created by tampons,

Whereas, the low-density polyethylene (LDPE) used in tampons and pads are associated with a large carbon footprint, contributing to climate change,

Whereas, tampons and pads cost Cornell approximately \$50-60 a year per individual, while menstrual cups cost Cornell approximately \$20-\$30 for usage per individual and can last an individual up to 10 years,

Whereas, the Sexual Health & Gender Services Sub-Committee of the Student Health Advisory Committee proposes a plan to provide access to free menstrual cups through and available at Cornell Health.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly strongly recommends that Cornell University support the Student Health Advisory Committee's efforts to implement the equitable access of menstrual cups to Cornell students, staff, and faculty through Cornell Health.