

## **EDITORIAL**

# Starvation Threatens 270 Million: U.S., Russia, China Must Meet To Plan Rebuilding of War-Torn Regions

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March 11—On this day David Beasley, Executive Director of the UN World Food Program, delivered remarks to the United Nations Security Council concerning the grave hunger crisis threatening 270 million people with starvation worldwide. Governor Beasley stressed that millions of people are suffering under a triple crisis—poverty, the COVID-19 pandemic, and armed conflict.

In Nigeria, the number of people facing starvation has risen in a single year from 5 million to 13 million; in Afghanistan, from 13.9 million to 17 million; in Syria, from 9.3 million to a record 12 million. Finally, in Yemen, thanks to the Saudi bombing campaign and blockade, 16 million people are facing hunger, and on the current trajectory 400,000 children will die in Yemen this year.

Beasley, who just returned from Yemen, described hospitals with no electricity turning emaciated children away for lack of beds, only to send them home to die. One mother had sold her last container of heating oil to pay for the day-long trip to carry her five-month-old baby to the hospital, where the infant died only hours after arriving.

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It is not acceptable for the world to stand by and allow millions to perish before our eyes. Action must be

taken immediately, not only to provide food to those who need it so desperately, but to put an end to the wars that have exacerbated the suffering of millions of innocent people.

As the late economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche proposed more than two decades ago, the great powers—namely, at least the United States, Russia, and China—must come together to address the crisis. In the immediate term, they must coordinate food and medical supply and delivery, but that is only the first step.

What is urgently needed is a reconstruction plan for war-torn regions—Southwest Asia, the Lake Chad region in Africa, and other areas.

These three powerful nations acting in concert will be able to bring an end to most conflicts on the planet.

There is great opposition to this action from the City of London, Wall Street, and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, who never saw an anti-Russia or anti-China sanction he didn't support. As always, it's the British Empire that's to blame, and it's time we finally broke out of the grip of its colonial foreign policy.

Two hundred seventy million people cannot be allowed to pay the ultimate price for our inaction.

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