

U.S. engaged in 30-year futile war in Middle East

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An American political commentator has said that the United States has been engaged in a 30-year long futile war in the Middle East to regain the

monopoly on the world's energy reserves.

Bill Does, a writer for Struggle-La Lucha and longtime antiwar activist, made the comments in an interview with Press TV on Monday.

"Today we celebrate the life of great Black leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who fought for peace and justice and was likely murdered by agencies of the U.S. government," he said.

"Dr. King pointed out the bombs the United States was then dropping on Vietnam also explode at home, destroying the possibility of a decent life for millions here, especially for working class and oppressed people. Washington's wars and sanctions still have that effect today," he added.

"For the past 30 years, the United States has been engaged in a long and futile war to try and regain the monopoly that U.S. oil companies once had on the world's energy reserves. This is only for the benefit of a handful of multibillionaires not the majority of people," the analyst said.

"We do not benefit from sanctions on other countries, or giant war fleets roaming the seas thousands of miles away, or the endless stream of arms and aid to Israel, which occupies Palestine and bombs and shells Gaza and Syria, on an almost daily basis," he stated.

Iran's ambassador to the United Nations says the United States should stop its hostility toward Iran and recognize the Islamic Republic as a regional power in order to improve its image in the eyes of its own and world people.

"Americans must stop hostility toward Iran and understand that Iran is a definite reality and a powerful country in the region, which intends to live in peace with its neighbors within framework of the international law," Majid Takht-Ravanchi said on Monday.

Iran's UN envoy made the remarks in an exclusive interview with IRNA when asked about the possible impact of a change in the U.S. foreign policy apparatus under the new administration of president-elect, Joe Biden.

"The ambassador said that the United States should recognize Iran as a regional power. Iran is part of the region. It has helped other nations in West Asia to develop their economies, and defend themselves. The United States intervention there has been purely destructive. The sanctions have killed millions on top of the bomb. These cruel and inhumane sanctions must end right now," Does said.

"The United States has no business trying to dictate to the people of the region. Endless wars and sanctions enrich the few and prevent the possibility of a better world for people everywhere. The U.S. should get all its military forces out of that region, out of the so-called Middle East and stop funding the Israeli occupation of Palestine. It should engage in peaceful trade and relations with Iran and the other countries in the region," he noted.

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