Brad Wolf: Good morning, everybody, or good afternoon. Depending on your time zone. Welcome to the press conference today.

We'll get started in just a few minutes. I want to thank you so much for joining us today.

Please place all questions in the Q&A. Box rather than the chat box.

Members of the media, If you could identify yourselves and your organization with your question in the chat box that will make it much easier for us to locate you when it comes time for the Q. and A.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): If you're not seeing the Q and A Sometimes you have to click the 3 dots at the bottom of your zoom screen and you'll see more options, and then you can see the QA. Box. So, as Brad said, please do put your questions in the Q and A Box specifically. And again, if you are a member of the media, please do rename yourself so that we can identify you.

Brad Wolf: Greetings everybody, and thank you for joining us. My name is Brad Wolf, and I, along with Kathy Kelly and Nick Mottern have been coordinating the merchants of death war crimes tribunal for the last 3 years.

Today, on Martin Luther King's actual birthday, we are releasing the final report of that tribunal, and equally important, we are announcing the final verdicts from our 10 judges as to whether US weapons makers are guilty of committing crimes against humanity, war crimes, and genocide, as defined by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

The Tribunal is also making 13 recommendations for actions by the public and government officials to pull the profit out from under war and to provide reparations for the vast harm visited upon millions of people by the merchants of death and the US Government since 9 11.

Those recommendations are contained in the final report. This has been a people's tribunal organized to investigate the US weapons makers and find out whether they knowingly or should have known that the products they were producing were killing large numbers of innocent victims across the globe.

We focused on four US Corporations as being representative of the entire US Weapons industry.

Those 4 defendants are Lockheed Martin, Raytheon technologies, also known as RTX, General Atomics, the drone maker, and Boeing Industries.

While we seek to hold US corporations accountable for their crimes we also recognize foreign weapons makers should be held accountable by people's tribunals within their own countries.

The worldwide weapons Industry is responsible for the killing of innocents across the globe on a mass scale, and it must be stopped.

Furthermore, we, members of the tribunal would like to work with prosecutors around the world to help bring these actors to justice before a court of law with legal authority.

The evidence we have compiled is impressive and can be used in such prosecutions.

In our inquiry as a people's tribunal we interviewed military analysts, military officers, investigative journalists, writers, lawyers, doctors, and of course, the victims of these crimes.

All of that information was recorded on video and presented not only to our 10 jurors, but also to the world.

These 35 evidentiary videos are available for free viewing to everyone at Merchantsofdeath.org.

We encourage you to watch them and to share them.

In our investigation, we repeatedly called on the defendant corporations to respond to our allegations.

In one instance we were arrested for peacefully attempting to do so.

The 4 defended corporations ignored us.

We repeatedly tried to get members of Congress to respond. We were again ignored.

The US weapons industry foments needless war to generate enormous profits for their companies.

They are, in fact, making a killing from killing in the process. They drain the US treasury of over one trillion dollars per year, dollars that could go to healthcare, housing, education, infrastructure, and combating climate change.

After listening to all the evidence and spending months deliberating, our 10 jurors who are from around the world have come to a verdict regarding the 4 defendants mentioned.

Their decision is unanimous.

All 4 defendants have been found guilty by this tribunal of committing war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

To hear each of the jurors provide their verdicts and rationales. We have video recorded their statements, and those video recorded statements can be found at the merchants of death website

and through the link now placed in the chat.

Additionally, the full 160 page report of this tribunal outlining the evidence and all the recommendations can be found at the merchants of death website and at this link also, now placed in the chat. We ask members again, members of the media who are present today to please identify yourselves accurately with your zoom name, so we can locate you when you ask a question in the Q&A Box.

To now explain the tribunal verdicts as well as the laws behind them. Marjorie Cohen will be speaking next.

Marjorie is one of the jurors of this tribunal, is a law professor, author, and Dean of the People's Academy of International Law.

Marjorie.

Marjorie Cohn: Thank you, Brad.

The jurors in the merchants of death, war Crimes tribunal found that the 4 defendant corporations aided and abetted the US. Government in the commission of genocide, war, crimes, and crimes against humanity. Under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court the defendants aided and abetted crimes against humanity by producing, providing and promoting weapons that they knew were being used against civilian populations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, and the occupied Palestinian territories.

The defendants aided and abetted the war crimes of willful killing of civilians, infliction of great bodily injury of civilians and attacks on humanitarian facilities in the war zones in Yemen, Syria, the occupied Palestinian territories, Afghanistan, Somalia, and Iraq in the occupied Palestinian territories. The defendants aided and abetted the commission of genocide by supplying weapons that were knowingly being used against a national, ethnic, or religious group, the Palestinians, with the intent to destroy the group.

For example, let me give you some examples in Afghanistan. The defendants provided weapons, systems, parts, and services for those systems and munitions that they knew or should have known would be used to undertake a war of aggression against the sovereign nation and people of Afghanistan to illegally overthrow their government, and to occupy their country in violation of international law. The weapons would be used to support military action that would directly kill, maim, and traumatize civilians, causing them to flee the protection, support, and comfort of their homes and communities, and preventing them from securing the food, shelter, and medical care essential for their survival, particularly in the face of widespread drought and hunger.

In Iraq the defendants played a significant role in destroying that country, killing hundreds of thousands of civilians and ruining the lives of millions of Iraqis. The US bombing and ground invasion killed more than 7,000 Iraqis in March and April of 2,003, the highest number of civilians killed in a two-month period for the entire war In the massive US assault on Iraq that started on March 22,2003 aircraft bombs and missiles produced by Lockheed Martin Boeing and Raytheon RTX were used.

In Gaza, US Weapons manufactured by defendants have been used repeatedly by Israel during its commission of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity in the occupied Palestinian territories, including during the ongoing genocidal campaign for the past 15 months.

Israel has killed at least 45,000 Palestinian people, and apparently it is much higher than that, according to the New York Times, and decimated the infrastructure. From December 2,008 to January 2,009, Israel conducted operation cast lead.

They used DIME weapons which are dense, inert, metal explosives carried by Hellfire missiles made by Lockheed Martin. They release micro shrapnel with the capacity to kill and injure large numbers of people nearby

Israeli forces deliberately targeted civilian objects and failed to take precautions to minimize civilian casualties, violating international law.

Israel also illegally used white phosphorus on civilians, a jellied munition similar to napalm, which burns human flesh to the bone.

In 2,014 Israel using US supplied weapons manufactured by defendants, launched another assault on Gaza, targeting homes, hospitals, and schools, killing over 202,200 Palestinians, including more than 500 children in its frequent military offensives against Gaza.

The Israeli military uses Raytheon and Lockheed Martin bombs and missiles in Syria, munitions manufactured by Boeing, Raytheon, RTX and Lockheed Martin have been used to kill thousands of Syrian civilians through carpet bombing and artillery delivered white phosphorus. In Yemen, bombs made by Lockheed Martin were dropped by US made planes flown by US trained pilots.

The consequences of the war in Yemen have been disastrous. More than 24,000 people have died in indiscriminate airstrikes, including nearly 9,000 civilians.

Marketplaces, water treatment facilities, hospitals, a school bus, a wedding, and a funeral have been bombed.

The jurors urge countries around the world to prosecute the CEOs of the 4 defendant corporations, under the well-established principle of universal jurisdiction.

Universal jurisdiction refers to the authority of national judicial systems to investigate and prosecute the most serious crimes under international law, no matter where they were committed, and regardless of the nationality of the suspects or their victims.

Some of the laws that can be used in universal jurisdiction prosecutions are the Genocide Convention, the Genocide Convention Implementation Act, the Alien Tort Statute and the Torture Victim Protection Act.

The Leahy Law prohibits aid to Foreign security forces that have committed gross violations of human rights. The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and the Arms Export Control Act prohibit US Assistance to countries whose governments engage in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights.

The conventional arms transfer policy prohibits US weapons transfers if they risk facilitating human rights violations.

It has been my privilege to serve as a juror on this important tribunal. I hope our findings will be helpful in the ongoing struggle for peace and justice. Thank you.

Brad Wolf: Thank you, Marjorie. Speaking next will be David Swanson. David is executive director of World BEYOND War, an international antiwar organization that has been an integral partner of the tribunal throughout this process. David.

David Swanson: Thanks, Brad.

I am a fan of the entire Merchants of Death tribunal and every one of the concluding recommendations and probably a few more. I've been asked to speak about recommendations 2 and 3.

Recommendation #2 is a recommendation to us, that we divest ourselves and work to compel the divestment by all from stock holdings in Lockheed Martin, Boeing and RTX/Raytheon and in any companies doing business with General Atomics, and also that we work to first prohibit members of the U.S. Congress from owning stocks in weapons companies, and second to prohibit anyone from owning stock in weapons companies. A further or simultaneous step, I think, could be to prohibit manufacturing or possessing weapons, a step the U.S. government committed to arriving at together with the rest of the world when 55 years ago it ratified the treaty on the nonproliferation of nuclear weapons, requiring it to "pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament."

We might need a combination of international action and intense public pressure to prohibit profiteering by Congress, if we're going to get Congress to prohibit its own corruption. And we might have to bring the media outlets and stink tanks into line first. Divestment campaigns, as elaborated at worldbeyondwar.org/divest, can be tremendous tools of education, of organizing, and of impacting the death merchants. Some have had success in compelling cities or universities to divest from short and long lists of weapons companies, for example using a regularly updated list of the 20 largest, or a list of those profiting from a particular war. Any such list includes the four we're after. These campaigns can also connect issues, such as war and climate, and divest from two interlocking types of evil at once. They also serve to build up our capacity for shaming the profiting from mass killing that has been perverted into more a subject of pride than shame.

This week, the U.S. Secretary of State took a break from shipping weapons to a genocide in Gaza to claim he's spotted a genocide in Sudan. But he made no mention of the U.S.-made weapons doing much of the killing in Sudan. President Biden, to whom I fully intend to sell the Brooklyn Bridge someday, has accepted the word of the UAE that it will cease arming the war, so that the U.S. can go on shipping weapons over without any scruples. We can also divest from some subcontractors of the biggest weapons dealers. The F-35 is made with parts from around the world -- and just as it is assembled all over the United States for political reasons -- this may also be for political reasons. But it means that divestment can be a global effort as well.

Recommendation #3 is to prohibit any member of Congress, member of the federal government, or member of the military from accepting any employment, compensation, or having any other relationship with any corporation manufacturing, servicing or selling weapons for at least 5 years after they leave the

government. This locking of the revolving door would work wonders. I wouldn't mind if it also spun the other way, to the 5 years before government. I wouldn't even mind if it included during government: no so-called campaign funding, no lobbying, no bill writing, no provision of office staff, and no relationship with office staffers either, or with spouses -- no funding of inaugurations either.

While the revolving door is so common as to be non-shocking, I think its prohibition should be named the Cheney Law in honor of the former vice president, whose blatant profiteering opened new horizons for the corrupt in Washington.

David Swanson: Thank you. Brad Wolf: Thank you, David.

Speaking next will be Colonel Ann Wright retired from us. Army Ann is currently in the halls of Congress, I believe, right now. So hopefully, we're going to be able to bring her in.

I was in the U.S. military for 29 years and retired as a Colonel. I also was a U.S. diplomat for 16 years in U.S. embassies in Nicaragua, Grenada, Somalia, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Sierra Leone, Micronesia, Afghanistan and Mongolia.

I have been asked to speak on the Tribunal's strong recommendation that reparations be made to individuals and communities that have been injured by weapons made by these manufacturers used by the U.S. military in actions since 9/11.

While this will no doubt be a controversial recommendation within U.S. political parties that use war as a weapon of conflict resolution and within U.S. government agencies that implement the decisions of elected leaders, the Tribunal recommends that an agency be created within the U.S. Department of State that will be tasked with assessing the dollar amount of damages inflicted upon civilians as a result of the crimes that have been outlined by the Tribunal.

The agency would be charged with providing the necessary and appropriate reparations to individuals and communities that have been injured by the weapons used in U.S. military actions since 9/11.

An appeals board would be established within this agency, comprised of international representatives of non-governmental human rights organizations, to adjudicate disagreements arising from State Department reparations decisions.

Money for reparations administered by this agency would be generated by:

a. Requiring firms with Pentagon contracts dated October 7, 2001, onward to transfer to the reparations agency funds equivalent to the amount of their profits for that period.

b. Creating a surcharge, to be determined, on the annual revenue of all U.S. firms doing business in nations that have been subject to overt and covert military and paramilitary actions, retroactive to October 7, 2001.

c. Creating a surcharge on revenue of all U.S. firms doing business overseas, to accelerate paying off the U.S. debt that has been generated with the goal of supporting

all U.S. military presence and action since October 7, 2021, which has directly and indirectly supported the overseas business of these firms.

The funds would be distributed by the agency created within the Department of State.

Needless to say, the Merchants of Death weapons manufacturers would expend huge amounts of money on lobbying the U.S. Congress and Presidential Administrations to never implement this recommendation.

It will be up to us, the U.S. citizens, to vote for Congressional candidates and candidates for the U.S. presidency who agree to implement this recommendation.

It might be up to us to physically blockade Congressional office buildings, disrupt propaganda conferences, re-educate society, form alliances abroad, and pressure and reward incumbents and challengers until some Congressional candidates and candidates for the U.S. presidency who agree to implement this recommendation actually exist.

So here we are in the US Congress. You can see all the people that are here.

We are going into this hearing on the confirmation for Marco Rubio as Secretary of State, and these recommendations are very important. So, signing off from the US Congress.

Brad Wolf: Ann, you are multitasking in the best sense of the word.

Next, I'm very happy to introduce Bill Quigley. Bill Quigley is professor of law and former Director of the Law clinic at Loyola University, and Bill has been a longtime public interest lawyer, serving as counsel on issues for racial Justice, Housing, voting rights, the death penalty and Civil Disobedience Bill.

William Quigley: Good morning, everybody. I'm honored to be here with the people who have dedicated so much time to this issue, and all the 190 participants who are watching, and I recognize many faces, many people who are active in the efforts for peace and justice here and around the world.

I have a couple of specific points to raise, but I wanted to just say that.

William Quigley: Last night I had a little bit of time, and I put on Netflix. And you know what showed up was *Schindler's List*.

And I thought that that was very appropriate for what we're doing here today, which is the contrast in wartime Germany between

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The high society and the capitalism that went on, with people making money off of the unjust labor of others, and creating materials to use in the war, and the horrors of the Jewish people in particular -- At that time, in this movie of the executions, the terror, the displacement and the like is really a message for us in this area: the message is that we can go forward with our regular lives with the comfort that is provided in North America and only occasionally be alerted to what's going on. But this war crimes tribunal, and the extra look at Lockheed Martin and Boeing and Raytheon and General Atomics really shows us what's going on, and there is horror, there is execution. There is mass death that is going on, and people are making great money doing this sort of thing. So just a thank you for everybody who's worked on this to remind us of this.

I have 4 sort of reality checks for those of us who want to do something about this. There are people who are working on this issue in the legal arenas around the world.

In the United States, the Center for Constitutional Rights has brought action in Federal court in California on behalf of the children in Palestine against the Biden administration over the crimes against Palestine and the provision of war, the equipment for war, the training for war, the technology for war, and that case has been very helpful to illustrate what is going on and the details of what's going on. They have not been successful so far, but they continue to fight.

A second thing is that outside the United States, the French Human Rights Group, the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights has brought massive efforts in the French courts and in the international courts to challenge their country's supply of arms and technical assistance for attacks in Yemen.

They have a 120-page complaint, outlining the details of who did what and when and how many people have been killed and how infrastructure that's necessary for life has been destroyed. Those challenges continue.

3rd point is that there are other efforts in Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, and the UK where various human rights groups partnered with Palestinian solidarity groups, filed lawsuits and government challenges to arms, shipments, and the like, calling these things what they are, which is genocide, and saying that these are not only immoral, but they are illegal, and they violate international treaties and domestic law as well.

And I guess the 4th thing that I would say is that you know the legal system. We know there's a big difference between law and justice. I mean those people who are part of this tribunal, but also those of you who are watching as participants who have lived lives that try to embody justice and try to point out the gap between law and justice. There are some good laws on the books that are not enforced. There are other laws that are not so good that are enforced usually against the people who point out the gap between law and justice.

But all of these actions, whether they're advocated by human rights groups or individuals, or the kinds of actions that other people are talking about are raising the issues, are educating the public, are disrupting the status quo. I think it's great for all of us -and you know Ann Wright embodies what we're trying to do,-- which is to use our intellect, use our life experiences to research and find out what's going on, and then not just leave a report out there, but to implement that report by legislative action, speaking out, being in the halls of power, calling out the hypocrisy.

Under public pressure, some governments in the world have temporarily suspended export licenses. They have withheld weapons, exports, and they have begun to recognize the legal restriction on trading arms. And that is not stopping what has happened, but it is slowing it down. It is creating friction. It is helping people understand what's going on, and for that I think we owe great debt to the tribunal for putting out all these details and all the visuals and all the interviews.

Change is happening, and the only way it will happen is through a combination of our brains and our bodies and our hearts. And I think I'm just personally grateful for the work of the tribunal and for all the people who are participants and watching, and who are continuing these struggles.

Thank you.

Brad Wolf: Thank you, Bill.

We have one more speaker today before we take questions from the press and from the audience. Rania Masri's research and activism have centered on antiwar issues, sanctions and anti-occupation issues as well as environmental justice and voting rights. She is currently the co-director of the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network and she is also one of the jurors of this tribunal. Rania.

Rania Masri (NCEJN): Thank you, Brad, and thank you all for this marvelous work.

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Rania Masri, concluding remarks given at the <u>Merchants of Death War</u> Crimes Tribunal press conference on January 15, 2025. (Watch)

The <u>Final Report of this Tribunal</u> begins by reminding us that, in 1914, despite major opposition, Congress voted overwhelmingly in favor of war. The politicians defied the people they were supposed to represent.

Why? J.P. Morgan, one of the largest investment banking firms in the world, then celebrated that profit motives drove U.S. involvement in World War I.

In 1934, Senator Gerald Nye's extensive investigation of U.S. corporations, including weapons manufacturers, uncovered criminal and unethical actions including bribery of foreign officials, lobbying the United States government to obtain foreign sales, selling weapons to both sides of international disputes, and the covert undermining of disarmament conferences. Senator Nye declared in an 1934 radio address that they are "international racketeers, bent upon gaining profit through a game of arming the world to fight itself."

Almost one hundred years later, their horrors have only grown.

- The US is the world's #1 institutional polluter domestically and internationally.
- The US has nearly a 1,000 military bases and forward operating posts in more than half the countries in the world, and is now expanding bases even further under the fabricated threat of China.
- No country in the world is safe from the harms of the US military.
- Each year, the budget devoted to the weapons industries gets larger. The Pentagon now consumes <u>more than half</u> the federal discretionary budget, forcing the average US taxpayer to spend \$1,087 per year on weapons contractors compared to \$270 for K-12 education and just \$6 for renewable energy. And <u>now a number of</u> <u>influential Washington commentators are calling to increase annual</u> military spending by almost 90 percent.

We, the jurors of this Tribunal, heard evidence of their sociopathic crimes - evidence of their influence, their lobbying (purchasing of representatives' votes), and their corporate takeover of this nation's foreign policy and mainstream media all to generate ever greater profits.

- They fabricated enemies to manufacture wars. Wars of choice. Wars then presented as advertisements for more weapons. for more wars. As Arundhati Roy said, "<u>Once weapons were manufactured to fight</u> wars. Now wars are manufactured to sell weapons."
- All the while, the US democracy is reduced to ashes, a puppeteering of power.
- All the while, false consent is manufactured through the media and Hollywood. Representatives from the military industrial complex are 4 times as likely to be interviewed by the mainstream press. And, in Hollywood, the Pentagon and the CIA have exercised direct editorial control over more than 2,500 films and television shows! Glorifying war and masking racism as patriotism.

This same philosophy of trading human lives for profit is evident in the US healthcare system. Nearly half of US adults (44%) struggle to pay their medical bills. Every year, 68,000 Americans die due to lack of access to care - one person every 30 minutes - while health insurance companies make almost \$70 billion in profits.

All the while millions around the world, more than 4.5 million, have been slaughtered, bodies shredded, homes burned, land stolen, dreams denied, again, and again. Thirteen people, killed every 30 minutes, for the past 20 years - directly by US weapons - in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, Yemen, Libya, Somalia, and occupied Palestine. And millions - 38

million people - have been displaced from their homes, their villages, their countries, their communities. And the killing continues.

For us here, despair fills our souls as we watch, again and again: wars on endless repeat.

We are told to be realistic, to be practical. And all the while, our planet, quite literally, burns.

Fires are engulfing Los Angeles, burning homes to the ground and forcing even hospital patients to evacuate. On January 14, President Biden pledged to distribute one-time payments of \$770 to victims of the LA wildfire crisis, totaling \$77 million, while he has sent to Israel \$26.7 Billion in weapons over the last year. The administration's priorities are clear.

Imagine those LA fires again. But with paramedics, firefighters and hospitals bombed, and drones targeting children as they flee the flames.

Israel has dropped over 85,000 tons of bombs on Palestinians in Gaza in one year. Nearly 6 Hiroshima atomic bombs - dropped on a strip of land smaller than Raleigh. People vaporized, like in Nagasaki.

Every single bomb dropped on families in Gaza is dropped from a US-made plane.

A genocide. As Dr Ghassan Abu-Sitta explains, <u>300,000 Palestinians have</u> <u>died in Gaza from this ongoing genocide</u>, that's 10-12% of Gaza's population. 45,000 are people who were taken to a hospital and death certificates issued. This excludes the tens of thousands under the rubble, excludes those whose bodies are being eaten by dogs in the streets. And with the use of 2,000 pound bombs, very little of the human body is left. People pulverized by the bombs. And then there those who have died from untreated chronic illnesses, and women dying from lack of maternal care during delivery. Horrors upon horrors. Palestinian families shredded because their deaths deemed profitable for US corporations.

Today, January 15, marks 466 days of mass murder, starvation, genocide in Gaza.

Today, the Israeli government has finally agreed to a ceasefire - to begin in 24 hours (after pressure by incoming President Trump). The Israeli/US bombs may stop, but the devastation wrecked on the agricultural land, the criminal siege imposed on the people, and the destruction of Gaza's health care system - all mean that the suffering, starvation, and deaths of Palestinians in Gaza may continue.

War is mass murder, deemed profitable for the US corporations. An advertisement for the manufactures geared to market future wars. The politicians and weapons' engineers and soldiers become serial killers, and their crimes normalized by directors and producers and journalists. Enough.

In 1934, Senator Nye's Senate Committee recommended price controls, the transfer of Navy shipyards out of private hands, and increased industrial taxes. Senator Nye suggested that upon a declaration of war by Congress, taxes on annual incomes under \$10,000 - the equivalent of \$232,000 today - should automatically be doubled, and higher incomes should be taxed at 98%.

Had that Senate Committee succeeded, our world today may have been gloriously different.

## What can we achieve today for tomorrow's world?

Do we let criminals go free and continue to subsidize their crimes?

We continue that struggle - to hold the criminals accountable.

Let us begin with the weapons manufacturers. behind these corporations, are people, the CEOs.

(1) The CEOs of Lockheed Martin: Vance Coffman, Robert Stevens, Marilyn Hewson, and James Taiclet.

(2) The CEOs of Boing: Philip Condit, Harry Stonecipher, James McNerney, Dennis Muilenberg, David Calhoun, and Robert Ortberg. (3) The CEOs of RTX/Raytheon: Daniel Burnham, William Swanson, Thomas Kennedy, Gregory Hayes, and Christopher Calio.

(4) The CEO of General Atomics: Neal Blue.

They all aided and abetted the U.S. government in the commission of international war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

We strive to hold them accountable.

Just like the <u>Hind Rajab Foundation strives to end Israel's cycle of</u> <u>impunity through "offensive legal action against perpetrators,</u> <u>accomplices and inciters of war crimes and crimes against humanity in</u> <u>Palestine.</u>" Hind Rajab, a 5-year old Palestinian girl, who was killed deliberately by 335 bullets.

Are we being impractical in seeking justice? Quite the opposite: accepting this ever increasing domination of our world by the weapons manufactures and the mining industry — accepting their mass destruction and humiliation — that would be impractical.

Rather, we need to devote ourselves to breaking their cycle, and to rejecting all their impunities — including both the Israeli and American war criminals and all those who normalize their crimes.

In the words of James Baldwin: I can't be a pessimist because I am alive. To be a pessimist means that you have agreed that human life is an academic matter. So I am forced to be an optimist. I am forced to believe that we can survive, whatever we must survive. 00:42:10.800 --> 00:42:24.549

Brad Wolf: Thank you so much, and thank you to all of our speakers today. We would like to answer a few of the questions that have been posted in the Q. And A. Box. And again, please post questions in the Q. And A. Box and not the chat box.

: We'll go ahead and answer those, and we'll also take additional comments from some of the panelists that we have here today.

Brad Wolf: Greta, do you want to start with the 1st question for us and panelists, if any of you feel compelled among our group to answer one of these questions, just raise your hand or do the signal, so Greta can call on you.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Yeah, either wave your hand or really just feel free to unmute and jump in if you have a response to any of these questions, and just a big thank you to all of our speakers here for your powerful words, and for the 3 years of work that went into putting this tribunal together. So thank you, and thank you to everyone for joining us. There are a number of questions coming in. So the first question we have asks: Has the tribunal received evidence about the use of uranium warheads in the US And other hard target defeat Bunker Buster weapons.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Anyone want to take that one.

Nick Mottern: The testimony received is primarily on the use of what's so called depleted uranium, which makes it sound quite harmless when, in fact, it's highly poisonous, radioactive dust.

And we have particular commentary from Dahr Jamal about the use of depleted uranium in the assault and massive destruction against Fallujah.

We do not have testimony about other types of radioactive weapons, but

I think many people should know that the generations of birth, deformities, cancers, and other illnesses receive attention, perhaps, while the assaults are going on. But in these years, since then, these illnesses, these deformities, destruction of life, you know, essentially, sometimes dead people walking, is still part of life for people in in these death zones that the United States has created.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you. Nick.

Brad Wolf: And I would just add, Greta, if I could that more information about depleted uranium and those particular weapons are found in the report. So if you're interested in learning a bit more, and where that information came from, all that's contained in the written report that's posted in the chat box and is at Merchantsofdeath org.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you. And just a few logistical questions that are coming in. Yes, we are recording this webinar. We will send an email afterwards with the link to the recording and all of the

report and all the resources, and we will make a transcript available as well. So don't worry about any of that. We have a few questions that are being answered with typed answers. So you can go in the Q&A box and go to the answered Tab. Everyone should be able to see the answered Tab, and you can see any questions that have been answered with a written answer.

Let's go to a few other questions here. So Martha asks, how can we expect the US Department of State actually to implement a law that requires it to assess the damages inflicted on civilians that requires it to provide reparations, when Congress doesn't even respect the minimal laws that it has already passed to prevent human rights violations, which is a big question. But you know, how can we actually put pressure to try to implement this.

Marjorie Cohn: I can weigh in on this.

Yes, there is a lawsuit by Palestinian plaintiffs against US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, for refusing to stop US military aid to the Israeli regime in clear violation of us laws.

I remember in the sixties we used to say, one struggle, many fronts. And that's still the case today. And we're talking about legal actions coming out of this report, but also mass actions. And Ann Wright is *Exhibit A* of someone who does this, 24-7, and Code Pink and other brave souls. But Congress members do respond to pressure from their constituents, which means writing them, calling them, emailing them, writing OP-eds, letters to the editor, --it's easy to get them published, or if yours doesn't get published, others will, from the same point of view, because they add them up on letters that they receive.

Keep it under 150 words, peg it to a news story or an opinion piece, and continue mass action and exercising our 1st amendment rights, to speak out, protest, and stop this madness.

Nick Mottern: I'd like to comment on that. Also, when we're talking about mass action, we're really talking about moving out from behind our computers into the streets.

and I spoke last evening with a woman who was a Korean, who just returned from Korea, and I asked her about her experience, and she said. Yes, in Korea.

What we've learned is that we just have to keep going into the streets repeatedly in huge numbers, and that is how we deal with the problems that we have. This is not part of US culture right now, and we have a situation where one could argue that we don't have a functioning government in the sense that the US Congress and the Administration are violating their own laws when it comes to the shipment of weapons to Israel, and that's been going on for more than a year, and we do not have

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Yeah, alright, we've lost you, Nick. But we did have Rania, and then David next, so maybe we'll go to them and see if we can come back to Nick. Rania Masri (NCEJN): Yes, thank you. I just want to add a few things as to the steps forward. I think it's critical, given the monopolization of mainstream media that we also focus on building alternative press and looking at press more organically. So not limiting ourselves to the print. But looking at social media.

I also think that we need to be stepping away from the, you know, 2 sides of the same coin, Maga, Red and Maga blue political parties, and be working quite effectively from the ground up to build political parties in this country, because we don't have one. And the largest political party in this country is the 50% of American voters who are not members of the blue and the red.

So how do we get them organized? And a critical aspect of that organizing power is that we organize with workers. There's a lot of power and strength and inspiration that longshoremen have showed us on the West coast in particular, by refusing to, you know, offload weapons. How do we get more workers to be doing that kind of work? How do we stand in solidarity with workers, and shift that struggle. And how do we also get every single kind of community out there to speak forcefully in opposition to the military, industrial complex, and to the ongoing holocaust against Palestinians throughout the land of Palestine.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you, David. And then Marjorie.

David Swanson: Yeah, I just wanted to add that there are groups of people and lawyers suing US Congress members for their support of genocide. And there's a zoom call in 10 days on how to do that, and you could search for taxpayers against genocide and do the same in your district, and it's slightly, bizarrely, perversely encouraging that yesterday the ranking member of the Senate, armed so-called Services Committee seemed pretty upset about having a new Secretary of War, who was openly for violating laws, was openly trashing international law and urging that the Geneva conventions be thrown out and so forth. So, having people who don't put up the pretense, having people in charge who are going to be open about disdain for the rule of law may be helpful, for to people, for partisan and mere comprehension reasons to get involved in demanding compliance with the laws. We'll see.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you, David. Marjorie.

Marjorie Cohn: Yes, the International Criminal Court came into force in 2,002, and since then the United States has done everything it can to undermine it, and until very recently the court has succumbed to US pressure and prosecuted only African leaders. But the ongoing genocide in Israel in Palestine by Israel by the Zionist regime could not be ignored anymore.

And the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and the court itself actually issued arrest warrants for Netanyahu, and Gallant for war crimes and crimes against humanity. So now, when they travel abroad, they have to worry that parties, states parties to the Rome Statute for the

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International Criminal Court will arrest them and send them to the Hague in the Netherlandsfor trial in front of the International Criminal Court, and recently Poland said it would arrest Netanyahu if he came to celebrate the anniversary of Auschwitz, and then backed down, of course, by pressure, I'm sure, from the United States and said, Oh, no, we won't, --we won't arrest him. But other countries and there are, you know, almost 200 countries that are parties to the Rome Statute that can be expected to arrest Netanyahu and Gallant if they travel abroad, and so there is some progress on that front, and I also want to mention that the International Court of Justice recently said there was a plausible case of genocide by Israel in the occupied Palestinian territories, and also issued an advisory opinion that the occupation, Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory is illegal. So there is some positive news on the international front.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you, Marjorie.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): And in terms of spreading the word, there's a question specifically about, you know, how can we involve the faith community. And I'm not sure if anyone wants to answer that specifically.

Brad Wolf: Yeah, I think, certainly. What I've tried to do in my local parish is suggest that the videos that are posted on the website, the Merchantsofdeath.org website be used in church groups to simply view them. There are 30 min videos --watch them and then have discussion afterwards. I don't think we have to promote a particular argument prior to suggesting that. Just watch the videos and see what discussion evolves after that.

So getting the faith community involved in that way is a very good opportunity.

Also, in this year, we know we're coming up on the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I think this is a very important year to get the faith community involved in those attacks and the threat of nuclear weapons today. So there's a number of ways to kind of work the faith community into this conversation.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you. And Kathy.

Kathy Kelly World BEYOND War: You know, when we began working on this 3 years ago, 2 of the first people we wanted to contact were Pope Francis and Noam Chomsky, and I remember sending Noam Chomsky a copy of the letter to Pope Francis, and Noam Chomsky wrote back and said, "Well, that would be good company with which to be involved." Now Pope Francis didn't respond directly to us, but I have noticed in his most recent message to an assemblage of diplomats, he actually echoes the recommendations that you've been hearing people make, especially with regard to weapon companies rehabilitating themselves and engaging in the reparations they should make for the suffering caused.

The US Catholic bishops are militarists by and large, but they can't escape what the Pope has enunciated, and so we can repeat those kinds of statements. And it's been on my mind very much that if this tribunal were immediately up to the moment examining war crimes, exactly what's been said this morning would pertain. As regards Israel's genocide, which is being equipped by the United States, one of our main witnesses, if we were up to the minute, would be a man who was tortured, and is now still held without charge in prison. A medical doctor, Dr. Hussam Abu Safia. who apparently is in critical condition, having been tortured after the Kamal Adwan Hospital was totally smashed and ruined, and he had to turn himself in to be abducted by the Israeli military. This is the kind of witness, and Ann Wright and the others that are going into the Congress are certainly showing it.

But I would also just like to quickly call attention to a webinar that happened years ago when somebody asked Bill Quigley, "what do you think we should do?" And Bill didn't hesitate, he said, "follow the young people!"

Well, that was good advice. Then it became even better advice over the course of last spring, when young people in the hundreds, and then the thousands, internationally and then intergenerationally eventually created those encampments, displaced themselves, put themselves at risk, and demanded what Rania has so articulately demanded: that these companies divulge information about just how much profit they've made as they market wars; their very survival as war profiteers depends on more wars, more criminalization, and more threat to the planet, and to the young people whose survival hangs in the balance. Thank you.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you, Kathy, and Marjorie has a hand up.

Marjorie Cohn: Yeah, I wanted to say briefly that the boycott divestment and sanctions movement is a really tangible way that people all over the world can pressure the Zionist regime to end the occupation. The illegal occupation of Palestinian territory after stopping the genocide, and it has been so successful that a few years ago Netanyahu came to the US and declared that the 2 existential threats facing Israel were Iran and BDS boycott divestment sanctions. So I urge people to go to bds.org and get involved. It can have a real tangible impact.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you. And there's a question about whether people can still submit evidence for the Tribunal. I know that we do have the tip box on the website still. And perhaps, Brad, you could speak to that.

Brad Wolf: Yes, absolutely. So. If you go to the Merchantsofdeath.org website, we do have an anonymous tip box there. So if people have information and want to provide it, please do so. We look at that every day. We've gotten some wonderful information over the past few years from that. So again, Merchantsofdeath.org, there is an anonymous tip box there. Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Great. And yeah, that's under the contact page, and then people will see it. And, Nick, you have a hand up. Nick Mottern: Yes, I want to note that we have also a podcast. Called merchants of death radio.

Nick Mottern: And so this is a way for us to keep putting out information. And so the question about additional evidence is very, very important.

Nick Mottern: because we will have a way of communicating with people interviewing as well as providing evidence that we've already gathered.

Nick Mottern: and that's available at merchantsofdeath.org. And we'll be advertising that more on social media. I should say also that we will be in touch with groups that Bill mentioned, and try to be in touch with prosecutors in other countries to aid them in what we hope will be a legal prosecutorial offensive for those CEOs that Rania was so appropriately mentioning. And finally, I just would like to say, there are merchants of death factories throughout this country, and we have one here where I live in Northampton, Massachusetts.

And we will be doing more to disrupt their daily activities, and we are at a point where disruption of these places is absolutely essential. Thank you.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you, and we are just on the hour mark. But we have some more questions coming in. I think we can extend the time of this event, and if anyone has to leave we will send out the recording afterwards.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): But there was an interesting question about it, says, assuming most of the atrocities in recent years are from the US. Given its activities and funding. How do the US War crimes compare to those of other superpowers like Russia, China, the UK in recent years? If so, what makes them distinct or uniquely US? So I think that's an interesting question. And it sometimes arises in our work at World BEYOND War, because we do focus so much on the impact of the US Military empire which is so much larger than any other military empire. But yeah, is there any discussion of the comparison?

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Oh, Kathy has a hand up? Go ahead. Kathy Kelly World BEYOND War: Thank you. Well, I do want to call attention to the constant work that World BEYOND War devotes to putting more detail into the map that shows the bases all around the world, and it doesn't only show the US Bases. The constancy of the work has now involved detailing the bases in other countries, and you know we aren't trying to say that anybody gets a pass.

Any merchant of death, anybody manufacturing, selling, storing, preparing to use weaponry is in violation of human decency, of the possibility of prolonging life on the planet. We condemn all merchants of death. It is important to look at the Stockholm Peace Research Institute's

very careful listing at the end of every year which shows the scale at which the United States exports weapons, far beyond what anyone else is guilty of. And so here in the United States, I think we have to hold up that mirror. Look at ourselves in the mirror. Look at the people that are moving into governmental positions, and very importantly, when we acknowledge also those who are warmongers and war profiteers in other countries we have to try not to demonize.

That's difficult, because demonic things are happening all the time. War is evil and war isn't over when it's over. But if we allow any country to convince its citizenry that they face such a huge and monstrous evil in another country, and therefore they have to pick up the sword and go to war, It makes no more sense than what David Swanson frequently points out was the means of choice when there were disputes hundreds of years ago: 2 people would each arm themselves with a pistol, take 12 steps in the opposite direction, turn around and shoot each other. Dueling is lunacy. It's no longer done, but warfare is even more lunatic, more insane. So we want to say, as the World BEYOND War T-shirt says I'm already against the next war --anywhere.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Absolutely. And, David, did you have something to add.

David Swanson: Well, I agree enthusiastically with Kathy, as I usually do, but I think it's important that we recognize how unfathomably, horrendously evil is war making and war preparations and war antagonization by numerous governments on earth, and that they all exaggerate the horrors of each other, and that trying to pick the one that's good, and the one that's bad is a fool's errand.

But if you're going to look for the one country that is the elephant in the room that ships and sells and markets weapons to the rest of the world, outpacing just about the entire rest of the world, that spends on its own military, just about outpacing the rest of the world --That applies enormous pressure on other governments to increase their military spending --That is now absurdly talking about how 5% of an economy has to go into military spending-- that has at least 70% of the world's foreign military bases --that uniquely has divided the world into zones to dominate every sphere of the earth plus outer space plus cyberspace.

I mean, you can't get away from the fact that it's the US government that is the biggest outlier, shredder and violator of treaties. That is the leading enemy of international law that sanctions the International Criminal Court, or at least passes it through one branch of its legislature on the same day that it demands the overthrow of a government in Venezuela that openly backs coups, and unilaterally sanctions governments.

And again, yesterday puts up a guy for Secretary of War who says the Geneva conventions should be trashed. International law should be abandoned. People need to be able to shoot and kill more freely every member of Hamas, and nobody asks him to define who it is that needs to be killed. And you know they're going to approve him. And so it's no question that if you're going to pick a government to start with it's the one in Washington.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you. And Rania.

Rania Masri (NCEJN): Yes, thank you, David. 100%. And I want to add to that when we think about merchants of death, I'd love for us to think bigger than the literal weapons manufacturers, because we have seen a marriage between the weapons manufacturers, and the tech industry, and particularly alternative artificial intelligence, and the whole surveillance tech industry. And I would put them with the merchants of death.

So let's keep an eye out on how tech AI, that whole surveillance technology is being increasingly used to target and kill people and link that to how that's also going to be used more and more powerfully and destructively by US Police departments in their ongoing marriage, not only with the tech industry, but also with the military.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you. Nick.

Nick Mottern: Yes, thank you, Rania. I just wanted to say that in that regard there are companies like Palantir Andrel. These are new. So new. Quote unquote high-tech companies that are constantly pushing boundaries of surveillance and killing in a very new and dangerous way. And when we talk about repression by other governments of other people, these weapons are going to be leading the way for cheaper, easier ways for other governments to repress people in an advance of extraction resources from what we call the poorest parts of the world.

Where are these weapons coming from? They're coming from the United States. They're coming from Israel. They're coming from higher tech countries. And so we have a repeat of a kind of slavery colonialism that is being imposed.

And this has to be stopped if we're concerned about the killing by other governments. Because this technology is where it's going. I'm very involved with the, with the organizing to stop weaponized drones around the world, because that's on the cutting edge of surveillance and killing for repression and colonialism.

We want to stop these 4 particular manufacturers, but they're emblematic of a high-tech regime of repression and killing. That is really raging right now. So thank you.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thanks, Nick. We'll try to squeeze in a few more questions. So Daniel Shea, from VFP, asks, why did the panel not also include the attack on Iraq in 1991, by George H.W. Bush, yeah, was that included in the Tribunal's investigation.

Nick Mottern: Leading up to the attack on Iraq and Kathy Kelly had a lot of experience with that. And, Kathy, you may want to talk about that.

Kathy Kelly World BEYOND War: Well, thanks, Nick. Yes, we did in our tribunal investigation talk about the 1st Gulf war, and the ways in which that war began with George Bush, saying, "We will never allow a larger country to invade a smaller country." He was referring to Iraq, having invaded Kuwait. Well. The United States had assembled a huge arsenal, massive numbers of military equipment and potential for aerial attack and the 1991 Gulf War wiped out every electrical facility all across Iraq.

And then after that, after the sewage and sanitation systems were debilitated, and the incidences of gastroenteritis and dehydration and starvation began to attack children, then the United States engaged in an even more brutal and even more lethal kind of warfare--The economic warfare. Rania and I first met each other, working hard to try to stop those economic sanctions, to defy the economic sanctions. But the United States bullied the United Nations and forced through 13 years of punitive sanctions, whose main target were hundreds of thousands of children under age 5. And I think that this gave the green light, it set the stage for ongoing forever wars, and, as Nick has said, other countries can look to the United States and say, "Well, it works for them to break the law. Why should we obey it?"

But let us not give up on the United Nations, on the General Assembly, and also on each of ourselves, as sovereign people who have a capacity, a potential to take action. Thank you.

363 01:12:56.760 --> 01:13:05.579 Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you, Kathy. There's a question from Martha. Can FARA, the Foreign Agents Registration Act, be applied to AIPAC

Kathy Kelly World BEYOND War: I Wonder if Marjorie could speak to that.

Marjorie Cohn: I'm afraid I'm not an expert in that area, and will have to decline at this point.

Rania Masri (NCEJN): From my limited understanding of it-- I'm not a lawyer--I've just read on it. There is a legal application of it. The question becomes a political question, how can we do it politically? How can we ramp it up politically? So that we actually have Congressional representatives that have a backbone, and that have a conscience rather than the vast majority who are bought off by the weapons, industry, and by AIPAC in that order.

So then the question becomes in terms of How do we do that? Well, first, can we build the narrative that AIPAC is a foreign agent? Can we build that in our public talks, in our letters, in our media, in our representation, because critical to liberating ourselves from the weapons industry is liberating ourselves from the narratives that they have presented to us as mainstream. So how do we reclaim that narrative? So I would answer for that question. The how of that begins by raising it as an issue in the public sphere, and then seeing who can we get in Congress who can then uplift it? In North Carolina? We have one Congressional representative who is honorable, only one, but we have one, and that one is Representative Alma Adams.

From Charlotte we have one who is the one that you have in your state, or who's the one that you can get in your state that you can hold on to, and then we can build it forward, and if you don't have one in the State, think about who do you have in your city?

Who do you have in your county? How do we organize really small? And we organize that way by building relationships and trying to get changes implemented on a city and county level in our State? If we don't have those State Congressional representatives that are decent and honorable.

Thank you, Nick. And then David.

Nick Mottern: Yes, very briefly.

I'm going to suggest that everybody on the on the call today actually watch the episodes of the war Crimes tribunal. It's a lot to watch in a certain way.

But if you watch the episodes that have to do with the attacks in these various parts of the world. I think you'll be very motivated to bring this information forward to people and to use it to make alliances with people, locally, with students.

There's a great deal of repression of students right now.

And here in Northampton we're actually going to be protesting at Smith College and other colleges. Jennifer Scarlett, who is part of our group, wrote a letter to the president of Smith College. It says, basically, take your foot off the necks of your students. Because we, in talking with students, we found that in the in this new semester many of them are afraid of just basically losing the access to education, because if they get bounced out of Smith College. there's an educational combine that will prevent them from going into other schools that they're qualified to go into. So we've got a very serious problem of repression in this country right now. And it's really not up to only the students to correct this. And it's absolutely shameful that the academic community is not going to the defense of students under these circumstances.

Watch, please do watch these episodes and have other people watch them-for me, personally, working on this, I learned a lot about cumulatively what the United States had been doing piecemeal to destroy lives wholesale around the world, and once you feel that viscerally, you're going to be highly motivated. Thank you.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): And David, did you have a comment?

David Swanson: Yeah, just on AIPAC. I appreciate everybody's remarks. I loved Rania's response on AIPAC. I think that we do have to educate everyone that it is a foreign agent. But I think there's potential to do

so. And there's the possibility of building a larger coalition, including people who don't care about war and peace, because AIPAC buys us elections, and whether it's foreign money or domestic money, some people are smart enough not to really care. It's the corruption. It's the buying of elections and it's the buying of primaries. AIPAC has ousted US Congress members, and for the Democratic party which is currently trying to decide, you know, which new clown is going to run the thing. It's a foreign party in the sense that it's an organization that funds, Republican elections, but goes into democratic primaries and funds the worst possible candidate and ousts the best possible candidate. And so people ought to pay attention to primary elections in either of these lousy parties, because that's the only place you ever see anybody worthwhile.

And the reason they don't make it to the general is because AIPAC does them in. And so we ought to be building a coalition of people who care about this idea of elections and all the propaganda for democracy that goes along with the wars and the people who care about the wars and the warmongering there's I think, great potential there.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you, David. All right. Well, for the sake of time, I think we should wrap up and again we will send the recording and the links and other resources, and we'll certainly be available to any answer any other questions over email as well. I know that Bill wanted to provide a final comment, and we'll also open it up to anyone else who wants to provide a final comment. But, Bill, let's hear from you.

William Quigley: Yes, thank you. I would thank people for all the thousands of hours that have gone into this effort. And this will provide a foundation for activism and analysis for years to come.

I would say to people as somebody who's been involved in everything from death penalty to living wage to-- Kathy and I were in Rafah in 2,009 -- been in Iraq. Other places. -- There is something that comes back.

It applies to all of the things that we do, which is the idea that none of us know what will happen if we continue to fight for human rights.

It's absolutely true. None of us know what will happen if we continue to fight for human rights. But all of us know what will happen if we don't.

William Quigley: and so I would encourage people to find their way, their contribution, their dedication, because it's only in fighting for human rights that there is a possibility that we make progress. And there's so many people that feel powerless; our media, our Congress, our folks, are just constantly sending us the message that we are powerless. But those who have done this work, those who have researched, those who are participating know that we are not powerless. We don't know exactly how it's going to happen, but we know it will happen when those of us continue our fight for justice.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you so much, Bill, and I'll turn it over to Brad for any final comments.

Brad Wolf: Thank you, Bill. That's a wonderful conclusion. And thank you to all the panelists today. Appreciate the time and the effort. And Greta to you and to David and World BEYOND War. You've been wonderful throughout this process.

The verdicts are in today, but we still need to bring these defendants and other weapons makers to justice. We know that the jurors have deliberated on the guilt. They've found them guilty, but now the process begins to bring them to justice, and what that will require is the building of community and the connecting of communities.

And when I look in the chat box today, I've seen so many links to different organizations, different peace groups that are across the country and across the world. And if we can connect all those we could make a positive change. We really can do this, and it's going to be up to us because there's no government official. There's no corporation. There's nobody else. It's going to be folks like us that are going to make this kind of necessary change, to stop the suffering, to stop the unnecessary killing.

So I'd encourage you all to continue with this process, to continue to go to the merchants of death website, to look at those videos, to share them, to use the chat and all the links that were in the chat to various organizations. Make those connections, and let's build a movement that makes real change. Thank you so much, everybody. I hope you have a wonderful day.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you so much, Brad, and Nick has a hand up, too. So what? Any final comments, Nick.

Nick Mottern: Yeah, I wanted to just say, Thank you.

Nick Mottern: We got a lot of volunteers. We have more than 40 people who work for nothing, or for minimal pay, and I want to thank them. You know I see so many friends, so thanks.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Thank you all the culmination of 3 years of work.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): All right. Thank you. Everyone. Have a good rest of your morning afternoon evening wherever you are.

Greta, World BEYOND War (she/her): Goodbye. Brad Wolf: Bye.