The 2016 reality is:

• The U.S. has sent **Special Forces troops into Syria** and is openly planning to send more to Libya to “train, advise and assist” forces against ISIS/ISIL. Reuters reported the White House spokesman as saying, “the new mission in Syria was open ended,” and did not rule out the possibility of sending additional special forces troops into Iraq.

• The Obama administration is keeping **5,500 troops in Afghanistan**, rather than pulling out by the end of last year, putting them back into combat, under an agreement that allows U.S. presence there until 2024.

• The U.S. is **funding**, and providing tactical support to the Saudi assault on Yemen, which has killed 2,800 civilians, and destroyed much of the infrastructure of the poor country.

• U.S. Special Operations Forces have been **deployed in 2015 to 147 countries**—75% of the nations on the planet—which represents a **jump of 145%** since the waning days of the Bush administration. These operations include targeted killings. The Intercept.com recently released *The Drone Papers*, a series of classified slides which detail “the process by which people are placed on kill lists and ultimately assassinated on orders from the highest echelons of the U.S. government.”

• **Indefinite detention** remains a key part of terrorizing whole countries, with 91 men left in the torture camp of Guantanamo.

• The wars for empire in the Middle East have **driven millions from their homes**; many now roam Europe in desperate travel to reach somewhere to live without war and deprivation.

None of this will end without struggle — protest in the streets, arguments in civil society — especially on the part of people living in the most powerful country, with the biggest military ever.

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