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‘US came to Afghanistan to stay’

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Stephen Lendman, a Chicago-based writer and radio host, says America has plans to stay in Afghanistan even after 2014 withdrawal deadline, despite the fact that it has been “responsible for millions of Afghan deaths” since the 2001 invasion of the country.

“America came to Afghanistan in 2001 to stay. Official reports completely deny the horrors that the Afghan people have been put through. Very, very likely, the evidence suggest that America is directly responsible for millions of Afghan deaths [and] untold number of injuries from violence, from deprivation, from disease, from exposure to the elements, [and] starvation”, Lendman told Press TV’s U.S. Desk on Sunday.

He accused Washington of telling “lies”, saying that the United States, like what it did in Iraq, has no plans to leave Afghanistan either.

More than half a century after the World War II, “many thousands of American troops” are still in Germany, Japan, South Korea, and Italy, Lendman said. “There is no question that America plans permanent occupation of Afghanistan”.

Army General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on Saturday that he was confident enough U.S. troops will remain in Afghanistan after 2014, according to Reuters.