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"The Economics of Killing: How The West Fuels War and Poverty in the Developing World" by Vijay Mehta

THE US OBSESSION WITH DEFENCE HAS CREATED A MONSTER – THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX (MIC) which acts against the interests of people everywhere, including US citizens themselves. The Economics of Killing shows how this monster is not only the cause of extreme poverty in the developing world, but of 9/11 and the crash of 2008. The book proposes how the world might move away from an economy based on war to one based on co-operation, so we can tackle the two biggest threats facing humanity: extreme poverty and climate change.

Vijay examines the dangers of peddling war; Why does the West sell weapons to its enemies? Where did terrorists learn to make roadside bombs? Why does the West oppose China's hugely successful development model In this groundbreaking book, *Vijay Mehta uncovers the true motive of war, the real human and economic cost of killing and the paradoxical damage to the West.* He shows how US attempts to block China's model of development led directly to 2008's financial crisis. Mehta also shows how Europe and the US conspire with local dictators to prevent their countries from developing advanced industries, and how this system has incubated a global terrorist threat. Fifty years after President Dwight D Eisenhower warned of a military industrial complex, and a decade after 9/11, Mehta shows how freedom of speech and national interests are subordinated to the interests of military-industrial elites, creating a global economics of killing. If we do nothing, the MIC monster will continue to grow along today's global fault lines of conflict. Mehta shows how the military industrial model can be replaced by adopting equitable policies for Disarmament, Demilitarisation and working for sustainable development thus ending the cycle of violence and poverty.

"Across the world, the MIC has handed power to that 1% of humanity whose material desires can never be sated, who act as economists say they should, who murder, torture and steal in exchange for billions in a Swiss bank account, for a fourth yacht or a tenth palace" said the author Vijay Mehta "the grip of the MIC will finally end: not with a bang but in a peaceful murmur of prosperity."

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About Vijay Mehta

Vijay, a renowned author and global activist for peace, development and human rights, is Co-Founder and Chair of Uniting for Peace, an organisation one of whose creator was Philip Noel Baker a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. Uniting for Peace is working since 1979 devoted to building and promoting a global culture of peace, non-violence and poverty reduction. It is working continuously to avert the prospect of nuclear annihilation offered by the Cold War logic of Mutually Assured Destruction. Vijay is trustee of Fortune Forum charity which was founded by his daughter Renu Mehta. Previous speakers include President Clinton, Al Gore and Michael Douglas.

“Vijay....a long standing activist for peace, development, human rights and environment”
The Sunday Times Magazine, 1st February, 2009

“Vijay Mehta lends intellectual credibility to the project and wrote ‘The Fortune Forum Code for a Sustainable Future’, a sort of manifesto that will underpin the group’s future activities.”

The Independent (London), 26 September 2006

About the 4D campaign

A campaign to create global frameworks for taking actions on interconnecting global issues of disarming and demilitarising the world and the savings thus achieved to be deployed for development and democracy. The 4D for World Peace campaign and has been backed by luminaries who include; Mairead Maguire, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (1976), Northern Ireland, Dr. Shirin Ebaadi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (2003), Iran, Deepak Chopra, Best Selling Author and Founder Chopra Foundation, USA, Richard Falk, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights for Palestinian Territories, USA.

Epilogue

The world is faced with a choice. It can continue accelerating the cycle of chaos that benefits the Global North's military industrial complex while crushing development in the poor South. It can watch as a nexus of corporate executives in the North and paid-for ministers and officials in the South divide the spoils of globalisation between them. Or, through mass mobilisation and exposure, the grassroots can upend this system, rebasing global trade onto a win-win basis that puts the freedom back into free trade. It is collective activity that offers the best hope for ending the military-industrial trading relations that have kept half the world in a state of war, misery and starvation. It is public unity that will divert tax revenues from the pockets of military companies into the human and economic development that provides lasting security. Knowledge and power ultimately cohere at the same point.