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## **RAMADAN UNDER THE SAUDI IMPOSED BLOCKADE – FOUR YEARS OF WAR ON YEMEN**



Millions of Yemenis welcomed Ramadan<sup>1</sup>, the holy month, with hope for truce and peace despite suffering under the Saudi-led and USA backed military coalition's catastrophic blockade, where millions are food insecure and facing starvation, and indiscriminate air bombardment.

The Saudi-led war and blockade have pushed up the prices of basic goods and services.

***More than 22 million people, including 11 million children, are in need of humanitarian assistance,***

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<sup>1</sup> Throughout the Muslim world, the holy month has been celebrated as a joyful and spiritual occasion, with special meals and tasty treats prepared at sunset

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***An estimated 17.8 million Yemenis are considered "food insecure," not knowing when and from where their next meal will come,***

***More than 400,000 children are suffering from acute malnutrition***

Even during this holy month Yemenis cannot get a break as they do not have access to basic necessities to break their fast.

"We enjoy the month and so do our children, despite the shells landing on our streets." Said Hisham Mohamed Saleh, a courageous Yemeni father.

Saudi-led military air bombardment continues with complete international silence, although this illegal war amounts to a war crime and is against international human rights and humanitarian laws and standards.

***More than 10,000 killed, around 50,000 wounded, and more than 2 million displaced most of whom are children and women***

Looking at the state of Yemenis society and standards of living today, it's abundantly clear that the international community has failed the country. Preaching resilience and praising Yemenis' strength and courage for survival is disingenuous and counterproductive as it sidetracks from concerted efforts to stop the illegal war. By promoting Yemenis resilience instead of holding Saudi and its allies accountable for their multiple breaches of international law, and its involvement in the destruction of Yemeni society, the international community, in particular the relevant UN mechanisms, is masking its own failures – and shamefully abdicating its responsibility to the people it claims to be helping. We need to shift our focus from Yemenis resilience to Saudi-led genocidal war that's been tormenting innocent Yemeni civilians for four years now.

This illegal war has been going on way too long. If there is a will and commitment, there is no reason why the UN can't declare as illegal and call for an immediate stop to Saudi-led coalition's military operation and blockade in Yemen.

**Yemenis lives should come before selective and politically motivated agenda!**

**Yemen can't wait**

**#StopSaudiWarinYemen**

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