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SAUDI AND UAE ILLEGAL ATTACK ON YEMEN'S LIFELINE, PORT OF HODEIDAH



The unrelenting Saudi-led coalition launched attack on Yemen's port city of Hodeidah¹ amid several efforts by the UN and human rights institutions to abort this illegal attack. The Saudi-led coalition launched ground attacks on the city's airport and other neighborhoods in the southeastern part of the city, with air and naval support. Humanitarian agencies had forecasted a possible attack by the Saudi-led coalition could put the lives of one-quarter of one million people at risk.

The acting director for Care International in Yemen Jolien Veldwijk, stressed that the port of Hudaida is crucial for aid agencies to be able to do their work. More than two-thirds of the people of Yemen count on the food that is imported through the port of Hodeidah."

¹ This port is crucial for the flow of food supplies into a country that is on the brink of famine



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The ongoing genocidal war in Yemen has caused one of the world's most urgent humanitarian crisis. The UN reports port Hodeidah has the largest number of sick people in Yemen with more than 70 percent of its population, especially children, at risk of malnutrition.

Martin Griffiths, the UN special envoy for Yemen said he is "extremely concerned" about the developments. "Further military escalation will have serious consequences on the dire humanitarian situation in the country and will have an impact on my efforts to resume political negotiations to reach an inclusive political settlement to the conflict in Yemen. I cannot overemphasize that there is no military solution to the conflict."

These indiscriminate air attacks have killed thousands of civilians, yet the western backed Saudi-led coalition enjoys complete impunity which is boosting their barbaric attack on Yemeni civilians.

ICSFT condemns to the fullest extent the launch of yet another illegal attack that amounts to a war crime by the Saudi-led coalition on Yemen's port city of Hodeidah. Most importantly we urge the United Nations Security and Human Rights Council to condemn this offensive attack, hold the Saudi-led coalition and their patrons USA, UK, and France accountable for their innumerable crimes against international law.

We urge USA, UK, and France to step up to their human rights obligation and immediately stop backing the Saudi-led forces through diplomacy, selling them billions of dollars per year in arms and providing logistical support such as warplane refueling and military intelligence.

The time to act is now!

Yemen Can't Wait!

#StopSaudiWarinYemen

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