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HODEIDA: DOZENS KILLED IN SAUDI AIR STRIKES ON HOSPITAL AND MARKET



Relatives of victims gather around their bodies outside a hospital morgue after an air strike in the Red Sea town of Hodeida on 2 August 2018

Air strikes conducted by the Saudi-led coalition have hit a hospital's entrance, fishing port and fish market in the Yemeni city of Hodeida.

A source at Hodeida's health office said that 55 people were killed in the strikes, with more than 100 wounded. Both figures are likely to rise as the situation becomes clearer.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said on [Twitter](#) it was sending medical equipment to al-Thawra Hospital to treat those in critical condition following the attack.

Despite the Saudi-led coalition being the only air force operating in the area it failed to claim



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responsibility as usual and casted the blame on Yemenis, accusing them of targeting the civilians with ballistic missiles, but residents in the city reported they heard the buzzing of warplanes.

Meanwhile, the United Nations said it will invite the parties involved in Yemen's conflict for talks on 6 September.

UN Special Envoy to Yemen Martin Griffiths told the UN Security Council that "a political solution" to end the war in Yemen is "available" and urged world powers to support the new push for peace negotiations.

"These consultations will provide the opportunity for the parties, among other things, to discuss the framework for negotiations, relevant confidence-building measures and specific plans for moving the process forward," said Griffiths.

On Tuesday, the Yemeni parties to the peace talk said they were [unilaterally halting attacks](#) in the Red Sea for two weeks to support peace efforts.

Strategic port city

The parties in Yemen have offered to hand over management of the port to the world body, according to the United Nations, but the Saudi-led coalition says the group must quit the western coast.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and other allies have been fighting in Yemen with Western backing for more than three years. On 13 June, Saudi Arabia and its allies in a pro-government coalition launched a major offensive to retake Hodeida.

Fighting around the port – from which 70 percent of Yemen's food is imported – has raised [UN fears of a new humanitarian catastrophe](#) in a country already at the brink of famine – with about 8.4 million Yemenis on the verge of starvation – and a deadly cholera epidemic.

Indiscriminate air attacks have killed thousands of civilians, yet the western backed Saudi-led coalition enjoys complete impunity 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 Hodeida.



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We urge the United Nations Security Council and the Human Rights Council to condemn this offensive attack, and to hold the Saudi-led coalition and their patrons – US, UK, and France – accountable for their innumerable crimes against international law.

We also urge the US, 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 of weaponry and providing logistical support such as warplane, refueling and military intelligence, and instead to support the peace negotiations.

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