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### SAUDI ARABIA ATTEMPTS TO THWART UN EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO YEMEN



Martin Griffith, special envoy of the UN Secretary-General for Yemen

ICSFT deplores and is greatly concerned by the systematic propaganda campaign by the Saudi-led coalition aiming to block the United Nations effort to broker a peace deal in Yemen.

Peace talks negotiations are to be held in Geneva next 6 September. This is not the first UN attempt to negotiate a peaceful and political solution. However Saudi Arabia is not showing any sign of cooperation to the process, the regime is rather

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keeping busy with the usual antics to stall the peace talk and carry on with the bombardment of innocent Yemeni citizens. USA, UK and France are responsible for this war and man made humanitarian catastrophe as much as Saudi and UAE for their complicity and logistical and intelligence support. Just this month USA made bomb was used by the coalition to kill 40 children on their way to school. This was just one of more than 50 airstrikes against civilian vehicles by the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen so far this year, according to a report published by human rights watch.

## **Saudi led coalition genocidal war in Yemen**

Saudi-led coalition is waging a catastrophic war on Yemen by conducting a massive air campaign which had already killed more than 10,000 people and wounded at least 40,000. The majority of the civilian casualties are victims of war crimes perpetrated by indiscriminate aerial attacks against civilian Yemeni infrastructure, especially [hospitals](#) and schools, but also [markets](#), [school buses](#), weddings and even funerals.

Saudi Arabia and its allies continuously threaten Yemeni civilian population by imposing a complete embargo on the country blocking desperately needed humanitarian aid to reach the Yemeni people affected by the conflict.

This led the UN to describe the situation caused by the war in Yemen as the world's worst humanitarian crisis, with more than 75 percent of the population, about 22 million people, in need of aid, amongst which seven million are on the brink of famine.

Additionally, the almost complete collapse of the Yemeni health system caused by the ongoing indiscriminate bombardment by the coalition brought about the worst cholera outbreak and many other epidemics among the civilian population.



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## **Saudi led coalition's neglect of the plea from the international community**

In recent [declarations](#) following the massacre in Hodeida in early August, when the Saudi-led coalition bombed displaced civilians fleeing from the fight, Bin Salman threatened to target women and children in Yemen despite international criticism.

Now, with the Geneva peace talks approaching, the Saudi coalition is still continuing to publish fabricated, provocative and misleading news in a manner contrary to the professional ethics of media outlets that are expected to operate with the utmost credibility and impartiality.

The monitoring body set up in Riyadh, the Joint Incidents Assessment Team (JIAT), is busy covering up the war crimes committed by the coalition and fails to meet international standards and lack credibility. Amongst the many shameful rhetoric on its reporting, the JIAT claims Saudi coalition bombings are either justified or unintentional.

ICSFT strongly condemns the Saudi-led coalition genocidal war in Yemen which is indiscriminately destroying civilian infrastructure, deliberately killing civilians by aerial bombings and denying access to humanitarian aid.

We urge the international community to actively engage in the peace process by supporting the efforts of the United Nations envoy to Yemen, Martin Griffith, to end the war and bring the Yemeni parties back to the negotiating table after a pause of more than two years.

Failing to take action now means we are being complicit in the face of the worst man-made humanitarian disaster of the 21st century, and our inaction is boosting Saudi led coalition to the teeth as it continues to violate international law, targeting civilians and sources of international aid.

***#StopSaudiWarinYemen***