

## INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING FAIR TRIAL & HUMAN RIGHTS

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## Stop maritime piracy against fuel vessels now

With UN warnings that Yemen is rapidly heading towards the worst famine the world has witnessed in decades, the countries of the US-Saudi Aggression Coalition always insist on detaining vessels carrying fuel and food and depriving the Yemeni people of them without logical reasons despite these vessels obtaining the approval of the United Nations.

The detention of vessels put the Yemeni health sector in danger due to the lack of fuel needed to operate health equipment and devices, and consequently the deaths of thousands of people in need of ventilators, dialysis and other diseases, in addition to the damage to the rest of the service sectors.

For its part, the Yemeni Oil Company confirmed that the economic losses incurred by Yemen as a result of maritime piracy on fuel vessels during the past year exceeded 20 billion dollars. The company's executive director, Eng. Ammar Al-Adro'iee, said that 26 million Yemenis endure the hardship due to the acts of maritime piracy by the Saudi Aggression forces. He pointed out that the delay fines incurred by Yemen due to the detention of vessels exceeded 28 million and 800 thousand dollars, explaining that the coalition of Aggression incurred the Yemeni people three times the customs duties on the basis of which fuel vessels were detained.

The Aggression Coalition's insistence on detaining vessels and depriving the Yemeni people of them without any justification represents a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law and contradicts the Security Council resolutions in support of the Stockholm Agreement, which stipulated not to impede entry of fuel vessels. In addition to that, the detention of vessels is an arbitrary measure that causes the Yemeni people



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to die of starvation and disease and inflict material and moral damage on them, and it enforce them to live in conditions intended to destroy them in whole or in part.

The Yemeni people today need to load these vessels more than ever before, especially after the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic and the collapse of the health system, which calls for immediate action by the relevant bodies in the United Nations, especially the Special Rapporteur on the right to health to save the health sector and ensure the right to health for the Yemeni people.

The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights renews its calls for the international community and the relevant bodies of the United Nations to take immediate measures to stop maritime piracy by the coalition of Aggression and to ensure that vessels reach the port of Hodeidah to avoid the catastrophic situation that will result from the delay in detention. ICSFT also calls for not to be silent about the Aggression's coalition countries 'violation of the Stockholm Agreement, which stresses, in its entirety, the need to facilitate the arrival of fuel vessels, food, medicine, basic materials and humanitarian aid to the port of Hodeidah, thus undermining the UN peace process.

ICSFT calls on the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council to immediately intervene due to the difficult humanitarian situation in Yemen coincides with the Aggression's insistence on piracy of vessels which confirms that the policy of US-Saudi Aggression Coalition is directed towards Mass execution and genocide of the Yemeni people.

ICSFT also stresses that the coercive measures imposed by the countries of the Aggression Coalition led by Saudi Arabia to subjugate citizens to their policies is also a threat to good neighborliness, which is one of the most basic principles that regulate political relations between neighboring countries, and any violation of this principle will



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reflect negatively on the stability of the entire region, and not on relations The two neighboring states only. Thus, Saudi Arabia is not only causing the humanitarian crimes that occur in Yemen, but also extending to create tension in the entire region and threaten international peace and security and undermine the peace process sought by the United Nations.

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