

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence



Human Rights abuses in Yemen

Mr. President,

Saudi Arabia has been a member of the Human Rights Council since 2013 and is required to be committed to protection of human rights, however Saudi's recent humanitarian records show that the Kingdom is involved in violation of human and humanitarian rights in Yemen. The most recent report of the Security Council on Yemen,¹ has documented "the Incidents attributed to the Saudi Arabia-led coalition" leading to death and injury of civilians.

Mr. President,

Being concerned about the catastrophic situation in Yemen, the Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV) calls on:

- The Saudi Arabia to uphold its international obligations, specially its obligations as a Council member, to protect civilians in wars.
- The Saudi Arabia to carry out an accurate investigation of war crimes committed by its forces, since the report presented by the UN HC considers the Coalitions' attacks on Yemen close to war crimes;
- The United Nations to facilitate the urgent access of Yemeni people and their families to basic humanitarian aid;
- The United States, United Kingdom, and countries to stop selling weapons to Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates to avoid their cooperation in the ongoing war crimes in Yemen;
- The Human Rights Council to consider suspending the membership of the member states who are convicted of gross violation of human rights by international human rights bodies²;

The GEE (Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen) to reflect all the facts about the crimes committed in Yemen in its September 2018 report.

¹ . S/2018/68

² . Ibid. The Security Council report proves that the Saudi-led Coalition as violated the "International Human Rights Law" in some cases, p.258