

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Item 4: General Debate

Humanitarian Situation in Yemen



Mr. President,

More than 3 years after the launch of the Saudi led coalition attack, the world is faced with a massive human catastrophe in Yemen. Chronic poverty, hunger, famine and the destruction of all civilian infrastructures such as schools and hospitals in continued Saudi coalition airstrikes, are all the direct results of the conflict.¹

The attacks of the coalition forces which continue unabated and have taken a new form in the blockade of Port Hodeidah. The blockade is a breach of Yemeni people's right to peace and violates humanitarian law² worsening the dire humanitarian situation.

The Saudi military coalition – which receives logistical support, weapons and political backing from the US and UK – has been accused of killing hundreds of children in Yemen, according to a UN report.³

Mr. President,

ODVV deems the first step towards improvement of the humanitarian situation in Yemen halting military attacks in the country and the next step the multilateral international efforts to establish peace and reconciliation among all parties.

ODVV calls upon the international community to take the first steps toward fair negotiations and peace building in Yemen and stop all air strikes against civilian areas, urge the Coalition to discriminate war zones from markets, schools and children's buses and take immediate action to remove the Hodeidah blockade.

¹. 2017 report of the UN Human Rights Council.

². <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2015/09/yemen-the-forgotten-war/>

³. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2017/08/16/confidential-u-n-report-accuses-saudi-coalition-of-killing-hundreds-of-children-in-yemen-conflict/>