

## **Saudi Arabia continues to bombard Yemen with complete impunity!**



Amid several reports of violations of international humanitarian law and of violations and abuses of human rights law in Yemen, including those involving grave violations against children, attacks on humanitarian workers, civilians and civilian infrastructure, including medical facilities and missions and their personnel, as well as schools, the prevention of access for humanitarian aid, the use of import and other restrictions as a military tactic, the severe restrictions on freedom of religion or belief, including for minorities, and the harassment of and attacks against journalists and human rights defenders, including women human rights defenders, Saudi-led coalition has carried out another air strike on Sunday in the Bani Qais district in Hajjah province of Yemen that has killed at least 33 and injured 55 civilians.

ICSFT along with other international human rights organizations have condemned the Saudi-led coalition for engaging in indiscriminate bombings during which thousands of civilians have been killed and injured, and millions of Yemenis remain in need of immediate humanitarian aid.

Given the prominent inaction and lack of concerted effort to halt this man-made catastrophe, it's safe to say these appeals are falling on deaf ears as a result of petrol-dollar led international diplomacy and politics.

Saudi Arabia's western allies including USA, UK, and France continue to exercise a selective and biased human rights agenda when it comes to disassociating themselves from and condemning the Saudi imposed genocide in Yemen. Monetized politics before human rights has become their slogan in practice. Case in point is the latest multibillion arms deal between the aforementioned western countries and Saudi Arabia despite the appeal sounded by the human rights advocates and experts. Pledging millions of dollars to halt the worst humanitarian crisis is a waste of resource and a counterproductive measure, if UN and other relevant organs don't stop Saudi imposed blockade and indiscriminate airstrikes. Yemenis don't want aid: they want peace and the opportunity to rebuild their country for themselves.

ICSFT deplores the ongoing Saudi led war in Yemen and urges the US and European countries to stop supporting aggressors by providing weapons and jets. Saudi and its GCC and western allies need to take immediate steps toward ending the bloodshed and siege.

Saudi and western allies unwarranted and politically motivated interference has not brought peace to Yemen. Yemen's history is marked by foreign interventions that have failed to reckon with the complexity of the country's politics. Yemeni led inclusive peace talk and political solution is the only way forward.

USA, UK, France please stop importing your weapons and support UN led peace talks if human rights is your true agenda!