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ICSFT MEDIA ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN ON SAUDI WAR IN YEMEN!

The Saudi-led war in Yemen has officially entered its fourth year accompanied by the deafening international silence and impunity! The Saudi-led military coalition is carrying out a devastating air bombardment campaign in Yemen that could amount to war crimes.

The coalition airstrikes which have struck civilian infrastructure including health facilities, schools, factories, power facilities, bridges and roads is a clear violation of the Law of the War. More often than not such strikes have been disproportionate or indiscriminate and in many cases they appear to have directly target civilians and, or civilian objects.

The Saudi-led coalition has also imposed a naval blockade causing a spiraling humanitarian crisis for the civilian population. According to the UN, Yemen could become the worst humanitarian disaster in half a century, with as many as 76% of the population in need of humanitarian aid.

Here's a look at the war's astounding toll in numbers:

- ✚ ***More than 10,000 killed, around 50,000 wounded, and more than 2 million displaced most of whom are children and women, according to UN reports.***
- ✚ ***More than 22 million people, including 11 million children, are in need of humanitarian assistance, according to U.N. officials and the International Committee of the Red Cross."***
- ✚ ***An estimated 17.8 million Yemenis are considered "food insecure," not knowing when and from where their next meal will come, according to the U.N.***
- ✚ ***More than 400,000 children are suffering from acute malnutrition, according to the World Food Program***
- ✚ ***Around 15.7 million Yemenis lack access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation services, according to the ICRC***
- ✚ ***Some 16.4 million Yemenis lack access to adequate health care, according to the U.N.***
- ✚ ***Another 24.3 million lack access to public electricity, according to the ICRC***

Human rights organizations have documented hundreds of cases of unlawful attacks by the Saudi-led coalition killing thousands of civilians and targeting homes, markets, hospitals, schools and mosques- which amounts to war crimes. The call for the creation of an independent international investigation into violations in Yemen has been made since 2015.

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The UN Security Council and Human Rights Council repeatedly failed to establish a functional mechanism to hold the perpetrators of this crime accountable. After three years, the UN HRC adopted a deeply flawed A/HRC/36/L.8 mandating a group of international efforts to investigate abuses by all parties to the conflict in Yemen and present its findings during the 39th regular session.

ICSFT condemns in the strongest term the war crimes carried out by the Saudi-led forces and their western allies , mainly the US and UK, over the past three years and calls for the UN and international community to put an end to the genocidal war in Yemen

As the human rights and humanitarian situation drops to unprecedented low, ICSFT is launching a media advocacy campaign on 23rd May 2018 to shed light on the unpalatable truth – the Yemen genocide- and to facilitate a multi-stakeholder and inclusive dialogue in order to create a practical mechanism of accountability for the human rights violations and Yemeni led peace process.

Speak up and condemn these atrocious human rights violates promoted by the US back Saudi-led coalition.

Send a clear message to Saudi Arabia and their GCC and Western allies: their war crimes will be exposed and will not go down in history unpunished.

Stand in solidarity with the Yemeni people!

Human rights before political interest!

ICFST will launch its campaign on Thursday the 17th of May 2018

Please join the campaign and be part of the conversation by using the hashtag

#StopSaudiWarinYemen

Please watch the campaign trailer here <https://youtu.be/3MWIEwVhJEQ>

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