

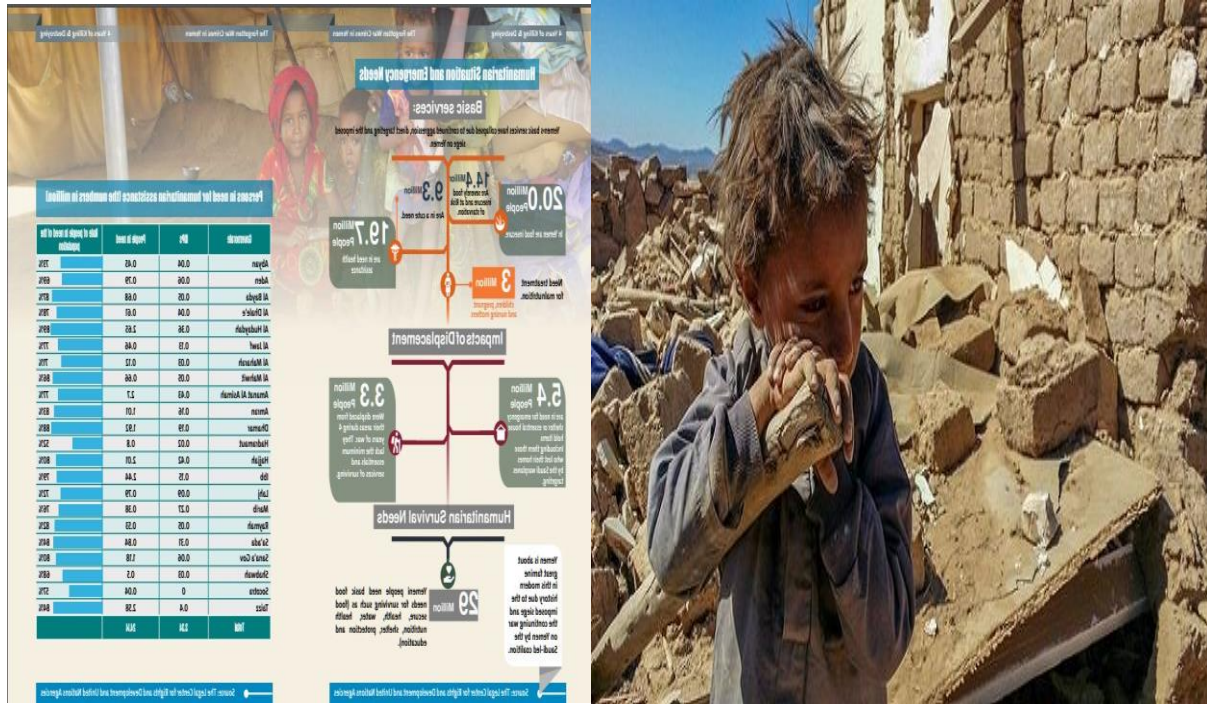


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ICSFT CALLS FOR REAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR WAR CRIMES IN YEMEN



Four years in the Saudi-led war on Yemen is not showing any sign of slowing down. The Saudi-led coalition is raging with complete impunity at the expense of thousands of lives, with millions of Yemenis in need of humanitarian assistance.

The coalition has conducted scores of indiscriminate and disproportionate airstrikes killing thousands of civilians and hitting civilian objects in violation of international laws relating to conflict, using munitions sold by the USA, UK, and others, including widely banned cluster munitions. As well the coalition routinely harass, threaten, and attack Yemeni activists and journalists. Human rights defenders, people perceived to be political opponents and security threats, including children, have been arbitrarily detained, abused and held in poor

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conditions, and forcibly disappeared. These cases are well documented by Yemeni human rights groups and lawyers and human rights organizations.

- 39,856 Civilians have fallen victims of direct air bombardment by the Saudi-led coalition. Of which 3,677 children, 2,361 Women, 9,466 men Killed, and 3,761 children, 2,742 women, and 17,849 med wounded.
- 2,976+ People have died of Cholera and Diphtheria, which spread in most of Yemen provinces due to the ongoing war and siege by the Saudi coalition on Yemen
- 4,200+ Patients of kidney failure, cancer and diabetes has died as a result of lack of medicines, medical solutions and health care
- 197,000+ Died as a result of the lack of health care, food and medicine due to the imposed siege on Yemen
- 6 Children Every hour die due to the suffering of various diseases¹

The Saudi-led coalition exacerbated what the UN has called the world's largest humanitarian catastrophe, including by unlawfully impeding delivery of desperately needed humanitarian aid. In addition to direct attack on civilians, the Saudi-led coalition naval and areal blockade is worsening the humanitarian situation by the day. 80 percent of Yemen's population, around 24 million people, are in need of humanitarian assistance. According to the UN Under-Secretary

¹ <file:///C:/Users/DELL-/Downloads/The%20Forgotten%20War%20Crimes%20in%20Yemen%202019.pdf>



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General for Humanitarian Affairs, some 20 million people need help securing food, and nearly 10 million people are a step away from famine.

This catastrophe has been confirmed by the Group of Eminent international and regional Experts (GEE) report that highlights the extraordinary rates of civilian deaths by air strikes, the lack of accountability for violations, and the humanitarian crisis. The report states that, "Since March 2017, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has designated Yemen as the world's largest humanitarian crisis. In April 2018, out of a population of 29.3 million, 22.2 million persons were in need of humanitarian assistance, including 11.3 million in acute need." The GEE report also states the coalition is credibly implicated in detainee-related abuse that might amount to war crimes. The UAE has run informal detention facilities in Yemen, but has not acknowledged any role in detainee abuse nor conducted any apparent investigations.

Despite mounting evidence of violations of international law by coalition, efforts toward accountability have been miserably insufficient. Most importantly the USA, UK, France, and others have continued to sell munitions and other arms to Saudi Arabia and other coalition states, despite the coalition's frequent unlawful attacks. In particular the USA has provided in-air refueling and other technical support to coalition forces which makes it a party to the coalition and may be complicit in unlawful coalition attacks in which it took part.

The Saudi-led coalition and their allies are bound by customary international law including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), therefore should be held accountable accordingly for the war crimes and crimes against humanity they are committing in Yemen.

ICSFT urges USA, UK, France and others to stop the funding and support of a deadly war, and to stop the biggest humanitarian disaster in the world today.

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The Saudi-led coalition must immediately halt the war and immediately and seriously commit to upholding Resolution 36/31 and supporting the work of the GEE.

The war in Yemen requires immediate international attention and action. Not only must a ceasefire be brokered, but allegations of torture must be investigated and urgent humanitarian needs must be addressed. The international community must act not before it is too late!