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### **NO END IN SIGHT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE'S WAR IN YEMEN**



The crisis in Yemen is far from over as Saudi-led coalition backed by USA and UK continues its illegal war with complete impunity. Despite several efforts to uphold a binding peace agreement, the country remains to be a victim to Saudi Arabia's regional political game at the cost of innocent civilian lives.

We are witnessing war crimes, collective punishment, and humanitarian catastrophe on the Yemeni people. The humanitarian crisis in war-torn Yemen is worsening, with the number of cholera cases rising. Despite the whitewashing UK and USA media effort to create a narrative of reform and emancipation regarding Saudi Arabia, the new prince has managed to secure multi-billion arms deals with his western allies that will be used to kill innocent Yemenis' including women and

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children. Saudi-led coalition's disproportionate or indiscriminate air strikes continue to claim the lives of thousands of Yemenis' with complete impunity.

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 and in many cases they appear to have directly target civilians and, or civilian objects.

Additionally the Saudi-led coalition has continued using internationally prohibited weaponries including cluster bombs that has resulted in an increased level of displaced people and shortage of food, water and other basic necessities.

This Saudi-UAE led war has killed more than 10,000 and caused the world's most urgent humanitarian crisis. UN agencies say up to 14 million Yemenis are at risk of starvation if the port of Hodeidah is closed by fighting or damage. This month only several girls under the age of nine in a Sanaa school have been killed by the coalitions airstrike on school.

According to save the children report as many as 85,000 children may have starved to death in the past three years during this genocidal war by Saudi-UAE coalition.

As well Saudi imposed full blockage on Yemen's ports is pushing the country to brink of famine. An estimated 17.8 million are food insecure, 16 million lack access to safe water and sanitation, and 16.4 million lack access to adequate healthcare in Yemen, of which women and children are disproportionately worse off. Yemeni children continue to be affected by grave child rights violations committed by the Saudi-led coalition.

The international community has failed to take the action needed to end this man-made catastrophe. Millions of Yemeni women, men and children feel

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abandoned by global leaders who seem to put profit and politics above human lives. The silent diplomacy has failed to halt violation after violation by the Saudi – led coalition.

ICSFT supports a political solution in line with a U.N. resolution that calls for an inclusive democratic transition and calls on Saudi-led coalition to stop war and withdraw from Yemen. We put high value in investing in a new Yemeni led inclusive peace process in which women, youth and diverse civil society meaningfully participates to bring sustainable peace and development to the war-torn country, Yemen.

We reiterate our call to the Saudi-led coalition to immediately stop its illegal military operation and blockade in Yemen.

Most importantly ICSFT urges USA<sup>1</sup> and UK to stop supplying the Saudi - led coalition with weapons, munitions, military equipment that is fueling the war western support has emboldened the coalition's illegal pursuit in Yemen. Therefore seizing this support is the only significant way to relieve the suffering of the Yemeni people.

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<sup>1</sup> President Donald Trump has vetoed a congressional resolution that sought to end U.S. involvement in the Saudi-led war in Yemen, the White House said on this month.