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Letter dated 20 March 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you regarding the latest massacre committed by the terrorist Houthi militias against innocent civilians in the city of Rada'a, Bayda Governorate. In this regard, I would like to make the following points:

- On the morning of 19 March 2024, the terrorist Houthi militias detonated and blew up civilian residential houses upon their residents in the City of Rada'a, Bayda Governorate, resulting in the killing and injury of at least 35 innocent civilians, most of whom are women and children, while many others remain under the rubble.
- The Government of Yemen condemns, in the strongest terms, this heinous crime committed by the terrorist Houthi militias in blowing up civilian homes and demolishing houses upon their residents, resulting in the killing of 12 civilians, and emphasizes that this horrific terrorist crime, perpetrated by the terrorist Houthi militias during the holy month of Ramadan, is yet another flagrant violation of international law and human rights law and a clear indication of the criminal and heinous nature of this terrorist group and its aggression against the Yemeni people since its coup d'état against the State and the aspirations of the Yemeni people.
- This horrific crime is not the first of its kind, nor is it an individual act, rather it is the latest in a long series of brutal crimes committed by the Iran-backed terrorist Houthi militias against the Yemeni people. Several human rights organizations have documented and reported over 900 incidents of detonations or demolitions of residential houses by the Houthi militias against those who oppose its agenda, including politicians, media professionals, sheiks and ordinary citizens.
- The criminal and terrorist acts committed by the Houthi militias against civilians in Bayda Governorate, and Yemenis elsewhere, including killing, besieging, kidnapping, destruction and bombing of homes, looting of property and intimidation of women and children in a systematic manner constitute serious violations of international law, international humanitarian law and human rights law.
- While the terrorist Houthi militias falsely claim to defend the Palestinian people in Gaza, they continue to commit the same atrocities and brutal crimes against the Yemeni people that the Israeli occupation forces are committing against the Palestinians.



- These criminal acts by the terrorist Houthi militias are threatening to squander any opportunities for peace and are jeopardizing regional and international efforts and the efforts of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen aimed at securing a comprehensive ceasefire and resuming the political process under the auspices of the United Nations, based on the agreed references.
- The Government of Yemen stresses that the crimes and violations committed by the terrorist Houthi militias will not be subject to statutory limitations and will not lapse with time. The Government of Yemen reaffirms its commitment to restoring State institutions, overcoming the coup, putting an end to the Houthis' terrorism and achieving sustainable peace, security and stability throughout Yemen and the region.
- The Government of Yemen has heeded the calls of the Special Envoy and regional and international calls to preserve the ongoing peace efforts and the relative calm since the lapse of the United Nations truce, despite the various Houthi violations and lack of compliance with its provisions. Moreover, the Government of Yemen warns that the inaction by the United Nations, the Security Council and the international community will send the wrong message and will only embolden the terrorist Houthi militias to continue their terrorist behaviour.

The Government of Yemen calls upon the Security Council to unequivocally condemn these heinous crimes by the terrorist Houthi militias against innocent Yemeni civilians. The repeated Houthi violations, terrorist crimes and behaviour and threats to peace and stability in Yemen and the region cannot be allowed to continue with impunity. The Government of Yemen urges the Security Council to take tangible measures to hold the terrorist Houthi militias accountable, including by designating them as a terrorist group.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter available to the members of the Security Council for their valuable consideration and be issued as a document of the Council.

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