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Letter dated 21 September 2021 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 mass execution of nine Yemenis, including a minor, carried out by the Houthi militias on 18 September 2021 in Sana'a. In this regard, I would like to make the following points:

The Houthi militias publicly executed nine detainees, who were forcedly disappeared for over three years, throughout which they were subjected to extremely inhumane treatment and systematic torture to extract fabricated confessions and denied visitation from their families until they were executed. One of the victims was an underage child, who, owing to the Houthis' systematic physical torture, was left with a spinal disability and lost his ability to walk and thus was carried into the execution square. Additionally, a tenth victim from the same group died in the Houthis' prison as a result of torture.

The Houthis' illegal court sentenced the victims to death in a sham trial that lacked proper due process and the fundamentals of justice or a fair trial.

After the executions, the Houthi militias demanded that the families of the victims vacate their homes as part of the Houthis' confiscation of the victims' funds and properties. The militias have also demanded that the victims' families pay 3 million Yemeni rials each as litigation expenses.

These executions are blatant violations of the Stockholm Agreement, which provided for the release of all detainees and prisoners.

These executions are clear examples of the Houthi militias' continued use of the judicial system under their control to eliminate any dissidents and opponents, as well as to seize their properties.

The Government of Yemen is deeply concerned about the fate of Yemenis subject to such Houthi courts and trials and calls upon the Security Council, the Human Rights Council, the United Nations and the international community to strongly condemn the Houthi militias' crimes and blatant violations and to hold them accountable, recalling that silence will be interpreted only as impunity by the Houthi militias.

The Government of Yemen further calls upon the international community to act individually and collectively to stop the Houthi militias' savagery and brutality against the Yemeni people, including mass executions and torture of civilians, including children, journalists, activists and politicians, and to release all prisoners, detainees and forcedly disappeared persons without delay.



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

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