

**Security Council**

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Letter dated 29 August 2022 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 Houthi militias' malicious attack that was launched against the Dhabab district, west of the city of Ta'izz, on Sunday evening, 28 August 2022. While the Government of Yemen remains committed to the truce and has fulfilled its obligations in accordance with the truce provisions, the Houthi militias not only continue refusing to lift the siege of Ta'izz and open the main roads, they also launched this attack to seize control of the Dhabab area and cut off the only remaining lifeline route connecting the city of Ta'izz to Aden Governorate. In this regard, I would like to underline the following points:

- This attack comes at a time when the efforts of the international community and the United Nations are focused on consolidating and expanding the humanitarian truce and building on it to resume the political efforts and achieve peace in Yemen.
- This Houthi attack is a flagrant challenge to all the efforts and initiatives aimed at ending the war and achieving peace and is a clear attempt to thwart the efforts to extend and expand the truce. It is aimed at tightening the siege of the city of Ta'izz, in relation to which the Houthis have refused to fulfil their relevant obligations and open its main roads.
- The Government of Yemen calls upon the Security Council and the United Nations Special Envoy to uphold their responsibilities and condemn the Houthi militias' escalatory criminal acts in Ta'izz, especially as these acts are carried out while the military negotiating teams are presently in Amman, Jordan, under the auspices of the United Nations Special Envoy, to discuss ensuring adherence to the ceasefire and preventing further military violations of the truce.
- For the truce to achieve its humanitarian objective, it must be fully implemented to allow building towards a nationwide ceasefire and a comprehensive political settlement. Therefore, we call upon the Security Council to exert the utmost pressure on the Houthis to comply with the truce, including by immediately opening the main roads and lifting the siege of Ta'izz, as well as by ending their continued military violations.

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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