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Open Letter: We Demand Immediate Action to Protect Women and Children in Taiz, Yemen

To: Parties of the conflict - Relevant bodies and authorities - Organizations working on the rights of women and children - United Nations bodies

We, the undersigned, are writing this open letter to draw your attention to the catastrophic humanitarian situation facing children and women in Taiz Governorate, Yemen. Despite a truce and ongoing negotiations between the parties to the conflict, serious human rights violations continue, particularly targeting the most marginalized groups such as women and children.

According to the report issued by the Centre for Strategic Studies to Support Women and Children, entitled 'Double Pain', women and children in Taiz faced increasing violations from January 2023 to June 2024 by all conflict parties, including the Houthi group 'Ansar Allah' and the internationally recognized government apparatus. The number of victims killed or injured during this period reached 47 victims, including 24 children and 23 women. These violations include sniper operations, mines, and indiscriminate shelling, which led to the death and injury of many innocent people.

Sniping is one of the most brutal violations documented in Taiz, with children and women being deliberately and systematically targeted. The report notes that women and children were not bystanders but were directly targeted by snipers, reflecting a deliberate intent to harm them. In addition, randomly planted mines pose a threat to the lives of civilians, killing and injuring many children and women, leaving devastating physical and psychological effects on affected



families. In addition, ongoing indiscriminate shelling destroys civilian homes on a daily basis, killing and injuring women and children and increasing fear and insecurity in the area. These violations not only cause direct harm, but also destroy basic facilities and infrastructure that residents need to survive.

In light of the aforementioned serious violations against women and children in Taiz, we present a set of recommendations addressed to all concerned parties, with the aim of protecting the rights of victims and stopping these ongoing violations.

To the international community:

- **Activate negotiations aimed at finding a permanent solution to the conflict in Yemen, and pressure the parties to the conflict, urgently, to stop the violations committed against civilians, especially the violations against children and women in Taiz Governorate.**
- **Support everything that would encourage victims to go to the judiciary to obtain justice, and ensure that the accused do not escape punishment, including monitoring and verification projects adopted by local organizations and human rights defenders, to pressure to stop the violations, as well as psychological support programs for victims.**

To the Houthi group:

- **Bring those responsible for the violations of the right to life that Yemeni children and women in general, and Taiz in particular, are subjected to, whether by sniping, mines, indiscriminate shelling, or drones, to a speedy trial before an independent and impartial judiciary.**
- **End the recruitment of children, including those serving in non-military positions.**



- Properly investigate and punish those who allow children to join their units or those responsible for the war crime of recruiting or using children under the age of 15 in military or security operations.
- Fulfilling obligations under international law and in line with action plans signed with the United Nations, and taking all necessary measures to protect children, including rehabilitation measures, and stopping violations against them.
- Handing over maps of mine planting in Yemen, and in Taiz in particular, urgently to remove them, and reducing the number of women and children falling in grazing areas or roads, or in any other areas that have become a place of civilian roaming.
- Immediately abandoning the policy of forcing and luring Yemeni children or women for recruitment or espionage, whether by arrest and torture or sexual extortion or by exploiting economic conditions to do so.

Our recommendations:

To the institutions of the recognized government:

- Release women and children detained without clear charges, and hold those responsible for these detentions accountable.
- Bring those involved in serious violations by the military or security establishment to trial, and ensure effective and independent investigations.

The situation in Taiz requires urgent and concrete action by all concerned parties, local and international. Continued silence in the face of these violations means more suffering for women and children. We call on you to take all necessary measures to stop this tragedy and protect human rights in Yemen.



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2. Musaalah Organization
3. Al-Amal Cultural and Social Women's Foundation
4. Marib Dam Foundation for Social Development
5. Free Media Center for Investigative Journalism
6. Center for Economic Studies and Media
7. Human Rights Monitoring Organization
8. Association of Mothers of Abductees Organization
9. SAM Organization for Rights and Liberties
10. Monitoring Center for Rights and Development
11. Peace Paths Foundation
12. Alakhar Center for Peace and Development
13. Human Development Foundation HDF
14. Rassd organization of Rights and freedoms
15. Dameer Foundation for Rights and Freedoms
16. Yemen's Children Platform
17. Ruwwad the Development and Human Rights Foundation
18. Future Partners Foundation for Development & Human Rights
19. Adolescent Protection Association
20. National Committee for women Taiz Governorate
21. NORWEGIAN COUNCIL FOR TOLERANCE & PEACE.(N.C.T.P)
22. ARAB-EUROPEAN CENTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (AECHRIL)
23. Molham center for sustainable Development
24. Arab-European Centre for Human Rights and International Law (Norway)
25. Al Salam Center for the Care and Rehabilitation of the Physically Disabled
26. Yemen Media Guide for Development center