

## **Urgent appeal**

To the:

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Red Crescent bodies

Humanitarian and human rights organizations

Southern Observatory for Human Rights "SOHR" sends greetings all of you, and repeat his urgently appeal that cannot be delayed in meeting demand, because there are many sons of the South Yemen are facing until this moment the killing, siege and starvation by the forces of President Ali Abdullah Saleh and militia of the Houthis, where many areas in the South Yemen are experiencing military battles between the aggressor troops of President Saleh and the Houthi militias, and in the opposite side the sons of the South represented by the popular resistance, and it is used all sorts of weapons, light, medium and heavy, and has fallen so far, thousands of dead and wounded on both sides, including hundreds of civilians, and many of them are innocent people, and a lot of them were targeted by sniper weapon of pro-Houthi from the buildings and surrounding mountains of the city of Aden which suffer from the indiscriminate shelling on its buildings and its institutions and its people. These military battles also include the surrounding areas of Aden, and in Lahj province (Al-Hota, Saber, Alwaht, Alanad and even Kersh on the border with Taiz province), as well as on the road that connects Alanad with the areas of Radafan and Yafea, and even to the city of Aldalh, which is witnessing other violent attacks by the military Brigade stationed there. At the other side of Aden, there is Abyan province which also suffer of the ferocity of the battles and casualties (Alkood, Zinjibar, Shaqra, Alain, Lauder and Mukeiras on the border with the province of Albida). Other areas in the province of Shabwa and Hadramout are witnessing tension and skirmishes and military confrontations of Yemeni army with tribesmen and southern

resistance, and there is a number of casualties, and among them innocent citizens.

As a result of the circumstances of the war that went on for more than three weeks in Aden province and some areas in neighbouring provinces (Lahj and Abyan), many residents displaced to safer areas and even to neighbouring countries (Djibouti). Some southern citizens who left Yemen for treatment or for other works have been stranded, and they are suffering from difficult material conditions, where they are unable to return to their country, and the most of them in Egypt, Jordan and India. Also the citizens in the southern provinces did not receive the monthly salary (March 2015) which make it worse, to lack the money to buy their needs.

We appeal to you in the name of dead and wounded and their families in the South Yemen, and on behalf of the displaced of them, and all the people of the south who are suffering the most heinous crimes and the worst humanitarian conditions as a result of these inhumane violations which did not distinguish between children and women, young and old, where we do not see yet any moves of relief organizations on the ground. This humanitarian catastrophic also come in the absence and ignorance it by the human rights and humanitarian organizations in Yemen. Today, there are many wounded who suffer from lack of access to health care or on the speed of first aid, or the provision of medical and therapeutic services adequate for them. Hospitals have become overcrowded with many of the wounded, where it is difficult to treat them because the lack of the possibilities and necessary places in the reception of the large number of them or unavailability of the costs of treatment by their families. Displaced people in the areas of tension is also facing the real suffering in the lack of suitable shelters and a lack of food, water and fuel in complex atmosphere and difficult circumstances. And generally the southern provinces, particularly the provinces of Aden and Abyan and Lahj are suffering from scarcity of basic foodstuffs, drinking water, cooking gas and fuel, and constant interruption in electricity, transport and communications.

We warn of health and environmental disaster as a result of the accumulation of dead bodies in the streets of the city of Aden and the roads connecting with it, which requires immediate measures to prevent the spread of dangerous infectious diseases among citizens. And we call upon all international organizations to take attention to the seriousness of what might happen from a humanitarian and environmental disaster caused by the unjust attacks and from their consequences on the sons of the south.

The Southern Observatory calls the International Committee of the Red Cross to fulfil their responsibilities toward the catastrophic and tragic situation in the city of Aden and in other areas in south Yemen, and to send human crews to save the wounded, and to provide medical and therapeutic aid for hospitals, and in the delivery of relief supplies and shelter for the displaced people. We also call the Red Crescent bodies and humanitarian relief and community organizations to play a role in providing humanitarian needs of food, medicine and other relief supplies in time of war under these difficult times even out of this ordeal, which affected the suffering of our people.

We are in the Southern Observatory for Human Rights calls to condemn these attacks, and to stop them, according to UN Security Council resolution issued on April 14, 2015, which demanded the withdrawal of militias of Houthi and forces of President Saleh of all the sites controlled by them, including the city of Aden and other southern provinces. Also we hope to circulate these events and crimes to the international community to take responsibility those who committed by or ordered by of the rebel political and military leaders on the Yemeni legitimacy.

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