



Statement by the Arab Social Democratic Forum

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Member parties of the Arab Social Democratic Forum are following with great concern the war in Yemen. The ongoing war poses a grave threat to the national unity, the territorial integrity, and the stability not only of Yemen but also that of the region. This threat extends to the international peace and security with consequent risk of sectarian and religious conflicts.

The current war and the internal conflicts have caused serious violations of human rights and freedoms in addition to threatening the physical safety of the citizens. As a result of the civil war, major vital infrastructure facilities have been destroyed, residential neighborhoods have been bombed, prisoners have been executed, and disaster-relief assistance personnel were killed during armed confrontations.

Besieged several cities and the scarce food supplies in addition to air strikes targeting residential areas where the Houthis and Saleh allies are storing weapons points to an imminent humanitarian crisis.

We, member parties of the Arab Social Democratic Forum, express our regret over the tragic situation in Yemen and its citizens; we declare our absolute support to the Yemeni people in this ordeal. We appeal to and call on all the parties involved to work together for the restoration of national peace and unity and take the necessary measures to achieve this. In this respect, we demand the following:

1. Immediate cessation of the war, and the withdrawal of all troops and militias from the militia controlled governorates especially the southern and central provinces. Any further advancement towards other provinces should be stopped, and the State authority should be restored all over the country. All detainees and prisoners should be released.
2. Immediate suspension of the air strikes and the military operations, sending food supplies and medical assistance and facilitating their delivery to the victims. The necessary measures should be taken to prevent epidemic diseases.
3. Resume a national dialogue immediately in a safe place for all parties involved.
4. Return to the political process and the process of democratic transition. All parties should work to create the suitable conditions to implement the remainder transitional period. All actions and foreign interventions threatening the national security and fueling sectarianism and civil war should be stopped