

Stop the WAR in Yemen

Die vergessenen Kriegsverbrechen im Jemen



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Dear members of meeting,
thank you so much for your time and interest on this presentation about the situation from children in Yemen.

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The peace project stop the war in Yemen was founded in February 2017 in Berlin Brandenburg, Germany.

We have made it our mission to inform the people in Germany about the war in Yemen and to bring it to the public. We organize press campaigns, events, demonstrations and fundraisers. European Union and German arms exports: We publicly condemn parties and politicians responsible for delivering weapons to Saudi Arabia and other countries in the Saudi war coalition.

In Yemen, we are working with some NGOs to help local people. We collect donations in Germany, from which food is bought in Yemen and distributed to needy people and refugees.

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This right applies to every woman, every man and every child anywhere in the world including Yemen.

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HUMANITARIAN SITUATION (UNICEF 12/2018)

Yemen is witnessing the biggest food security crisis in the world, with 20 million people suffering from food insecurity, representing two thirds of the population, an increase of 13% compared to 2018.

Nearly 10 million people are suffering from extreme hunger, and approximately 240,000 people face catastrophic food consumption gaps. An estimated 7 million people need services to treat or prevent malnutrition, including 3 million people who need to treat acute malnutrition, 2 million children under 5 years of age, and more than 1 million pregnant and lactating women.

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Currently, the Yemeni people are more vulnerable than ever since the war on Yemen has escalated since March 2015 in general, and people in 230 of the 333 districts in Yemen are at risk of starvation.

An estimated 18 million people live in these areas, including 7 million people in need of life-saving food assistance and livelihoods, 6 million are in need of water and sanitation support and about 8 million are in need of health care.

By targeting the communications infrastructure in areas under the control of the National Salvation Government, through the transfer of the main international communications Centre of the National Telegraph Company from Sana'a to Aden and by taking into account the denial of oil, gas and other core resources, the population in those areas will be further deprived of essential resources.

The situation of farmers and fishermen has been exacerbated by the direct targeting of their property and assets by coalition countries, which has led to the loss of agricultural livelihoods and fishing by farmers and fishermen, through the targeting of many agricultural enterprises and crops by coalition countries, targeting fishermen and their boats on the coast of the Republic of Yemen and its maritime territory, thus resulting in a significant decrease in the supply of agricultural and fishery crops in local markets.

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Of the 22 million people who depend on humanitarian aid in Yemen, over 11 million children and adolescents under the age of 18 are affected.

Nearly 1.5 million children are displaced inside of Yemen.

Over two million children do not go to school Every fifth school is out of action.

Only half of the health facilities are still functional, lacking staff facilities and medicines.

16 million Yemenis have no access to clean drinking water, to sanitary facilities and adequate hygiene from which 8.000.000 children are affected.

According to Unicef, 7 million children do not have enough to eat and are on the brink of famine.

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Due to currency depreciation, families often can not afford expensive food.

1.8 million children under the age of five are acutely malnourished.

Every 10 minutes, a child dies in preventable circumstances in Yemen.

Between the end of March 2015 and the beginning of December 2018, many of the most serious children's rights violations were documented.

Attacks killed 2596 children and injured more than 4,100 children.

About 2,700 boys were recruited as child soldiers.

325 attacks were also perpetrated or misappropriated for military use by schools.

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The numbers of malformations in babies are high. The reason for this is the use of internationally prohibited weapons of war used by the Saudi war coalition. Some of the forbidden weapons of war affect the health of humans and the natural environment. The use of prohibited weapons of war leads to the viral spread of diseases and cancer. They have both indirect and direct health effects in newborns and in the further development of children. The health care system can not treat malformations and their consequences due to the lack of medication and specialists, pregnant women and children are therefore under great psychological pressure. Human Rights Watch Amnesty International and the European Union report that Saudi Arabia and countries of the Saudi War coalition are using banned phosphorus and cluster bombs in their civilian air raids.

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According to the United Nations, Yemen is the place of greatest famine since the end of the Second World War. More than ten million people suffer from extreme starvation. Despite this extreme famine, targeted farms, farms livestock, water stations, food trucks, markets and so on are being destroyed by the Saudi war coalition. In January 2019 alone, 90 innocent civilians were killed, including 23 children. During the same period, 118 innocent civilians were injured including 33 children. These are war crimes, these are crimes against humanity.

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We from stop the war in Yemen are calling the governments of Saudi Arabia and the Saudi war coalition, the European Union and the NATO countries, in particular Germany:

- To comply with the Charter of the United Nations in particular Article 2 the prohibition of violence
- To enforce and observe human rights in all countries involved in the Yemen war, also Germany (German Institute for Human Rights to the German Bundestag from 18.02.2018)
- To adhere and implement the own policies of the governments of the European Union in the approval of arms exports (Council Common Position 2008/944 Council of the European Union, defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment)
- To immediately imply the resolution of the European Parliament of 3 October 2018, thus stopping all arms exports to Saudi Arabia and countries of the Saudi war coalition

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And on the end, a quote from a Yemeni from Sanaa on 08. March about the peace process from the United Nations.

Quote: Sadly, Saudi Arabia's led coalition aggression are not serious about peace. Emirates is preparing for big war in Hodeidah sea port. More tanks, weapons, and local mercenaries, and foreign mercenaries are coming to Mokka, Aden, and Taiz preparing to wage big aggression war against the peaceful people of Hodeidah this coming Summer.

Emirates is preparing for a major war against the people of Yemen in Hodeidah, new tanks have arrived and continue. Mercenaries, and terrorists from all over the world are with Emirates army in Taiz, Aden, and Mokka preparing to attack in the summer. Most properly. Yemen people need peace, she don't need war. Martin Griffith only comes to Sanaa to defend Saudi Arabia. And to say stop moving towards our land in Najran, Asir, and Jaizan, he wants us to withdraw from our land. He never condemned Saudi Arabia led coalition aggression. Never he spoke about Saudi Arabia's atrocities, and war crimes and crimes against humanity. He is a spokesman for Saudi Arabia.

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Please help stop the NATO/US/EU/Saudi war in Yemen. Please help in the name from Yemeni children! Thank you so much