



[The United Nations Condemns the Continued Loss of Civilian Life as a Saudi-Led Coalition Airstrike in Yemen Kills More Than 80 People](#)

A Saudi and UAE-led coalition airstrike on a Yemeni prison run by the Houthis has killed dozens and injured hundreds more, drawing sharp condemnation from the United Nations over the continued loss of civilian life in the country. The head of Doctors Without Borders in Yemen has stated that the death toll in this one attack alone has reached at least 82 people with a further 265 left wounded. The airstrike was part of a larger coordinated military offensive following a Houthi drone attack on fuel tanks inside the UAE. A coalition spokesperson attempted to deflect blame on the Houthis for this alarming and reprehensible incident, claiming that they had not informed the United Nations or the International Committee of the Red Cross that the site needed protection from such air bombardments. This absurd assertion not only defies reason, it is a common example of the Saudi coalition's attitude of indifference to the regrettable death and humanitarian disaster that its actions have inflicted upon the Yemeni civilian population. This recent airstrike and others like it including one against a communications center in a Yemeni port city which killed several children have renewed criticism of the coalition from the United Nations and international aid groups.

There are conflicting reports from aid groups about who the victims in the prison bombing were. Within the same statement, the coalition denied bombing the prison. Save the Children has said that the prison was used to house African migrants attempting to cross through Yemen on their way to other countries, while Doctors Without Borders stated that a different area of the prison complex – one which did not house migrants – was struck. This prison aerial assault followed another that targeted a communications center in a Yemeni port city, killing three children playing in a field nearby and severing Yemen's internet connection which remained inoperable into this week.

Rescue workers with Doctors Without Borders expressed that there are still many bodies at the scene of the bombing and that people are still missing. The United Nations Secretary General, António Guterres, lamented that coalition bombings have resulted in child casualties and implored that the intensification in the hostilities needed to cease. To date, Saudi-led coalition aerial attacks have targeted schools, hospitals, prisons, and wedding parties, resulting in the direct deaths of tens of thousands of civilians and noncombatants. The Houthis, for their part, have been accused of utilizing child soldiers, indiscriminately laying land mines, and launching drone and missile attacks into Saudi Arabia and now the United Arab Emirates.

A second missile attack by the Houthis aimed at targets inside the UAE has been intercepted. The U.S. Air Force said that it intervened and the Emirati Ministry of Defense said it intercepted two missiles fired by the Houthis. It remains unclear if U.S. and Emirati forces were responding to the same attack. The target was reported to be a few kilometers from the Al Dhafra Air Base in Abu Dhabi, which hosts an element of the U.S. Air Force. One year ago, the Biden administration withdrew its support for the Saudi coalition and removed the Houthis from the State Department's list of terrorist organizations. The escalation by the Houthis attacking locations inside the UAE has prompted the administration to consider restoring the terrorist designation against them.