



Friday, August 17, 2018: 2pm

António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General

405 East 42nd Street, New York, NY, 10017, USA.

Your Excellencies,

Dear Mr. Guterres;

Dear Ms. Mohammed;

The cruelty of Thursday August 9's massacre of a bus-load of unsuspecting and unwarned children has no possible mitigation. There is a *de facto* certainty the combatants against Yemen's Houthis have absolute impunity for the military murder of unarmed civilians in public markets.

The attack with large bombs on a bustling public market is a terrorist strike to demoralize the population of Yemen, having nothing legitimate to do with the alleged goal of reinstating Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi as the Saudi Arabian preference to run Yemen's government. It is a horrific war crime. It is an unspeakable crime against humanity.

The RINJ Foundation Women are asking the men who author this violence to immediately agree to a cease-fire while the UN conducts its investigation as it says it will do; while the parties examine and implement the UN Plan for Yemen Jan-Dec 2018; and while the parties to this slaughter negotiate a compensation settlement with families of the children murdered on August 9, however long that may take. This does not comprise an acceptance of guilt but is due humanitarian action.

The pilots and all co-conspirators must be captured and arrested by any state's agents on the charge of murder and a crime against humanity. No militant is compelled to follow an order that requires the commission of a crime against humanity.

All available steps will be taken by our organization to urge and facilitate those arrests and eventual prosecutions which as of today remain as events contiguous to the time and place of the commission of the crime. In other words the crime is seen to be ongoing and the perpetrators must be apprehended to prevent the further commission of new counts of the same crime against humanity.

Your assistance in the below matter is requested. Enough has been said and done to apportion blame for the cost in innocent human life in Yemen. The steps we seek should suffice.



The Civil Society proposal of The RINJ Foundation suggests:

1. the arrest of those persons who carried out the attack;
2. the parties to the conflict will cease fire while the UN does its investigation of Aug. 9 Dahyan events;
3. the parties will begin to implement UN-Humanitarian-Response-Plan-January-to-December-2018-01-20\_YEMEN\_Final;
4. the parties will make reparations to the families of the decedant children and adult civilians killed in the terror attack on the Dahyan market, August 9th;
5. we cordially suggest to ask Michelle Bachelet, a pediatrician, former president of Chile and soon to become United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to bring an assessment team to Yemen and assist in negotiating for remedial action for the families of the slain children, may they rest in peace.

The events of August 9 in Sa'ada's Majz district are a horrific reminder that no entity has done enough to minimize civilian loss of life. Our organization has hundreds of members in Yemen and thus far I hang my head, shame-faced and powerless to stop this man-made humanitarian fiasco.

A constructive and appealing plan to encourage a cease fire and war reparations is needed. Or in the alternative, the existing plan for 2018 has not been shared sufficiently. It certainly has not been subscribed.

Your Excellencies, we offer our services and humanitarian action without restriction to implement safety for the children and their families of Yemen. Meanwhile we intend to take every lawful and extra legal step to prosecute the perpetrators of the referenced August 9 crimes.

*c.c. (as per attached list)*

Thank you kindly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Micheal O'Brien'.

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