

Saudi Arabia Plans 5-Day Halt to Attacks on Yemen



Riyadh, May 8 (RHC)-- Saudi Arabia has announced plans for a five-day ceasefire in its brutal war on neighboring Yemen with the alleged aim of facilitating humanitarian aid to people in the impoverished Arab state.

Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir announced the decision at a press conference with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry in Riyadh on Thursday. The Saudi official, however, did not comment on the exact date of the start of the so-called "humanitarian pause."

Kerry, for his part, welcomed the decision to establish what he called "a full, five-day renewable ceasefire and humanitarian pause," adding that the truce would mean "no bombing, no shooting" and no repositioning of armed forces on both sides.

The U.S. official stated that the details of the plan are not yet clear and the involved sides will discuss the terms of the truce in the French capital city of Paris, stressing that the ceasefire would not go into effect for several days.

Saudi Arabia started its military aggression against Yemen on March 26th -- without a UN mandate -- in a bid to undermine the Houthi Ansarullah movement and to restore power to fugitive former president, Abd

Rabbuh Mansour Hadi, who is a staunch ally of Riyadh.

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