

UN team tasked with monitoring ceasefire arrives in Yemen



Sanaa, December 28 (RHC)-- In Yemen, a United Nations official tasked with overseeing a fragile ceasefire in the strategic port city of Hodeidah is calling on Houthi rebels and fighters with Yemen's Saudi-backed government to maintain their truce. Patrick Cammaert, a retired Dutch general, spoke to representatives of the warring parties after a U.N. team arrived in the besieged city earlier this week.

Patrick Cammaert said: "Breaking a ceasefire is going back and not forward." The ceasefire has largely held since it began on December 18th. Humanitarian groups warn a return to fighting could cut off shipments of desperately needed food and aid as half of Yemen's 28 million people are on the brink of famine.

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