

United Nations Says Growing Violence in Yemen Taking Death Toll on Civilians



United Nations, April 8 (RHC)-- Civilians in Yemen are increasingly suffering from the ongoing violence in their country as Saudi Arabia's aggression against the Arab nation continues unabated, the United Nations says.

Humanitarian access to those most in need in Yemen has been restricted due to "aerial attacks and ground incursions" in the country, the UN news center has reported. Saudi Arabia's air campaign against Yemen started on March 26th without a UN mandate in a bid to restore power to the country's fugitive former president, Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, a close ally of Riyadh.

According to the UN report, Saudi airstrikes resulted in the deaths of at least eight civilians in the past 24 hours alone. The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) has voiced concern about the escalating number of Yemeni children falling victim to the hostilities. The UN agency said: "The conflict is exacerbating the already precarious situation for children in one of the region's poorest countries, with much of the country prone to food insecurity and with severe acute malnutrition widespread among young children."

The UN report also expressed concern about the growing number of Yemenis displaced inside their country. Some 28,000 people have moved into *Amran* since the beginning of the crisis, according to UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

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