

List of Issues addressed to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by the Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen established pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution A/HRC/RES/45/15

I. Introduction

In addition to the previous list of issues sent on 10 June 2021 to which the Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen (GEE) would appreciate receiving a response, please find enclosed a request for further information addressed to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Responses will be included in the GEE's report to the Human Rights Council, with the exception of any information that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia requests to remain confidential.

The GEE would be grateful to receive replies no later than 26 August 2021. The GEE reiterates its call to receive any other submissions that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia may wish to present.

II. List of issues to be addressed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

A. Implementation of GEE Recommendations

1. The GEE report of 28 September 2020 contains findings of fact and recommendations to the parties to the conflict in Yemen. Please describe the steps taken by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to investigate cases described in the GEE report, to hold perpetrators to account, to prevent recurrence, and to implement the GEE's recommendations.

B. Military operations, targeting and structure

2. Relating to the incidents below, please share with the GEE your version of events, with any documents you may deem relevant. The GEE further requests any information about the outcome of investigations undertaken and on any related accountability actions undertaken, where applicable.
 - a) On 12 July 2020, between 12:45 – 13:30 PM, in the village of Beit Al-Qateeb, Washha District, Hajjah Governorate, north-west Yemen, a Saudi-led Coalition (SLC) airstrike killed at least seven children and two women in their house. Another at least three civilians were injured.
 - b) On 15 July 2020, at 6:30am, in Masafa village east of the provincial capital of Hazm, Jawf governorate, a SLC airstrike killed 12 civilians, including six children and two women. At least five children and one woman were also wounded.
 - c) On 27 Feb 2021, in al-Rabsa neighborhood of Hudaydah, Yemen, a SLC airstrike killed five civilians, including a child and several other injured in their house.
 - d) On 22 March 2021, in Salif grains port, north of Hudaydah, a SLC airstrike hit a warehouse and the living quarters of a food production company. At least six workers were injured.
3. The GEE would appreciate receiving details about the operational support and the nature of weapons and equipment provided to Yemeni Armed forces and armed groups by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Recruitment and detention of children

4. The GEE would be interested in receiving any information on the role the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia plays in supporting the Yemeni Armed Forces, including with respect to training and recruitment.

5. Please provide any information you may have on measures, with any documents you may deem relevant, steps being taken for the demobilization, reintegration, rehabilitation and family reunification of children formerly associated with armed groups or armed forces in Yemen.

C. Humanitarian access and assistance

6. The GEE continues to receive reports that despite clearances obtained from the UN Verification and Inspection Mechanism, some vessels carrying wheat and other food items, medicine, and fuel derivatives, have been delayed in their entry into Hudaydah port. Please share with the GEE any specific restrictive policies or directives adopted by the Coalition provided toward vessels using Hudaydah port.