By Azzra Rajhi

“Saudi planes have bombed the Technical School in our village of Manakha. In Amran, the cemetery has been destroyed and last week, in Sana’a, the oldest textile factory near Bab Al Shub was also hit by bombs. Our country is already so poor, what will be left after this war? What do the Saudis want; that our youth remains uneducated and without work and out of desperation, ready to join the ranks of Dae- sh? [ISIS].”

Those are the words of Fatima Al Kohlani, 78 years old living in Sana’a. She lost friends and family members who died in the war in Ye- men. Fatima and her family are far from alone. On May 25, 2016, an air strike carried out by the Saudi led coalition in Southern Yemen hit a family’s house killing 11 members of the fam- ily including 4 children. Death, suffering and mourning has been the reality of everyday life for hundreds of families in Yemen since the start of the Saudi led bombing.

The bombing campaign began after rebels opposed to the former President Abdu-Rabbu Mansour Hadi began to gain ground across the country including in the capital. Mansour Hadi resigned from being president on January 22, 2012 and later fled Riyadh. Saudi Arabia was fast to declare war on Ye- men arguing for national security and claiming to want to bring peace and stability to Yemen by re-instating Yemen’s ‘legitimate’ president Hadi. Where is the legitimacy of a president who resigns, fled his country and calls on for- eign power to destroy, bomb and kill his own people?

On March 26, 2015 under the title “Opera- tion Decisive Storm”, the Saudi-led coalition backed by the US, began bombing Yemen and imposing an aerial and naval blockade on the country. The Saudi-led coalition includes United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Senegal and Sudan. After a month of indiscriminate killings and destruction, under international pressure, Saudi Arabia announced the end of “Opera- tion Decisive Storm” and the start of “Opera- tion Renewal of Hope”. This attempt of Saudi Arabia to appear less brutal was a complete farce as Saudi air strikes continued against the Yemeni people less than 6 hours after the an- nouncement.

Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen Intensifies

Since the Saudi bombing started, about 10,000 people have been killed, more than 30,000 people have been left injured, about 3 million people have been killed, more than 30,000 people have been left injured, about 3 million people have been left injured, about 3 million people have been left injured, about 3 million people have been left injured, about 3 million people have been left injured, about 3 million people have been left injured, about 3 million people have been left injured.

Day after day the situation in Yemen worsens, as air strikes destroy not only many of Yemen’s ancient and beautiful historical sites, but also hospitals, schools, markets, mosques, hous- ing complexes and other vital infrastructure. The shortage of fuel in the country has caused widespread power outages and forced hos- pitals to close, leaving those injured without medical care.

According to a report released in January 2016 by the Yemeni Civilian Association, the Saudi attack on Yemen has destroyed around 345,722 civilian homes, 726 hospitals, 810 schools and vocational centers, 547 food stores, 350 bridges and roads and the list goes on. In addition to this destruction, Saudi Arabia has maintained a cruel air and naval blockade of Yemen stop- ping commercial goods and humanitarian aid from reaching the most needed.

“The humanitarian situation in Yemen is among the world’s worst crises. The scale and intensity of the humanitarian situation here is bleak – and by many measures it’s continu- ing to get worse,” Jamie McGoldrick, the UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Con- sultant for Yemen, said in a press briefing in Sana’a.

A recent report released by UNICEF estimates that “nearly 2,300 children have been hurt in the most extreme and cruel ways in the past year. On average at least six children have been killed or injured every day since March, 2015, a sevenfold increase compared with the whole of 2014.”

A U.N. annual report on children and armed conflict said the Saudi led coalition was re- sponsible for 60 percent of child deaths and injuries in Yemen.

Use of Cluster Bombs

In May 2015, Human Rights Watch visited the Saada province in the north of Yemen to compile a report on the use of cluster bombs in Yemen. Even after the release of the report and the international condemnation of the use of cluster bombs on civilians, the Saudi-led co- alition carried on with its inhumane and brutal bombing campaign.

“The coalition’s repeated use of cluster bombs in the middle of a crowded city suggests an in- tent to harm civilians, which is a war crime,” said Stephen Goose, Human Rights Watch arms director. “The outrageous attacks show that the coalition seems less concerned than ever about sparing civilians from war’s hor- rors.”

Cluster bombs are very dangerous as they contain hundreds of smaller explosive submu- nitons that are spread over a wide area and can leave unexploded munitions buried in the ground for decades to come. Civilians and par-
The US-Russian negotiated cessation of hostilities has collapsed in Syria. The United States has intervened directly in ways that undermine any possibility of the cessation of hostilities before September 18, US forces, four Jets followed by a couple of helicopters, attacked a Syrian Arab Army (SAA) outpost near Deir Ezzor, killing 12 people and wounding 100 more and destroying their equipment. This was supposed to be a joint operation to go after ISIS, but under cover of this attack ISIS fighters stormed the SAA position and took the hilltops where they were stationed.

Just after this unprecedented attack on the Syrian Army by the United States, Israel attacked and killed 10 pro-government troopers in the Golan where they were fighting Al Nusra, killing and injuring several more Syrian soldiers.

The United States claimed that the attack was an accident. Even so, US allies, Australia, Denmark and the UK have confirmed that they too took part. All are assisting in imperialist murder.

The Russians called a meeting of the UN Security Council to discuss the US violation of both the current cessation of hostilities agreement and the Geneva agreement on Syria. US Ambassador Samantha Power chose to boycott the meeting and instead held a press conference outside the door, which she opened by accusing the Russians of attacking civilians, schools and hospitals in Syria, before sarcastically accusing them of hypocrisy and calling the meeting a “stunt”. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismissed the murder of nearly 100 Syrians without a pause. Powers indignation was clearly intended as a stunt. She dismiss...