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THE YEMEN CONFLICT

FACT SHEET: OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN YEMEN

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Saudi Arabia is committed to advancing reconstruction, relief, and political stabilization efforts to assist the Yemeni people. The Saudi government has mobilized significant financial resources and emergency material support through the King Salman Center Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSRelief), which has provided health, nutrition and sanitation aid and relief to 17 million people impacted by the conflict in Yemen.

Saudi Arabia has committed \$8.2 billion for humanitarian and developmental assistance to Yemen since April 2015. Saudi Arabia remains the single-largest donor of humanitarian assistance to Yemen.

Recent Quotes of Saudi and International Officials

"Saudi Arabia is being attacked by Houthi rebels across its Southern border with Yemen. It's had its towns and villages shelled by the Houthis...Saudi Arabia is fully entitled to defend itself, and it's fully entitled to call on its friends in so doing."

—**UK Defense Secretary Sir Michael Fallon** | BBC Radio 4 | May 11, 2017

"Saudi Arabia and the World Bank agreed on Wednesday to commit \$300 million toward an aid package that would address Yemen's immediate food security needs including rice and wheat."

—**Source from the Saudi-led Coalition** | Reuters | May 10, 2017



"We have no choice but dialogue...We are ready to go to Riyadh, Khamis Mushait, Muscat or elsewhere to start dialogue and to reach an understanding,"

—**Former Yemeni president Ali Abdullah Saleh** | AFP | May 10, 2017

"I think the Saudi armed forces accomplished great achievements. When the operations began, legitimate powers' control over Yemeni territory was almost 0 percent. Today, legitimate powers control 80 percent or 85 percent of Yemeni lands."

—**Saudi Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman** | Second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense | Al Arabiya TV | May 3, 2017

"Our programs have been reaching all regions of Yemen, I want to emphasize all regions, irrespective of who controls it... If you look at what we do as a humanitarian agency, I think it's way beyond any damage that is caused by any attacks."

—**Supervisor General of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre Abdullah Al Rabeeah** | Reuters | April 27, 2017

"The conflict is evidence that the militias did not want to see the will of the Yemeni people. They violated their decision by going against the government democratically elected by the Yemeni people. They also violated international law and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) initiative. Saudi Arabia and other GCC countries are trying to provide food, development and safety to Yemen."

—**Supervisor General of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre Abdullah Al Rabeeah** | Arab News | April 23, 2017



"We'll have to overcome Iran's efforts to destabilize yet another country [Yemen] and create another militia in their image of Lebanese Hezbollah. But the bottom line is we're on the right path forward."

—**U.S. Secretary of Defense James Mattis** | en route to Riyadh | April 19, 2017

"Within six months, the [legitimate Yemeni] government regained 45 percent of Yemeni territory,"

—**Spokesman for the Arab coalition General Ahmed Asiri** | Al Arabiya | April 16, 2017

"We made 70 agreements with Yemen's Houthis and ex-president Saleh. They did not implement a single one."

—**Saudi Foreign Minister Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir** | Press Conference | Feb. 12, 2017

"I was very encouraged today to see the [KSRelief] centre developing its activities, with a strong commitment to humanitarian principles, not only in Syria and Yemen, but in so many countries around the world,"

—**United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres** | Feb. 12, 2017

"Its [KSRelief] generosity has made a real impact in Yemen and elsewhere."

—**United Nations Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Stephen O'Brien** | Oct. 5, 2016