

## Another Saudi Genocide

May 16—According to contacts of *EIR* in Sana'a, Yemen, the genocide against the population by Saudi Arabia's war machine is horrific. Among the reports that are considered reliable is one from the U.S.-based Freedom House that was provided by internal—not international observers—because international personnel are prevented from working inside the country due to continued Saudi bombardment.

Even more devastating is the fact that the almost total destruction of the transport, water, fuel, and power infrastructure can rapidly result in mass-killing of the population. Urgent humanitarian assistance is required both to address immediate human needs, and to repair the destroyed infrastructure.

According to the summary of the "6th Statistical Report from Freedom House, Yemen," that covers up through May 12, the bombing has resulted in:

- 3,979 civilian casualties. 571 are children below 15 years of age, and 249 are women;
- 6,887 injured. Among them 1,106 children below 15 years of age, and about 775 women;
- Bombing of 674 populated areas and demolish-

ing of 7,021 houses; 143 houses destroyed with their inhabitants inside;

- 160,000-170,000 families emigrated from the targeted cities and villages;
- destruction of 931 civilian buildings, utilities, and basic infrastructure;
- 54 hospitals and health institutions, 26 mosques, and 168 educational institutions have been targeted, including 3 schools that were destroyed when the students were inside.

Notes on the compiling of the report point out that the report is about civilian casualties and damage from Saudi-led airstrikes, and clashes between armed militants and Yemeni army and security forces. The armed militants mentioned in this report are: the al-Houthi group (Ansar Allah); Saudi-backed ex-President Hadi's armed groups; and al-Qaeda armed groups. Most of the deaths and casualties are caused by the Saudi air attacks.

In reality, there has been no Saudi ceasefire, despite the propaganda promises from Riyadh over the last week, and at Obama's meeting with the Gulf Cooperation Council at Camp David May 14, there was a total coverup of the genocide.

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