

Daily Key messages

The main hospital in Aden has no water after storage tanks were damaged during fighting last night. Parties to conflict in Yemen must ensure health facilities and other civilian infrastructure are protected at all times from harm.

Overview

A day after the coalition's announcement ending airstrikes on Yemen, several governorates were hit. This morning, airstrikes hit Noqum and nearby areas in Sana'a City. In the last 24 hours, airstrikes have also been reported in Sana'a, Taizz, Aden, Lahj, Sa'ada and Al Dhale'e governorates. In Aden, the airport was also reportedly targeted.

The water tanks in Al Jumhouria Hospital and Al Maala Health Complex in Aden were damaged by fighting last night, and both health facilities have no water today. Plans by partners to replace the tanks were unsuccessful today because of insecurity. Meanwhile, one employee from the local electricity company was reportedly shot dead by a sniper, and four other employees injured as they carried out repairs in Al Maala District. An employee of the water company was also injured.

In Aden, militants used tanks to fire at residential houses in Al Ahmadi Residential area as well as Crater and Mualla districts. Al Ahmadi area was previously targeted and houses burnt down. Some families were displaced. Around the city, street fighting between militants continued today.

The Ministry of Health said 95 per cent of the foreign medical workforce has evacuated the country since 26 March.

Access and humanitarian response

Response

WFP's emergency food distribution to affected populations, which started on 15 April, is ongoing in Aden, Al Hudaydah, Hajjah, and Sana'a through partners. Yesterday, about 13,000 people received full food rations making the total population assisted since the start of emergency response to be around 20,000 beneficiaries. Distributions are proceeding at much slower rates than originally planned due to conflict, insecurity and fuel shortages.

Al Thawrah public hospital in Sana'a has received 60,000 litres of fuel and oxygen from an individual donor. The hospital was due to shut down operations due to a critical shortage of fuel and oxygen. It is the largest hospital in Yemen, and its referral facility provides ambulatory care for about 4,000 outpatients a day.

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