

Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator in Yemen

**STATEMENT BY THE HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR IN YEMEN**  
**MR. JAMIE McGOLDRICK,**  
**ON REPORTED ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS IN SA'ADA GOVERNORATE**

**Sana'a, 5 August 2017:** I am deeply concerned about reports of airstrikes on civilians in Sa'ada Governorate received from humanitarian partners on the ground. Attacks on a house in As Safra District and on a private vehicle in Razih District have reportedly resulted in the death of at least twelve civilians, including women and children and the injury of ten more people.

While these new incidents are still being investigated by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, they are an example of the brutality in which the conflict is being conducted. All parties to the conflict continue to show a disregard for the protection of civilians and the principle of distinction between civilians and combatants in the conduct of hostilities. As I have said before, even wars have rules and such rules must be respected.

I once again urge all parties to the conflict and those who influence and support them to uphold their responsibility under international humanitarian law to ensure the safety of civilians.

Furthermore, the people of Yemen deserve peace and it is imperative that there is a return to the negotiating table to put an end to the suffering of innocent civilians caught up in the conflict.