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**Attacks on passenger buses in Hodeidah leave scores dead and injured**

**Sana'a, 14 October 2018** – At least 15 civilians have been reported killed and 20 others injured when the minibuses they were traveling in yesterday were struck in Jabal Ras District in Hodeidah Governorate. A number of injured have been transported to Zabid and Bait al Faqiah hospitals where they are being treated.

“This is a horrific incident,” said Ms. Lise Grande, the Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen. “The United Nations agencies working in Yemen unequivocally condemn the attack on civilians and extend our deepest condolences to the families of the victims.”

Since June 2018, humanitarian partners report that more than 170 people have been killed and at least 1,700 have been injured in Hodeidah governorate; more than 425,000 people have been forced to flee their homes.

“Under international humanitarian law, parties to the conflict are obliged to respect the principles of precaution, proportionality and distinction,” said Ms. Grande. “Belligerents must do everything possible to protect civilians—not hurt, maim, injure or kill them,” said Ms. Grande.

Humanitarian agencies are rushing to assist the injured. The World Health Organization and its partners are supporting the hospitals in Bait al Faqiah and Zabid which are treating the wounded; agencies are on standby to provide whatever other assistance may be needed.

Yemen is the world’s worst humanitarian crisis. Twenty-two million people, 75 per cent of the population, require some form of humanitarian assistance and protection. The UN and partners are requesting USD 3 billion through the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan to support millions of people in need across the country. To date, USD 2.01 billion, 68 per cent of the resources required, has been received.