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Statement issued by the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology Regarding the Saudi-led coalition's airstrikes targeting telecommunications facilities, worker housing, and a mosque in Al-Hudaydah Governorate

The Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology condemns and denounces, in the strongest possible terms, the heinous crime committed by the Saudi-led coalition's air forces at dawn today, Monday, 14 Jumada al-Akhirah 1448 AH (corresponding to November 23, 2026 AD). The coalition launched several airstrikes targeting telecommunications facilities in Al-Hudaydah Governorate, resulting-according to an initial toll-in the martyrdom of 17 workers and injuries to 11 others. The strikes caused the total destruction of telecommunications infrastructure, including administrative buildings, staff housing, a mosque, and a telecommunications site and tower. This has led to the complete destruction of these facilities, the disruption of telecommunications and internet services across several districts in the governorate, and the deprivation of tens of thousands of citizens of essential communication services.

Targeting essential service facilities within the telecommunications sector-and taking the lives of the civilians and personnel who work there-constitutes a full-fledged crime and a flagrant violation of international laws and norms. This is particularly true with regard to the rules of international humanitarian law, which guarantee full protection for civilians and civilian objects, and which criminalize any harm directed toward them or the disruption of the services they provide. Such actions lead to humanitarian tragedies, exacerbate the suffering of the population, and obstruct the functioning of other vital sectors, including healthcare, the economy, and education.

The Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology condemns the repeated and systematic attacks by the Saudi-led aggression against civilian telecommunications infrastructure-including buildings, networks, exchanges, stations, and towers-across various governorates. These actions are part of a deliberate and ongoing escalation by the Saudi adversary, aimed at isolating Yemeni society from the outside world and depriving its people of their right to communication-a right guaranteed by all international charters. Such acts violate the United Nations Charter and international humanitarian law, under which they are classified as war crimes.

The Ministry holds the Saudi enemy fully legally and morally responsible for committing this crime-as well as previous heinous crimes targeting telecommunications facilities-and for all the catastrophic humanitarian, civilian, and economic repercussions resulting from these acts.

The Ministry calls upon the international community, the United Nations, the International Telecommunication Union, and human rights and humanitarian organizations to fulfill their duties, break their silence, and exercise their legal and moral responsibilities to halt the repeated violations against civilians and telecommunications infrastructure, and to ensure that those responsible are held accountable.

The Ministry emphasizes the necessity of keeping all service and civilian sectors free from any targeting, ensuring the safety of their personnel, and guaranteeing the continuity of their operations so that they may provide services to all citizens across the various regions of the Republic of Yemen without hindrance.

May the martyrs rest in eternal peace, may the wounded find healing, and may their families and loved ones be granted patience and solace.

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