

**Speech of H.E. Abdrabou Mansour Hadi President of the Republic of Yemen at the  
exceptional session of the parliament 13 April 2019.**

Brothers Speaker of the Parliament and members of the Parliament

Ambassadors of brotherly and Friendly countries

Honorable Guests,

Good Morning to you all and welcome in Yemen, our chaste homeland.

Allow me at the outset to extend my sincere congratulations to our great Yemeni people on the first constitutional session of their elected legislative authority since the Coup d'etat perpetrated by the Houthi rebellions against the Legitimate Authorities in Yemen more than four Years ago.

I would like as well to express my thanks and gratitude to you, elected representatives of the great Yemeni People, for giving priority to the supreme national interests of Yemen, and enduring the hardships and exerting great efforts to secure the quorum to hold and activate this key constitutional institution at this critical timing. This is direly needed to stand against the consequences of the brutal armed Coup d'etat of the Houthi militia.

Thanks are also due to the political factions and national figures who contributed to facilitate holding this exceptional and historical session of the parliament.

I seize this opportunity as well to express my deep gratitude to the brotherly Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its leadership, particularly His Majesty King Salman Bin Abdulaziz and His Highness the Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman for all the support and facility extended to make this session take place. It is not surprising from them, since they bore the mission and exerted enormous efforts along with the Yemeni Legitimate Leadership to stand against the Iran-backed Houthi militia, end the Coup d'état and restoring statehood in Yemen.

I also give my credit, thanks and appreciation to the people of Hadramout Governorate for hosting this historical session. Hadramout, the essence of civilization, knowledge and leaterature, is there in the consciousness of every Yemeni. It will remain the balancing element in our supreme national project.

Brothers; Speaker of the Parliament and Members of Parliament;

This exceptional session takes place in a crucial and complicated historical timing, wherein we stand at cross-roads between two choices; either war or peace. While we extend all support and facilitation to the mission of SGSE to Yemen to achieve comprehensive sustainable peace based on the three references agreed upon among Yemenis, regional actors and the international community; we see the Houthi putschists reject, maneuver and put all kinds of obstacles to foil peace efforts.

This fact has been clearly realized by the international community while following the Stockholm agreement. Four months have elapsed since the agreement took place and not even a single step has been achieved, which highlights the destructive project adopted by the



Houthi Militia and the fact that it acts as a puppet for the Iranian project which aims to destabilize the Arab region.

The Houthis fired their bullets only to the chests of Yemeni People, did not target except state institutions, blew up houses and mosques, and violated all the original and high Yemeni values.

They chose to be the enemies to the Yemeni People, although Yemenis have extended peace and reconciliation hand to them several times and we addressed them with logic hundred times. But the Houthis chose the path of evil and destroyed all state institutions and targeted all Yemenis. Your legislative institution is one of the institutions targeted by the Houthis in all means.

The most important message of holding this session on this historical day is the unity of all Yemenis with all their political parties and factions, on the ground of legitimacy and national principles against the destructive project of the Houthi militia.

Holding this session proves that the destructive project of the Houthi militia is eroding day after another, and that their racism has isolated them from the public. Only those who are kept by force are extending support to them.

Today, Yemenis restore one of the most important institutions of their statehood after a long journey of struggle. It is only a stage in the struggle of the great Yemeni People to recover their legitimate rights and restore their kidnapped institutions.

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Allow me on this day and from this honouring stage to send the following messages;

#### **THE FIRST MESSAGE TO YOU MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT:**

There lies on your shoulders great mission and heavy burden. Besides fulfilling key legislative and regulatory issues to support the executive authority in restoring statehood, end the coup d'etat, extending state authority and role of law all over Yemen, implementing the outcomes of the national dialogue and completing the political track; you have a mission as well to work on different levels and with regional and international parliamentarians and civil societies to clarify the Yemeni just cause, to highlight that the miseries and sufferings of Yemenis is a result of an aggression started by a Yemeni militia with the support of Iran to confiscate the state endangering national and regional peace and security; to expose the crimes of the Coup d'état and its humanitarian consequences.

Yemeni People pin high aspirations on you that you will contribute in restoring the state, enhancing its full presence all over our dear homeland and to end the ominous coup d'état.

I call on all parliamentarians who did not attend this session to take the initiative and join their colleagues in this institution to defend their country.



## **THE SECOND MESSAGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND SPONSORS OF THE PEACE PROCESS IN YEMEN:**

Now you have an urgent duty more than any time before to end the manipulation and intransigence of the Houthi militia towards peace and implementing what has been agreed upon.

Now you have an urgent responsibility more than any time before to exert pressure to end the war carried out by the Houthi militia against Yemeni people, to end their violations against civilians, to lift their oppression and terrorism against people in areas under their control, to stop their seizure of salaries, and to end their looting of humanitarian assistance and playing the lives of people.

Your efforts are at stake. We want peace and we act for peace. However, this militia does not understand the language of peace. The Houthis make use of the humanitarian situation they created to deceit and misdirect the international community for the purpose of depleting and exhausting international endeavour for peace in Yemen.

## **THE THIRD MESSAGE TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN LIBERATED AREAS:**

You need to multiply your efforts and restructure your priorities.

Currently, our top priority is to defeat the coup d'état, re-build state institutions and enhance its presence to fulfil its mission in offering services and fully normalize people's lives.

We are aware of the large efforts exerted the Government and local authorities and we realize the huge challenges they face. Yet, we are in an exceptional situation which demands exceptional work, strong hands, firm determination and wise minds to overcome these challenges and drive the whole society on the path of building the state and stabilizing it.

There are spectacular achievements at different fields, but the needs of the society for basic services and the catastrophe that found its way to the country are larger than the efforts exerted so far. Therefore, we need men and women who take this mission with absolute resolve as that of field soldiers and war knights. The current war is not only militarily, and any public officer in state apparatus who does not fulfil his duties is betraying his country and his people. Hence, efforts should be multiplied and overcome all challenges.

We are in a comprehensive battle and we all should be sincere soldiers to Yemeni people, as this generous and great nation deserves all services and sacrifices from all of us.

## **THE FOURTH MESSAGE TO YEMENI PEOPLE FROM SAADA TO MAHARA:**

Do not lose hope and do not feel frustrated as a result of what the Houthi militia is doing and as a result of the increasing complications that state is facing in the political, economic, security and military realms.

We know that this war has went too long and its miseries reached every home. But it is a war that we were forced to take. We never chose this war and we did all what we could to avoid it. But, at the end we had no choice but to fight this war as an obligation to defend our people, our country, our security and our stability. We will not let you down whatever it takes.

Have faith ... we will prevail God's willing. We will build the new Federal Yemen and end oppression and repression.

Bridge your differences, stand together and work together. I call on political parties to unify their language and efforts.

#### THE LAST MESSAGE TO THE HOUTH MILITIA:

Is it not time to end your crimes?

Is it not enough for you four years of destruction and killing?

Look around you to our destroyed country as a result of your fantasies and the ambitions of Iran at whose hands you threw yourselves. Look at our displaced people, torn apart country and depleted youth. It is our and your country, so do not rest its present and future at the hands of its enemies. We extended our hands to you with peace and we do that again today putting in mind our responsibility. Yemen and our beloved generous people are above all considerations.

**AT THE END;** I pass my greetings and salutations to every one who exerts efforts for our country; to our heroic national army which defends Yemen and its just cause; to every security personnel who secures his people and country, to every official who fulfil his duties, to every employee who does his role and to every citizen who contribute in building his country.

All respect and appreciation to the best of us, our martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the sake of this country, to all the injured, to all the unjustly detained, and to every patriotic who adores the sand of his country and offers all what he could for its sake.

From Hadramout I say peace be upon every Yemeni in every place

Peace be upon you all.