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## <sup>31 May 2011</sup> The International Community must stop to look away from the fate of peaceful demonstrators

The city of Taez was once again the scene of harsh repression over the past few days against demonstrators. According to FIDH member organisations in Yemen, HRITC and SAF, dozens of protesters were killed between the night of May 29 and May 31 morning. Security forces and army used live ammunition against demonstrators gathered in Tahrir square and shot at those who tried to prevent soldiers from carrying away the injured.

Tents set up in Tahrir Square where demonstrators took to, were burnt and the media center of the protest was destroyed on May 29. A field hospital has also been looted and damaged and wounded persons do not have access to medical care. Eyewitnesses also reported that some wounded persons have been taken by the security forces and that demonstrators have been tracked down in the streets out of the sit in square.

The International Community should respond without any further delay to the escalating violence towards peaceful demonstrators in Yemen and take the necessary measures to protect the Yemeni people in application of its protection mandate.

http://www.fidh.org/The-International-Community-must-stop-to-look