



Yemen

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Yemen: ending the repression must be a prerequisite for any political agreement

While the Yemeni President dithers over the content of a political agreement initiated by the Gulf Cooperation Council, the harsh repression against peaceful protests continues in Yemen. Between May 8 and 11, 2011 nine demonstrators were killed after the security forces and the army opened fire on peaceful demonstrations in Taez.

FIDH denounces the continuation of the deadly repression of protests in Yemen and calls upon the International community and the Gulf Cooperation Council in particular, to urge the Yemeni government to put an immediate end to these grave human rights violations.

According to a medical source, three protesters were killed today, May 11, in Taez when police forces tried to disperse an anti-government demonstration which has been ongoing for the past three days in front of a government building. On May 9, four demonstrators were reportedly killed and at least 54 were wounded, including five people who incurred bullet wounds as the governmental forces opened fire on the protesters. This protest came after two protesters were killed on May 8 when the security forces and the army government troops fired on a demonstration in front of the regional office of the ministry of education. Thousands of teachers and students demanding better pay and the postponement of final exams have been staging a sit-in outside the ministry building for weeks. On May 8, they were joined by hundreds of anti-regime protesters who set up tents and stayed through the night.

According to the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC), members of the army have been seen taking wounded demonstrators to an unknown location. An ambulance was also seized by the army and its medical team has not been seen since May 9.

According to the Sisters' Arab Forum For Human Rights at least 135 people have been killed by the government forces in Yemen since the beginning of the protest movement on February 16, 2011 ([click here to access the list](#)).

Despite a promise by the Yemeni president Ali Abdullah Saleh on April 12, 2011 to put an end to systematized political of human rights violations and to engage a dialogue with the opposition parties the brutal repression on the part of the Yemeni authorities has continued.

FIDH calls upon the international community to break the silence about the ongoing violent repression in Yemen and take the necessary measures to ensure an immediate end to this harsh repression.

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