



## **Watan Coalition – Women for Social Peace**

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### **"Watan" strongly condemns the repression and killing of peaceful demonstrators and warns of the danger of using the revolution in political and armed conflict**

Today, 18<sup>th</sup> September, Saleh's armed forces killed more than (24) peaceful demonstrators and injured more than (342), (36 of whom are critical) - during a peaceful march which took place in the Change Square in Sanaa. According to information from the Field Hospital in the Change Square, the number of victims is expected to rise.

"Watan" Coalition - Women for Social Peace strongly condemns the suppression and killing of peaceful demonstrators, and at the same time, "Watan" states its opposition to the use of the peaceful revolution, as a pressure mechanism, by the political conflict parties who seek power in Yemen as indicated in Yemen Assessment Report released by the OHCHR on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

The coalition warns that such use will lead to serious consequences such as civil war and will drag the country into famine.

"Watan" fears are reinforced in line with facts and conclusions of the OHCHR report which states: *"the picture that was emerging in the major cities was a number of separate, but at time intertwined, struggles taking place. One comprises peaceful demonstrators calling for change in a similar fashion to their counterparts in other parts of the region. Another is an increasingly violent struggle for power between President Saleh and his supporters on the one hand and armed opponents including alleged elements of Al-Qaeda, on the other hand. Yet another comprises political opponents, including recent defectors, who are publicly renouncing the resort to violent and seeking resolution that would bring about regime change."*

Hereby "Watan" is calling the OHCHR and the Human Rights Council to take all the international measurements that bind parties of political and armed conflict in Yemen to stop the use of any type of pressure mechanisms related to deliberate armed confrontations with the peaceful revolution.

For as long dreamed of and struggled for throughout the last eight months, we urge you to highly consider the legitimate demands of the youth peaceful demonstrators that seek to bring down the dictatorship's regime in all its forms and symbols, and to evolve into a period of peaceful transition of power and thus a modern civil state to emerge.

**Life to great Yemeni people, to our peaceful revolution and faithfulness  
to our martyrs**