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EU calls for humanitarian pause in fighting in Yemen

The EU Friday expressed its support to the current UN efforts towards "a lasting, predictable and sustainable humanitarian ceasefire," in Yemen.

" Such a pause should allow the urgent delivery of humanitarian assistance and essential supplies, including fuel, food and basic commodities. It is therefore essential that commercial shipping access to Yemen be further eased," said EU High Representative Federica Mogherini and EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides in a joint statement. It noted that on Thursday, the UN added Yemen to the list of highest-level humanitarian emergencies; a level 3 crisis. The country is facing a humanitarian catastrophe, with 21 million people, 80% of Yemen's population, in need of humanitarian assistance. A major food crisis is looming, it said..



"All parties have the responsibility to ensure the respect of International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law, following the principles of impartiality, neutrality and independence," said the two EU officials.

The statement went on to say that tomorrow will mark the 100th day since the exile of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi and the launch of the Saudi-led coalition airstrikes against the continuing advance of Houthi and pro-Saleh forces in Yemen.

"There is no other way out of the current crisis than through genuine dialogue and an inclusive political process under UN stewardship. Only a broad political consensus based on the parameters set by UN Security Council resolution 2216 can provide a sustainable solution to the crisis, tackle the threat of terrorist groups and prevent further regional instability," it added.

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