

## UK & US Continue to Honour and Supply Saudi Arabia Despite Slaughter at Weddings, Funerals & in Everyday Life

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As decision-makers and most voters in America and Britain enjoy comfortable lives, <u>the</u> <u>Times</u> and Yemen's al-Masirah TV report that Saudi warplanes near Yemen's rebel-held capital struck and killed several people on Wednesday, according to medical officials. These included a group of ten women attending the funeral in Arhab, 25 miles from Sanaa, according to a spokesman for the Houthi rebel group.

**Locals said** the women were returning on foot from the wedding when they were targeted. Several other women, who were riding in a car, escaped the attacks. "The aggressor committed a hideous crime by targeting ordinary women who were returning from a wedding," said the father of two of the slain women. The deaths are the latest from more than two years of Saudi Arabia's devastating military campaign against Yemen. More than 12,000, including many women and children, have been killed in Saudi airstrikes while millions remain displaced, living with shortages of fuel, food and water and <u>the threat of</u> **cholera**.

## The European Parliament takes a stand - but will the Commission heed it?

During a debate in the European Parliament, Green MEP **Molly Scott Cato** challenged Conservative MEP **Geoffrey van Orden** over his views on arms sales [<u>see video</u>], asking him whether he would vote to end 'arms sales to Saudi Arabia that are being used to kill Yemeni children.'

The European Parliament then voted in favour of a Green report, challenging the Commission to introduce an embargo on arms exports to Saudi Arabia. The report also calls for a new process to sanction EU countries which do not comply with EU rules on arms exports . . . a major embarrassment to the UK government which has supported billions of pounds worth of arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

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