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To

UN envoy to Yemen

Mr. Hans Grundberg

Subject- Inclusion of arrested journalists in the Geneva negotiating list

Sir

The Media Freedoms Observatory (MFO) is an independent monitoring and information platform on violations of the journalism and freedom of expression in Yemen. We, on behalf of all the journalisms, write to draw your attention towards the **14** journalists are still hidden in prisons; **13** of them in Houthi prisons some over seven years ago, and one in the government's internationally recognized prisons in Aden.

There are four of these journalists who face a death sentence imposed by the Houthi group, in connection with their journalistic work guaranteed by international laws and instruments, namely, Tawfiq Al-Mansouri, Hareth Humaid, Abdulkhaleq Amran and Akram Al-Walidi.

The four journalists will pay a price, if the international community does not pressure the Houthi group to stop abusive practices against the journalism in Yemen. Since their arrest, the four journalists have been exposed to health neglect and multiple kinds of torture. Also, their families face constant health and psychological suffering, so we will attach a documentary film's link to you through which we have worked to convey a full picture of what journalists and their families have been experienced from their arrest until now.

Mr. Grundberg

MFO appreciates the efforts made to bring together the parties to the conflict in Yemen about detainees and prisoners, we do fear for the lives of our fellow journalists especially the Houthi group will not hesitate to carry out their executions, which is the second group to be hostile to the journalism and journalists in the world after Al-Qaida, according to international reports.

In addition; We are confident that you will not abandon your human and moral duty to journalists and let them face this anonymous fate, which has become worrying for us and their families.

We look forward to your positive response that you will do your utmost to release journalists to ensure that they receive urgent treatment and are reunited with their families.

• The documentary film's link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ieuwdyoUWwl&t=47s>

Yours sincerely

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