Yemeni Foreign Minister Receives LaRouche Movement Statement on Stopping the Saudi War Against Yemen

Sept. 14—Yesterday, the Foreign Minister of Yemen, Engineer Hisham Sharaf, received in his office in Sana'a the LaRouche Movement statement entitled "Enemy of Silk Road Paradigm: Saudi Genocide in Yemen." It was delivered by Schiller Institute friend Fouad Al-Ghaffari, Chairman of the Yemeni Advisory Office for Coordination with the BRICS, and also the President of the Yemeni Youth Cabinet.

The Yemeni daily Sana'a News covered the meeting with a report entitled "The Foreign Minister Receives the Statement of the LaRouche Movement Concerning Yemen and Calling for Stopping the Aggression." The article reported that Al-Ghaffari briefed the minister on the latest international developments concerning Yemen, especially since the Xiamen BRICS Summit, which referenced the situation in Yemen for the first time in its final declaration.

According to Sana'a News, Al-Ghaffari "briefed the Foreign Minister on the vision adopted by Mrs. Helga Zepp-LaRouche, who is also known as the New Silk Road Lady, calling for an immediate end to the Saudi aggression on Yemen, and who calls for including Yemen in the New Silk Road initiative." Sana'a News reports that the LaRouche Movement statement calls for establishing an international commission to investigate the crimes committed by the Saudi regime, which is known for its aggressive character since its creation, and which is now targeting the program of President Trump.

Al-Ghaffari also briefed the Minister on the efforts being made in the U.S. Congress to stop the sales of arms and ammunition to Saudi Arabia, and that activists in Washington are pushing Congress to end support for the Saudi war that has claimed the lives of at least 10,000 Yemeni civilians and has blocked delivery of food and medicines to millions, causing the greatest humanitarian catastrophe in the country.

Sana'a News also reported that the members of the LaRouche Movement are planning to distribute their

statement at the UN General Assembly building in New York, as well as at the conference of the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights in Geneva. It further adds that the statement stresses that the aggression against Yemen is part of the regime-change policies that have been pursued by the United States and Britain for decades, and that this barbarism can only be outflanked by the rallying around the New Silk Road paradigm.

Sana'a News states the following in the conclusion of its report: "It is noteworthy that His Excellency Eng. Hisham Sharaf had expressed in a letter to his Chinese counterpart in April, the desire for Yemen to join the New Silk Road. The Xiamen Declaration of the BRICS nations has now opened a very important window for Yemen that can be utilized to send a message to the Foreign Ministers of the BRICS, who are intending to meet on the sidelines of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly, and to bring the situation in Yemen to the UN Security Council."

It is a tragic mistake that the members of the United Nations do not recognize the government in Sana'a as the representative of the Yemeni people and their interests—rather they recognize the five-star-hotel resident in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi and his entourage as the legitimate government of Yemen. Hadi's mandate as acting president had expired before the Ansarullah (Houthis) put him under house arrest in late 2014. He is being used by the Saudis as a tool to continue the destruction of Yemen, as he has refused to hold any negotiations with the popularly-approved government in Sana'a, composed of members of Ansarullah and the National Congress Party of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Foreign Minister Sharaf is a member of the latter party.

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