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Thank you for Congressman Wilson's ongoing leadership and support for Yemen in the face of Houthi aggression. The UK government today took action against the Houthis in response to the Houthis' renewed attacks inside Yemen and elsewhere. A press release from the UK government explaining the UK action can be seen here and is also pasted below my signature.

Might Congressman Wilson consider a post on X or public statement welcoming this action by the UK? I've been asked to reach out with that question. Thank you for all you and Team Wilson do in the effort to secure a free Yemen and end the Houthi aggression in the Middle East, and Happy (Almost) Thanksgiving.

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UK steps up response to renewed Houthi aggression

The UK government has announced sanctions against the Houthis and their top officials, following renewed aggression inside Yemen and against Saudi Arabia.

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- UK government announces sanctions package targeting the Houthis for deliberately attempting to undermine stability in the Middle East, as well as those who have been involved in serious human rights abuses.
- Foreign Secretary reiterates commitment to act in support of British values and interests, after Houthi attacks against commercial shipping in Bab el Mandeb have driven up cost of living at home.
- Action follows renewed Houthi aggression inside Yemen and strikes targeting Saudi Arabia civilian infrastructure.

The UK is today [24 November] stepping up its response to the crisis in Yemen targeting those who seek to undermine peace inside the country.

The UK government is announcing designations against Yemeni Islamist militant group, The Houthis, and four top officials, following the group's decision to resume conflict across the region and inside Yemen.

The reckless behaviour of the Houthis in the Bab el Mandeb Strait has continued to disrupt global supply chains and has put added pressure on the cost of living for British families.

Backed by Iran, the Houthis have increased attacks against Saudi Arabia's civilian infrastructure, resulting in a number of fatalities, and renewed conflict inside Yemen.

Foreign Secretary, Ed Miliband said:

The Houthis' renewed aggression targeting our partners and innocent civilians is unacceptable and they must be held to account.

This government has today taken steps to do just that. We will not stand by whilst groups like the Houthis take action that drives up the cost of living for the British people while deliberately attempting to undermine the stability of the Middle East.

Today's measures send a clear message to the Houthis - we will always act in support of British values and interests.

Today's measures underline the UK's commitment to holding those to account who seek to undermine peace and security in Yemen and the region and reaffirm our support for the people of Yemen and Yemen's internationally recognised institutions.

The package of designations also targets those who have been involved in serious human rights abuses, including the cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of prisoners in Yemen, which the UK condemns in all forms.

The following organisation is today subject to an asset freeze and director disqualification:

- Ansar Allah (known as 'the Houthis') – involvement in activity which threatens the peace, security and stability of Yemen, including escalation of the conflict within Yemen, attacks on international shipping in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and missile and drone attacks against regional partners.

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The following individuals are also today subject to an asset freeze, travel ban and director disqualification:

- Abdulkarim Amir al-Din Hussein Al-Houthi - served as Houthi Minister of Interior of the Houthi authorities in Sana'a since 2019, has been responsible for the police, security forces, Criminal Investigation Department, women's security unit and detention facilities of the Ministry of Interior, in whose custody detainees have been subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, including electric shocks, beatings and sexual violence.
- Abdul Hakim Hashem Ali Al-Khaiwani - the Head of the Houthi Security and Intelligence Service and previously served as Houthi as Deputy Minister of Interior.
- Mohammed Moufleh - a Houthi-appointed judge in Yemen who has been involved in a serious violation of an individual's right to liberty and security of a person.
- Sarim Al-Din Muffadal - a senior Houthi prosecutor in Yemen who is reasonably suspected of having directly perpetrated, or knowingly permitted or acquiesced in, sexual violence including rape, torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of women detainees.

Today's package of measures reaffirms the UK's position that Houthi aggression is unacceptable and that the group must be held to account, following years of efforts to secure peace and progress through dialogue.

Alongside this, the UK recently led international efforts to strengthen the UN Yemen sanctions regime, using our role as UN Security Council penholder on Yemen to increase pressure on the Houthis to cease in their aggression.

This government has repeatedly made clear that the Houthis must end their attacks immediately and allow safe, unimpeded humanitarian access. The decision to restart conflict in Yemen puts the most vulnerable at further risk and has displaced hundreds of thousands of Yemenis. In September, the government responded by announcing £10m in funding for the UN flash appeal as part of our £104 million humanitarian support to Yemen this year.

The UK stands with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the people and Government of Yemen in the wake of increased Houthi attacks. Minister for the Middle East, Stephen Doughty, recently visited Saudi Arabia to reiterate the UK's solidarity to Saudi counterparts and long-standing support to the Government of Yemen.

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