SANA’A, 7 December 2015 - WHO condemns the attack on Al Houban clinic in Taiz city run by Medicins Sans Frontiers (MSF) in which nine people were wounded, including two MSF staff.

“WHO strongly condemns the attack on Al Houban clinic run by MSF and other health facilities in Yemen and is deeply concerned over the serious implications such attacks have on patients, medical personal and the health infrastructure,” says Dr Ahmed Shadoul, WHO Representative for Yemen.

“Al Houban clinic is one of the very few health facilities in Taiz currently offering medical care for displaced people and those in critical need of health care. At the time when health facilities are overwhelmed with patients, especially in Taiz, health facilities need protection and medical staff should be allowed to safely provide medical care to patients without any risk,” adds Dr Shadoul.

The escalation of the conflict in Yemen has resulted in the damage and destruction of over 99 health facilities including 38 hospitals, 10 polyclinics and 27 ambulances among others. Nine health workers have also died and 17 injured as direct result of the conflict. In all the attacks, patients, including children, were severely injured.

In times of crisis, it is vital that health facilities continue to function and medical staffs are allowed to provide medical care to patients without any risk. Patients must continue to receive medical attention and health professionals must be able to deliver health services in a safe and secure environment.

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