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## UAE official calls on international community to pressure Yemens

### Houthi to evacuate Hodeidah

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**USPA NEWS** - File photo showing UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. (Photo courtesy of Gargash official Twitter account: @AnwarGargash)

The UAE has called on the international community to pressure Iran-backed Houthi militias to withdraw peacefully from Hodeidah, and to leave its port intact.

Anwar Gargash, the UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said that his country is deeply concerned by reports coming out of Hodeidah.

"I am deeply concerned by reports coming out of Hodeida about the Houthi response to international calls for their peaceful retreat"<sup>[1]</sup>, noting the Houthi militias reaction shows "the real and ugly face of their policy."<sup>[2]</sup>

Gargash added on his official Twitter account that "their use of land & sea mines shows a cruel & callous disregard for Yemeni lives."<sup>[3]</sup>

In his tweets, Gargash reiterated that "the current and illegal Houthi occupation of Hodeidah is prolonging the Yemeni war, and the liberation of the city and port will create a new reality and bring the Houthis to the negotiations."<sup>[4]</sup>

Gargash also said that "the Houthis cannot hold Hodeidah hostage to finance their war and divert the flow of humanitarian aid. Their assault on the Yemeni people has continued for too long."<sup>[5]</sup>



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