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Spokesperson available: 'gaping holes' in Yemen's human rights record

The Yemeni authorities must urgently implement key human rights recommendations to address the excessive use of force by security forces, end enforced disappearances and deliver justice for victims of past human rights violations, said Amnesty International.

Yemen is due to undergo a review of its human rights record by the United Nations human rights council in Geneva on 29 January 2014.

"While there has recently been some progress on human rights in Yemen, there are still gaping holes in the country's human rights record," said Sevag Kechichian, Amnesty International's Researcher on Yemen.

"The authorities have yet to implement crucial reforms that will achieve accountability for past violations as well as introducing measures to protect individuals from enforced disappearance and ratifying key international treaties. Positive gestures of good intent will be meaningless if there are no visible changes on the ground."

Sevag Kechichian, Amnesty International's Yemen researcher is available for interview on Yemen's human rights record.

Possible talking points:

- Justice and accountability
- Excessive use of force, need to reform security forces
- Enforced disappearances, arbitrary detention, torture and extrajudicial executions
- Rights of women and girls
- The death penalty

For further information please see:

Amnesty International Public Statement (published 29 January 2014):

[Yemen must accept and implement crucial recommendations](#)

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