

## **Assessment the implementation of the doctrine of responsibility to protect in crisis in Yemen**

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### **Abstract**

The Doctrine of "Responsibility to Protect" which has three stages including "Prevention", "Reaction" and "Reconstruction", is used when a government will not or cannot protect its citizens against four crimes: "War Crimes", "Crimes Against Humanity", "Genocide" and "Ethnic Cleansing". As it mentioned, the plan, consisting of three phases, has created hopes for addressing disadvantages of humanitarian interventions such as selectivity and interference in internal affairs of other countries. Yemen crisis has begun from January 2011 after a revolution and public demonstrations. Since then, Yemen has been engaged in civil war and conflicted with other countries. It led to that Abd Rabba Mansour – the president at the time - resigned two times and escaped from the country. Following this, in support of the resigned President, a regional coalition led by Saudi Arabia launched a military invasion against Yemen, which resulted in the deaths and injuries of civilians and the occurrence of health and nutrition disasters among the civilians, especially children; so that according to the reports of international organizations, the war crimes occurrence in this attack is seriously evident. So, in the first step, the tools of economic, military and political sanction in format of the Doctrine of "Responsibility to Protect" can be used to support the citizens of Yemen, and in order to prevent the commission of crimes by the regional coalition. This paper, seeks to do a brief review of the Doctrine of "Responsibility to Protect", and meanwhile analyzes the current events in Yemen From the perspective of this Doctrine. It also studies the invasion of Yemen by regional coalition led by Saudi Arabia from the legal viewpoint and finally analyzes the possibility of implementation of the Doctrine against the crisis which is created by the regional coalition.

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