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Yemen's Hadi Demands Houthis 'Stop Your Crimes'

Four years into Saudi invasion, says Houthis must choose peace or war Posted on [April 14, 2019](#) [April 14, 2019](#) Categories [News](#) Tags [Yemen](#)

Holding the first session of parliament since before the Saudi invasion, Yemeni President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi [delivered a statement demanding that the Shi'ite Houthis](#) “stop your crimes” and return power to him.

Hadi insisted that the Houthis need to decide between war and peace, over four years after Saudi Arabia invaded to try to prop Hadi back up, and over five years after Hadi's term in office ended.

Hadi claimed to be on the road to restoring his government, and chided those who didn't show up for the session of parliament as failing their duty. The MPs who did show up were mostly Hadi's allies, while other groups questioned the legitimacy, particularly since parliament's mandate ended in 2015.

Hadi's upbeat attitude about retaking the country doesn't seem realistic, with large amounts of territory having not traded hands in quite some time. The nation remains deeply divided, and UN efforts to start negotiations have repeatedly failed, with Hadi in particular unwilling to sign off on any power-sharing deal.