

# Western Sahara: Yemen Reiterates Support for Morocco's Territorial Integrity



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Rabat - In a display of unwavering solidarity, Yemen's Foreign Minister, Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak, reiterated his country's support for Morocco's territorial integrity and the Moroccaness of the Western Sahara.

The statement came during a press conference in Marrakech, following bilateral discussions between Minister bin Mubarak and his Moroccan counterpart, Nasser Bourita. The talks followed the sixth edition of the

Arab-Russian Cooperation Forum scheduled for Wednesday that brought together foreign ministers.

"We affirm our support for the territorial integrity of the Moroccan Kingdom and the Moroccan Sahara, a stance we consistently express," said Minister bin Mubarak, underscoring Yemen's firm embrace of Moroccan sovereignty over the Western Sahara region.



***Morocco's FM Nasser Bourita and Yemen's FM, Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak deliberating during high-level talks.***

The Yemeni minister commended the [long-standing ties](#) between the two countries, and lauded the ongoing communication and the keen interest King Mohammed VI and the Moroccan government have shown in regards to nurturing and advancing bilateral relations.

The Yemeni minister equally highlighted Morocco's principled approach to the conflict in Yemen, as the country has long expressed support for

Yemen's unity, stability, constitutional legitimacy, and the Presidential Council. Morocco's stance aligns with peace initiatives based on internationally agreed-upon frameworks, noted the top Yemeni diplomat.

He further expressed appreciation for Morocco's ongoing concern about the humanitarian situation in Yemen. The minister attributes the crisis to the political deadlock and condemned the "terrorist Houthi coup" that had targeted the country's constitutional legitimacy.

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Yemen has been facing one of the world's worst humanitarian crises following the 2014 insurgency of the Houthi rebels, who took control of the country's capital and largest city, Sana'a.

A year later, the rebels seized the presidential palace, resulting in the resignation of the country's then president Abd Rabbu Mansour Hadi and his government.

The Yemeni minister stressed the gravity of ongoing developments in his country, emphasizing that no faction should wield authority to perpetrate actions that violate international laws.

According to UN agencies Yemen remains one of the world's "largest humanitarian crises." The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) [estimates](#) that as of September 2023, 21.6 million people were in need of humanitarian assistance or protection in the country.

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The Yemeni official concluded by acknowledging Morocco's supportive

stance towards Yemen and announced plans for bilateral meetings aiming to review several consular-level protocols, and said that Morocco's upcoming plans to host the forthcoming Arab-Russian Forum as a significant milestone.

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