UNOCHA Yemen
Deconfliction Liaison Team
Outline

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Deconfliction

- The UNOCHA deconfliction process is a critical information-sharing tool between the humanitarian community in Yemen and The Saudi Lead Coalition via the Evacuation and Humanitarian Operations Committee (EHOC) to exchange information and plan in order to avoid potential hazards to humanitarian personnel and operations.

- This mechanism aims to ensure the safety and security of humanitarian premises, personnel, equipment and activities in Yemen.

- Using the Deconfliction Mechanism does not constitute a legally binding agreement between any of the involved parties, and does not guarantee the safety of personnel, facilities, or sites.
Scope

- Temporary deconfliction of overland, sea and air movements;

- Temporary deconfliction of venues used for the implementation of humanitarian activities (e.g., workshops, distribution sites, etc.);

- Permanent deconfliction of humanitarian premises (e.g., offices, warehouses, guest houses, etc.) aka No Strike List;
Deconfliction Liaison team (Riyadh/KSA)

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EHOC Procedures for Processing notifications

❖ All notifications should be submitted at least **48 hours in advance**;

❖ In an emergency, a notification should be submitted at least **24 hours in advance**;

* Emergency cases include, but are not limited to, accidents, life threatening incidents, medical evacuation, etc.)

❖ The correct forms (**ANNEX A to G**) must filled and submitted to UNOCHA DLT;
EHOC Procedures continued….

❖ Submission of notification should be between 9am and 2pm (KSA time) as per EHOC’s requirement. Bearing mind that DLT requires at least 1 hour to process and submit any notification;

❖ Humanitarian organizations are accountable for providing correct, up to date and accurate information;

* (All forms data should be matching in terms of dates, vehicles details, clear pictures, routes etc. )

❖ GPS coordinates must be provided under the following format: degrees / minutes / seconds or Decimal Degrees Longitude and Latitude;
EHOC Procedures continued….

- Information provided is treated *confidentially* and only shared with EHOC;

- Any changes to the movement must be submitted within a minimum of 24 hrs. for DLT and EHOC to process unless it is a case of emergency;

- INGOs processing for the first time must submit a bio two weeks in advance to EHOC for authorization to use the mechanism;

- NGOs should seek the assistance of UN or INGO partners to submit deconfliction notifications on their behalf;
EHOC Procedures continued….

❖ All vehicles must have the organization’s logo (roof marking);

❖ Waypoints must be included every 20km along the route;

❖ EHOC will not acknowledgment any night movement (All movement should between 6am to 6pm – KSA time);

❖ Official letters to EHOC should be sent through DLT in English and Arabic copies;
Deconfliction Process for Land, Air, Sea, Temp. Venues and No Strike List

Step 1
UN, INGO, NGO send notification paperwork to OCHA DLT 48hrs in advance

Step 2
OCHA DLT communicates the notification to EHOC.

Step 3
EHOC provides written confirmation of their response.
Example waypoints every 20 km of the route
### 3 Convoy Movements

Please highlight **ALL the locations / stops** that the convoy / truck will stop throughout this mission.

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Example itinerary with full details.
All vehicles must have a roof marking
All trucks must have a roof marking
Sending notifications

To :

- Amani Abdul Ghani - abdulghani@un.org
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Deconfliction Working Hours

- The DLT official working hours are Sunday to Thursday from 09:00 to 17:00 (KSA Time).

- Friday and Saturday working hours 09:00 to 13:00 (KSA Time).

- DLT needs a minimum of 1 hour to process your notification before submitting it to EHOC.

- DLT will send you a confirmation email once the notification has been submitted. Should you not get an email by 13:30 please follow up to confirm submission is complete.
No Strike List Guidelines

- The No Strike List (NSL) is an index of permanently deconflicted humanitarian sites in Yemen managed by OCHA and acknowledged by EHOC.

- Notifications to add or remove sites to the NSL can be sent to the OCHA Deconfliction Team (DLT) from Sunday to Wednesday (the submitting agency/organization will receive confirmation that the request has been received by the DLT).

- Submission to EHOC will be on Thursdays from 09:00 to 13:00 (KSA Time). Once acknowledged by EHOC, the DLT will forward the confirmation to the submitting agency/organization.
No Strike List Submission Steps

❖ Step One

Visit the No Strike List section at [https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/yemen/deconfliction](https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/yemen/deconfliction) and download the latest excel sheet.

*For the UN - *Staff residences and guesthouses must be submitted to the DLT through UNDSS after verification.*
Step Two

Make sure all columns are filled in, with the correct format.

Double check that the coordinates have not already been included in the NSL by your agency/organization and that the information is verified by your security officer and head of mission before submission.

*The DLT will not be responsible for verifying your locations.*

Clearly state if an addition or removal of sites is being requested. A request for both cannot be submitted in the same email.
The agency/organization is expected to take prompt action should the DLT request amendments or additional information.

The DLT will not accept any notifications with missing documents.

*Your agency/organization’s deconflicted sites in the NSL can be shared with you upon request.*

Should you need any clarifications please do not hesitate to contact the DLT.
Agency / organization issues highlighted in the survey

❖ Forms to be consolidated into one;

❖ Online platform for submission;

❖ Recording of GPS coordinate;

❖ No Strike List.
Recommendations

- Agency/organization to ensure effective coverage to deconfliction, for example having a back up person to cover when needed;

- Staff commit to complying with the agreed procedures and plan carefully;

- Staff are held accountable for providing **current and accurate information**;

- Staff not to over exaggerate and generalize issues;