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Remembering Sammad, the icon of the Yemeni struggle

On April 19th, 2018, whilst inspecting the port city of Hodeidah accompanied by his loyal guardsmen, Saleh Ali Al-Sammad was brutally murdered in a joint US/UAE airstrike on his convoy, killing him and his bodyguards.

The news of Al-Sammad's killing shocked the Yemeni people and much of the world, fearing a potential escalation in the deadly conflict that, at the time, had already killed hundreds of thousands of people.

Al-Sammad is renowned for putting his people first before his own priorities. He never owned a house of his own and would always live in rented apartments throughout his tenure as president of the Republic. His work towards Yemeni agricultural & industrial independence can be seen all over Yemen today, with farmers harvesting cereal and factories producing common goods for the people - despite the blockade, the daily air strikes and the daily terror.

Al-Sammad was an icon of the Yemeni struggle for freedom. He leaves behind a visible and recognizable legacy supported by millions of working-class people, much like Fidel Castro or Che Guevara. The Yemen Solidarity Council would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the Yemeni people on today's occasion.

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