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Examine the challenges posed by Yemen's prolonged civil conflict to regional stability and international security. Discuss the role of the United Nations in promoting peace and protecting civilians.

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Answer Hint

Houthi movement, internationally recognised government, regional rivalries, Red Sea security, humanitarian crisis, international humanitarian law, UN mediation, arms embargoes, ceasefire, political settlement.

Model Answer

Introduction

Yemen's prolonged civil conflict involves the Houthi movement, forces supporting the internationally recognised government and regional actors. Strikes on military camps, including the reported attack described in the article, demonstrate the continuing threat to security and stability.

Challenges to Regional Stability

- **Humanitarian crisis:** Conflict damages healthcare, food supply chains and essential infrastructure, displacing civilians.
- **Regional tensions:** External involvement intensifies rivalries and complicates negotiations.
- **Maritime security:** Instability near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait threatens shipping through the Red Sea, a major global trade route.

- **Terrorism and insecurity:** Prolonged conflict creates opportunities for extremist groups and illicit arms networks.

Role of the United Nations

1. Facilitate negotiations and support an inclusive political settlement.
2. Coordinate humanitarian assistance and protect civilian access to essential services.
3. Promote compliance with international humanitarian law and accountability for violations.
4. Use targeted sanctions where authorised and appropriate to support international peace and security.

Way Forward

A sustainable resolution requires an inclusive Yemeni-led political process, regional diplomatic engagement, humanitarian access and credible security arrangements.

Conclusion

Military action alone cannot resolve Yemen's political divisions. Coordinated diplomacy, civilian protection and a negotiated settlement are essential for lasting peace and regional stability.

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