



## **Report of targeting the farm of citizen\ Sadiq Al-Hakimi- Dimnat Khadeir- Taiz governorate**

A human rights report documenting the crime of bombing the farm of citizen\ Sadiq Alhaj Al-Hakimi by the coalition aircraft in Almahwal area- Dimnat Khadeir directorate- Taiz governorate April 8, 2018.

## **Intisaf for woman and child rights**

**a human rights organization seeks to protect women and children by supporting and defending their issues, raising community awareness of them and rehabilitating them psychologically and morally.**

- 1. Raise community awareness of the rights of women and children as guaranteed by Islamic law and contained in international conventions and charters.**
- 2. Support women and children's issues legally and socially in order to ensure a decent family life for them, as they are the basic cell of society.**
- 3. Monitor all violations and abuses against women and children in war and peace, whether by governmental individuals and bodies or non-governmental groups or hostile countries, and announce them to public opinion .**
- 4. Prepare and producing human rights reports on cases of women and children's violations.**
- 5. Protect women and children from ill-treatment in family and society, combating all forms of violence against them and protect them from abuse during the investigation .**
- 6. Provide the necessary psychological support to women and children who are exposed to violations in war and peace.**
- 7. Stop child begging and labor**
- 8. Improve women and enhance their participation in society.**

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# Introduction

Yemen is suffering from a war of aggression by the coalition of aggression [1], where it deliberately violated the rights of civilians and committed the most heinous crimes against women and children without any consideration to humanitarian and moral values. During which thousands were killed or wounded, and deliberately targeted civilian neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, mosques and vital facilities. Since the beginning of the aggression on March 26, 2015, the aggressive coalition continued committing massacres against civilians of women and children, which is obviously indicated in the crime committed against civilians in Almahwal area- Dimnat Khadeir directorate- Taiz governorate. The coalition of aggression caused a number of victims were killed or injured, without distinguishing between a clear civilian target and legitimate military objectives. The airstrikes left tragedies that the people of Almahwal area, especially the families of the victims, have not forgotten for years.

[1]the aggressive coalition led by Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

## Executive summary

This report documents the crime committed by the aggressive coalition aircrafts in Almahwal area- Taiz governorate, which left behind a number of civilian victims. We talked during this report about the details of the crime and witness' statements. We also talked about the legal framework of the crime according to international laws and charters.

## Methodology

This report is based on the organization's statistics regarding the details of the crime and the number of victims, as well as on interviews conducted with witnesses. International legal texts, treaties and conventions were referred to in order to clarify the legal framework of the crime committed against the civilians in Almahwal area.

# A brief overview of Dimnat Khadeir directorate

Dimnat Khadeir Directorate: it is one of the directorates of Taiz governorate, with a population of 112, 653 according to the 2004 census.



Dimnat Khadeir district

## Details of the massacre of the aggressive coalition in Almahwal

The coalition of aggression committed a heinous crime against the civilians on Sunday April 3, 2018, 9:30 PM, where the coalition of aggression aircrafts targeted Almahwal area- Dimnat Khadeir directorate with 3 air raids. The first air raid hit a saloon car. After that, a second raid landed close to the house and farm of citizen\ Sadiq Al-Hakimi, forcing his family to flee their home in fear and panic. However, the coalition of aggression's aircraft was tracking them and tragically launched the third air raid targeting all members of the family. This targeting caused a number of fatalities, both, dead and wounded. The airstrikes also left behind a massive damage. The residents rushed to rescue and pull the injured from the rubble. There are no armed manifestations, military checkpoints, weapons stores, cantonment or even one of the active battlefronts around the area, which confirms that this is a complete and obvious crime. The innocent civilians who are not related to the war were targeted in this crime. They were also not in a suspicious location, a military gathering near them, or a place to plan and provide any support to the military fronts.

The targeting toll of victims is as follows:

**Killed: 15 civilians including 7 children and  
3 women  
Wounded: 5 civilians**



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## **Domestic condemnation**

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf for woman and child rights, condemned the crime committed against civilians in Almahwal area in Dimnat Khadeir directorate- Taiz. It also condemned the shameful international silence and violation of international and humanitarian laws and charters, the laws of war and other heavenly customs and canons and throwing them aside, which include rules and principles aimed to mainly provide protection to children and women.

The organization also blamed the coalition of aggression for all crimes and violations against innocent civilians, and called on the international community, UN organizations and human rights and humanitarian bodies to assume their legal and humanitarian responsibilities towards the violations and heinous massacres that occur against the safe civilians of the Yemeni people. It also called on all the free and honorable people of the world to take effective and positive actions to stop the aggression and protect civilians of women and children. In addition to, the organization called on the United Nations and the UN Security Council to do their duty and assume their responsibilities regarding these crimes and work to stop them, lift the siege and form an independent international commission to investigate all crimes committed against the Yemeni people and discipline all those who prove their involvement in these crimes.

## **Witnesses' statements**

The testimonies of some of those who were present at the scene of the airstrike were heard, and all of their testimonies held the so-called coalition responsible for this crime and that it was the planes of the aggressive coalition that carried out this crime.

\_A relative of the victims (Sh. A. A) reported:" On Sunday, 9:00 PM my uncle Sadiq was with his family at home. They heard a loud explosion that terrified them, resulted by an airstrike that targeted a salon car carrying civilians working in selling Qat. They were near the car on a Qat farm close to the house. The second one fell near the house, at which point they felt panic and tried to flee, leave the house and going out to the open area, moving about 50 meters away from the house. The children and women were extremely frightened, and each of them was trying to take shelter behind the others, gathered around the head of the family and their mother, who was in the middle.

At that moment, the warplanes returned with a third airstrike that directly targeted them, killing all the members. Only one injured person remained from the family. Among the victims was a seven-day-old baby girl who went missing. We found her after three days under the rubble, suffering from her wounds and the loss of her parents. Three women and seven children, along with the head of the family and his children, were all killed without any fault. In addition to this, another man from Sabir was with four others who were injured in the qat farm when the warplanes targeted them with the first airstrike. Thirteen civilians, most of them children and women, were killed, and five others were injured without any fault. There is no justification for bombing the area; we are just civilians.”

\_Another relative of the victims, (A.A.A.Q.A.) – 45 years old – said: “We are from Sabir, and we came to Dimnat Khadeir to work in selling and buying qat. Our friends were in a qat farm next to Mohammed Mansour’s car, which was moving them with qat to the market. Only a few minutes had passed since they got out of the car and entered Almahwal. The time was approximately eight thirty when the warplanes launched an airstrike targeting the car, resulting in the death of a person named Abdulwase’ and the injury of four others, including the driver of the salon car, which was destroyed. About half an hour later, the warplanes returned with two airstrikes targeting a gathering family consisting of 13 civilians, most of whom were children and women, killing them all. Only a seven-day-old baby girl survived, who was found on the third day after the bombing, and one injured person who was with our friends at the qat farm and was injured in the first airstrike. The children and women were hit, and their bodies were torn into scattered pieces in the area. The area is civilian, and the victims are civilians working to earn their livelihoods, with the majority of the victims being innocent children and women. There is no justification for bombing them”.

\_Another relative of the victims, (D.A.M.A.) stated: “The airstrikes caused the death of a family of 13 people and killed a man and injured others who were qat sellers, without any justification for bombing them.”

\_AlSheikh(Boss) (M.A.A.), said: “The aggression coalition’s warplanes launched three airstrikes targeting civilians in Almahwal area of Dimnat Khadeir district, killing the citizen Sadiq Al-Haj Al-Hakimi’s family of 13 people, the injury of another, the death of one qat seller, and the injury of four others.”

#### **Official Statements:**

\_Colonel (A.N.), the Security Director of Al-Silw district, stated: “The Saudi-led coalition’s warplanes launched a series of airstrikes on the area, including three airstrikes on Sunday evening targeting a car carrying civilians working in selling qat and a family of 14 people, who are the family of the citizen Sadiq Al-Haj Al-Hakimi. They all fell victims, and most of the dead are children and women. This occurred in Almahwal area, located between Al-Silw and Dimnat Khadeir.”

## Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law

The targeting of a farm by the coalition of aggression's aircraft represents a definite and complete war crime. Whereas the targeted farm is far from military camps, military zones, or battlefronts and located in a civilian area. In addition to, there were women and children lived in. This represents a clear and explicit violation of international humanitarian and war laws, which stipulate that war parties must at all times distinguish between military and civilian targets and refrain from launching attacks that are expected to cause harm to civilians. This law also contains all civilians with protection without any discrimination, especially women and children, as they represent the most vulnerable groups during armed conflicts. This crime is considered one of the most heinous crimes against children as many of them were killed as a result of this attack. Articles (47, 27) of the Fourth Geneva Convention, Article (46) of the regulation of the fourth Hague Convention and Article (48) of Additional Protocol 1 also affirm that "the parties of the conflict shall endeavor to distinguish between the civilian population and combatants, and between civilian and military objects."

## Victims' names

### Names of wounded victims in the crime of targeting Almahwal area in Taiz governorate April 3, 2018

	Name	Gender	Age
1	Hussam Sadiq Abdullah Alhaimi	male	25
2	Mohammed Mansour Mohammed Aljaradi	male	35
3	Muneeb Abdulrahman Aljaradi	male	28
4	Ahmed Abdulraqueeb Aljaradi	male	25
5	Waheeb Abdo Aljaradi	male	30

### Names of killed victims in the crime of targeting Almahwal area in Taiz governorate April 3, 2018

	Name	Gender	Age
1	Wardah Jamal Jamil	child	3 days
2	Ezzadden Sadiq Abdullah Al- Hakimi	child	1
3	Abdullah Sadiq Abdullah Al- Hakimi	child	7
4	Yaqoob Sadiq Abdullah Al- Hakimi	child	13
5	Ahmed Sadiq Abdullah Al- Hakimi	child	10
6	Safa'a Sadiq Abdullah Al- Hakimi	child	14
7	Samar Sadiq Abdullah Al- Hakimi	child	16
8	Afaf Yaseen Alsilwi	female	32
9	Latifa Abdo Mohammed Almajnoon	female	46
10	Ahlam Sadiq Abdullah Al- Hakimi	female	23
11	Sadiq Abdullah Mohammed Alhaj Al- Hakimi	male	50
12	Abdulwase' Mohammed Aljaradi	male	45
13	Waleed Sadiq Abdullah Al- Hakimi	male	19
14	Badea' Sadiq Abdullah Al- Hakimi	male	28
15	Hussam Sadiq Abdullah Al- Hakimi	male	25

# Recommendation

- 1- Work to stop the unjust aggression on Yemen on land and human.**
- 2- We demand international organization, headed by the united nations, to pressurize the countries of the coalition of aggression to stop crimes committed against civilians, especially women and children.**
- 3- We demand the United Nations to cancel its decision to remove the aggression coalition from the list of killing and maiming children, as they continue committing terrible massacres against women and children since the beginning of aggression till this day.**
- 4- We call on all human rights, legal and media organizations and bodies to monitor and document all violations and crimes committed against civilians, especially women and children, and expose them to international public opinion in preparation for bringing the perpetrators to justice.**
- 5- We demand to format an independent fact-finding committee to investigate this crime and all the crimes and violations that have occurred since the beginning of the aggression on March 26, 2015 and submit the leadership of the coalition of aggression and the perpetrators of crimes and massacres to courts.**



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