



## Seems Like a Dream, Yet It's Real

A human rights report documenting the crime of bombing the citizens' homes and properties by the coalition aircraft in Al-Azrakain area- Hamdan directorate- Sana'a governorate May 10, 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 the house of citizen\ Abdulrahman Alraisi in Al-Azrakain area- Hamdan directorate- Sana'a 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 Al-Azrakain 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

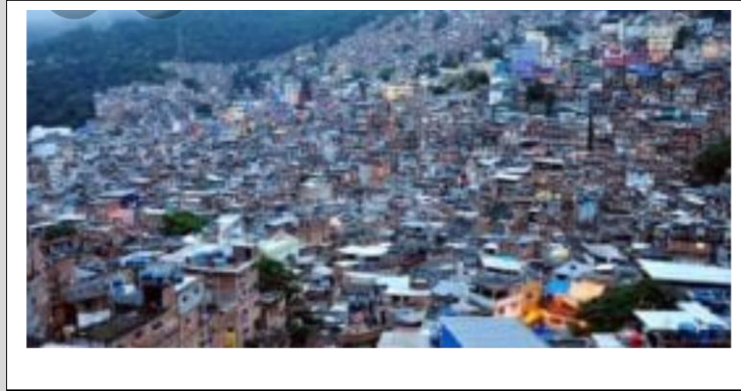
The report (Seems Like a Dream, Yet It's Real) documents the crime committed by the aggressive coalition aircrafts on Thursday evening, May 10, 2018 in Al-Azrakain area- Sana'a governorate, which left behind a number of civilian victims. We talked during this report about the details of the crime and 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 children in Al-Azrakain area.

## A brief overview of Al-Azrakain area

Al-Azrakain area: it is one of the villages in Wadi'ah sub-district of Hamdan directorate in Sana'a, with a population of 68 according to the 2004 census.



Al-Azrakain area

## Details of the massacre of the aggressive coalition in Al-Azrakain area

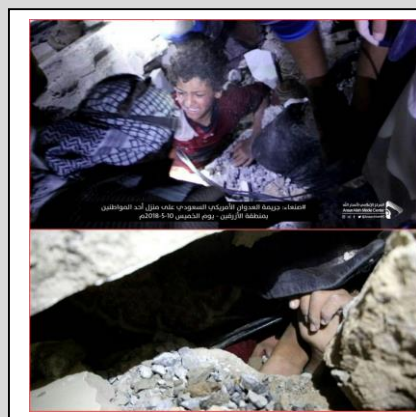
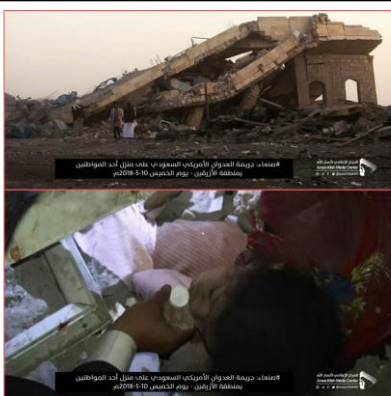
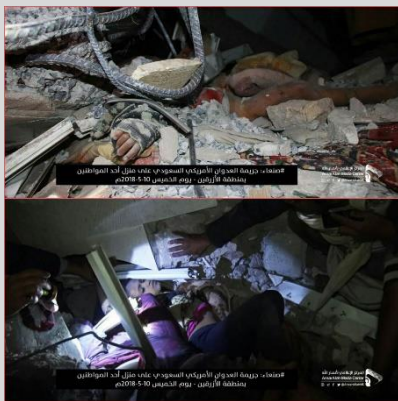
The coalition of aggression committed a heinous crime against the civilians on Thursday evening May 10, 2018, where the coalition of aggression aircrafts targeted the house of citizen\ Abdulrahman Alraisi in Al-Azrakain area. This targeting caused a number of fatalities, both, dead and wounded. The airstrike 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: 5 civilians including 2 children and  
a woman**

**Wounded: 13 civilians including 5 children**





## Domestic condemnation

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf for woman and child rights, condemned the crime committed against the family and the house of citizen\ Abdulrahman Alraisi in Al-Azrakain area in Hamdan directorate- Sana'a. 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.

\_ One of the civilians who were rescuing the injured stated:" they were three airstrikes that targeted the building. Children, women and elderly were inside the building."

\_Another civilian reported:" We were digging to pull the girls out of the rubble, when we suddenly heard the circling of the coalition aircraft in the area. we left the place and then the aircrafts launched two airstrikes. We were not able to continue rescuing the others."

\_One of the witnesses stated: "this vehicle belongs to one of the citizens who came to help in rescuing the targeted family, his vehicle was also hit"

**\_Another witness said:" the mother and her daughter were killed, while the father is trapped under the rubble. We are still searching from 2:30 AM until now."**

**\_The injured child, Amjad Alraisi spoke:" I heard my brother and sister when the were trapped under the destruction. The were crying for help as they were asking for water."**

**\_A nurse at one of the hospitals, where the injured were taken for treatment, said:" Afnan was brought to the emergency room due to a liver laceration and internal bleeding. We gave her a blood transfusion and now she is not allowed to eat or drink."**

**\_The injured child, Sayoun Alraisi, said:" When we were under the rubble, my three sibilings and I were talking, wondering if this was a dream, but it turned into reality." She added:" The airstrike hit us, and we didn't realize anything until we were trapped under the rubble. After that, the volunteers came to pull us out. Then we heard the warplane again, so the volunteers ran away, and the plane struck us with two missiles."**

**\_The injured child, Afnan Alraisi, said: 'The concrete pillars fell on my hand, the second pillar fell on my sister, and the door fell on my brother."**

**\_The witness, Wahib Ali Ali Alraisi (the victims' relative), said:" An airstrike targeted the house of my cousin, Abdulrahman Alraisi, At around 2:30 AM, after intense overflights by the Saudi-led coalition's warplanes in the aggression against Yemen. After we gathered for rescue, it was followed by a second airstrike, then a third. These airstrikes resulted in the death of five civilians, including four members of my relatives' family, and the injury of eight others, as well as the destruction of many homes and commercial shops."**

**\_The witness, Jubran Muhammad Yahya Al-Qaffaf, said:" At around 2:30 AM on Thursday night, while people were safely asleep in their homes, the warplanes of the so-called coalition led by Saudi Arabia, for the aggression against Yemen, launched an airstrike on the neighborhood, followed by two more airstrikes, which resulted in the death and injury of thirteen civilians, including a number of children. We do not know the justification for this attack."**



**\_The witness, Mohammed Hussein Abdullah Almusawa, said:" At proximity 2:30 AM, Our neighborhood was targeted by an airstrike that killed a number of citizens and injured others. This was followed by two airstrikes on the volunteers, which raised the toll of civilian casualties to thirteen."**

## **Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law**

**The targeting of civilian houses by the coalition of aggression's aircraft represents a definite and complete war crime. Whereas the targeted houses are 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 crime is considered one of the most heinous crimes against children as many of them were killed because 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

Killed victims' names in the crime of Al-Azrakain area in Sana'a governorate May 10, 2018

	Name	Gender	Age
1	Abdulrahman Ali Saad Alraisi	Male	35
2	Wafa'a Ali Ali Saad Alraisi	Female	36
3	Farah Abdulrahman Ali Alraisi	Child	3
4	Sumoud Abdulrahman Ali Alraisi	Child	2
5	Mohammed Abdo	Male	33

Names of some wounded victims in the crime of Al-Azrakain area in Sana'a governorate May 10, 2018

	Name	Gender	Age
1	Sayoun Abdulrahman Ali Alraisi	Child	13
2	Afnan Abdulrahman Ali Alraisi	Child	7
3	Amjad Abdulrahman Ali Alraisi	Child	11
4	Mohammed Abdulrahman Ali Alraisi	Child	10
5	Abdulsalam Mohammed Ismaeel Alharazi	Child	16
6	Mohammed Zaidi	Male	27
7	Saeed Sha'alan Abdullah Mismar	Male	35
8	Abdelaziz Sha'alan Abdullah Mismar	Male	30

## 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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