



Hamadan... and the aggression

This report document the crime of bombing civilians' houses in Al-Ara'a area at Hamdan District Sana'a Governorate on 2nd June 2015

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A human rights organization that seeks to protect women and children by advocating and defending their issues, raising community awareness, and rehabilitating them psychologically and morally

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- Preparing and issuing human rights reports on cases of women and children violations.
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- Protecting women and children from all forms of violence directed against them from family or society, and protecting them from abuse during investigation.
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Entrance

Yemen is suffering from a war caused by the Saudi coalition which is deliberately violated civilians and committed the most heinous crimes against women and children without respecting human values, during this aggression thousands were killed and wounded. Moreover, the Saudi coalition deliberately targeted neighborhoods, markets, schools, hospitals, mosques and vital facilities. Since 26 March 2015 Saudi Arabia coalition have continued to commit massacres against civilians(women and children) such as the crime that is committed at Al-Ara market that is located in Hamdan district one of Sana'a governorate which led to the deaths of several civilians and wounded others, those raids were launched without distinguishing between civilians and military targets, and it left memories will not be forgotten for years by victims' families and Al-Ara people.

Executive summary

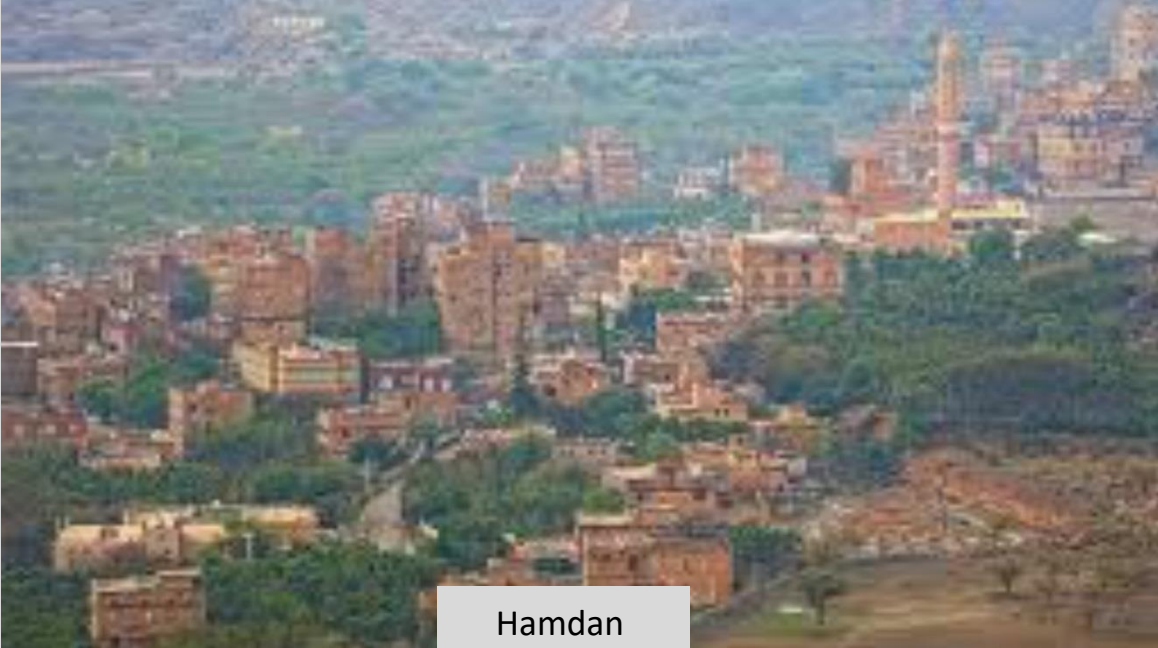
The report "Hamdan and the Aggression" documented the crime that was committed by the Saudi coalition warplane on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 in the Al-Ara area one of Sana'a governorate which killed civilians including women and children. In this report we talked about the details of the crime and the testimonies of witnesses, as well as the legal framework for the crime according to the international laws.

Methodology

This report is based on the organization's statistics regarding to the details of the crime and the number of victims. It also relied on interviews that were conducted by witnesses. In addition , the report is based on the international law texts, treaties and conventions in order to clarify the legal framework of the crime that was committed against women and children in Al-Ara region.

A brief overview of Al-Ara area

Al-Ara area is one of Alo Dhala'a neighborhood in Hamdan outskirts Sana'a Governorate, Its population is 518 according to 2004 statistics .



Hamdan
District

Details of the Saudi coalition massacre on the Al-Ara region

On Tuesday 2nd June 2015 the Saudi coalition aggression committed a heinous crime against civilians, women and children. The coalition warplane targeted, with an air strike, three houses that belong to citizens in Al-Ara area which led to kill and wound many civilians, also it caused an enormous destruction in the area. There were no armed manifestations, military points, weapons stores, camps or fronts near Al-Ara area which confirms that was a deliberate crime targeted civilians were not related to the war, and they were not in a suspicious location or a military gathering, or a place provide any support to the military fronts. The outcome of the targeting was:

10 were killed including **5 children** and **3 women**
8 were wounded including **2 children** and **5 women**



Domestic condemnations

Civil society organizations, including Enstaf Organization for Women and Children Rights, condemned the crime committed against civilians in Al-Ara area of Hamdan District one of Sana'a Governorate, and denounced the shameful silence of the international and humanitarian laws, the laws of war and other heavenly norms and laws, which include rules and principles aiming to provide protection mainly for children and women. Enstaf Organization also held the Saudi-led coalition the responsibility for all crimes and violations against innocent civilians and the displaced people, and demanded the international community, UN organizations, and human rights to assume their legal and humanitarian responsibilities towards the violations and heinous massacres that occur against civilians. Also, it called the United Nations and the UN Security Council to do their duty towards these crimes by stopping them, lift the siege, and form an independent international committee to investigate all crimes committed against Yemeni people and hold accountable all those who are proven to be involved in these crimes.

Eyewitness testimonies

We heard the testimonies of some people who were present at the scene of the air strike, and all the testimonies held the Saudi coalition the responsibility for this crime and that the one who committed this crime were the warplane of the Saudi coalition . The first witness whose house was targeted said: "I was sitting at home drinking water, and suddenly the UAE and Saudi coalition warplane hit the house of (Ali Qibli), which is located next to my house. Our house fell on my family due to the airstrike . To protect my daughter who was only three month. I sacrificed my life to rescue her by wrapping her with my coat ,and, then me and my wife ran out into the street asking people for help ." The second witness said: "Until this moment there are missing victims, children were under the rubble, also four people and two women were missing, and six were dead."

The third witness said: " underground are children and women, and these are the shrapnel of the missile ."

The fourth witness also said: "Where are the civil society?! Where are human rights?!"

"The fifth witness (Kamal Nasher Al-Saifi) said : "I was sitting near the place of the bombing with some friends when I heard the explosion of the missile very loudly. We rushed to the place to rescue the victims, and we found that the two houses had become rubble . We searched under the rubble, and recovered the bodies of children and women, I saw one of the victims' bodies belonging to a woman who was scattered into pieces, it was sorrowful scene , the village does not have any armed or military personnel, I do not know why it was bombed!!"

The sixth witness (Waheeb Marzouk Saleh) said: "I heard the sound of a warplane flying over the place, then I heard the sound of a missile launching in the air followed by the sound of a big explosion, and flames and smoke rose from the village . I was away from the village for about five hundred meters. When we arrived to the place ,we found the bombing targeted the al-Atmi and al-Qibli houses destroying the houses on their resident .The neighborhood people gathered to rescue the victims . We retrieved more than ten bodies, most of them were children, and the wounded victims were taken to the hospitals in Sana'a, the scene was terrible . The victims were poor civilians who were not include to conflicted parties, we are wondering why they were targeted?"

Description of the violation according to International Humanitarian Law

The Saudi coalition targeted civilians houses which is consider a deliberate crime because the houses and the civilians' properties are far from the military areas and the battle fronts .Furthermore, most of those who were in the houses were women and children . So, this represent a clear and explicit violation of the laws of war and the International Humanitarian Law, which states that warring parties must distinguish between military and civilian objectives ,and refrain from attacks that are expected to cause harm to civilians . This law protect all civilians without any discrimination, especially women and children for they represent the most vulnerable groups during armed conflicts. This crime is also considered one of the grave crimes against children because many children had been affected as a result of this targeting . Moreover , According to the Articles (47,27) of the Fourth Geneva Convention, Article (46) of the Regulations of the Fourth Hague Convention and the Additional Protocol (48) affirm that the conflict parties should all the time distinguish between civilian population and combatants ,also between civilian and military objects. ”

Victims' names

Names of the killed victims of the coalition crime in Hamdan directs in Al-Ara area Sana’a Governorate on 2 nd June 2015

N	Name	Kind	Age
1	Shehab Ali Ahmed Al-Qibli	Child	4
2	Qaid Hussein Mohammed Al-Atmi	Child	5
3	Adeeb Hussein Mohammed Al-Atmi	Child	7
4	Rudaina Hussein Mohammad Al-Atmi	Child	9
5	Amira Hussein Mohammed Al-Atmi	Child	11
6	Nora Ali Ahmed Al-Qibli	Female	20
7	Lubneh Sultan Abdul Hamid Al Malik	Female	20
8	Shorouk Ahmed Zafni	Female	20

Names of the wounded victims of the coalition crime in Hamdan directs in Al-Ara area Sana’a Governorate on 2 nd June 2015

N	Name	Kind	Age
1	Firdous Hassan Al-Emad	Child	4
2	Munira Muthanna Abdullah Al-Rimi	Female	30
3	Houria Muhammad Qaid Al-Atmi	Female	30
4	Zaid Abdullah Al-Emad	Male	26
5	Noor Muhammad Ahmad Al-Emad	Female	24
6	Anisa Zaid Al-Emad	Female	
7	Horiah Al-Emad	Female	



Recommendations

- ❖ **The unjust aggression on Yemen should be stopped .**
- ❖ **We demand the international organizations and the United Nations to put pressure on the Saudi coalition to stop the crimes that are committed against civilians, especially women and children .**
- ❖ **We demand the United Nations to cancel its decision to delete the Saudi coalition from the list of killing and maiming children, as they continue to commit horrific massacres against women and children since the beginning of the aggression till these days.**
- ❖ **We demand all human rights, legal and media organizations to monitor and document all violations and crimes committed against civilians, especially women and children, and reveal these crimes to the public opinion to bring the perpetrators to justice.**
- ❖ **We demand to comprise an independent committee in this crime and all crimes and violations that have been occurred since 26 March 2015 the beginning of the aggression ,and bring the leadership of the Saudi coalition aggression and the perpetrators of these crimes and massacres to the trial.**



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