



A report
documenting the
crime of bombing
the natural bath and
mosque of Jarif by
air raids - Bilad Al-
Rus Directorate -
Sana'a Governorate
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blood ... spring of water

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Introduction

Yemen is suffering from a war of aggression by the Saudi-led coalition, where they deliberately violated the rights of civilians and committed the most heinous crimes against women and children without regard to human and moral values, during which thousands were killed or wounded, and the coalition of aggression continued to commit massacres against civilians from Women and children, which is evident in the crimes committed by the coalition. One of which was the crime committed against civilians in Jarif Mosque and natural bath, located in the Balad Alruss – Sanhan District - in Sana'a governorate, which took the lives of dozens of civilians, including women and children, and this targeting is considered in violation of international humanitarian law and international treaties and charters that criminalize targeting civilian gatherings, including public places and civilian facilities. The United Nations and international organizations stand by and watch without taking any action towards what is being committed against civilians, especially women and children, which gives a green light for the aggression to commit more of crimes against civilians without any deterrent.

Executive summary

The report "Blood.. on a spring of water" documents the massacre committed by the Saudi-led coalition aircraft on January 12, 2016 against civilians, especially children and women, in Jarif mosque and bath. During this report, we will talk about the details of the crime and the testimonies of witnesses. We will also talk about the legal framework for the crime in accordance with international laws and covenants.

Methodology

This report is based on the organization's statistics regarding the details of the crime and the number of victims. It also relied on interviews conducted by some parties and media outlets with witnesses and victims. International law texts, treaties and conventions were referred to in order to clarify the legal framework for the crime committed against innocents in Jarif mosque and bath.

A brief overview of the Directorate of Bilad al-Rus and Jarf bath

Bilad Al-Rus District is one of the districts of Sana'a Governorate. Its administrative center is the village of Wa'lan, which is located (23 km) south of the capital, Sana'a, and is approximately (1500 meters) above sea level, and one of its most important tourist attractions is natural bath (Hammam) Al-Jarf.

Jarif Natural Bath

A natural bath located in the village of Al-Jarif on a rock, close to Wadi Ashar, which is characterized by beautiful scenery, and away from the main asphalt road that extends between the capital, Sana'a and the city of Taiz, about (20 km), and its paths are rugged. It was previously visited by specialized international teams, including the Tunisian mission in 1985, which carried out analyzes of the contents of its water, and the results showed that the temperature of its water is about (55 degrees Celsius). It also contains substances and chemical elements useful in natural treatment, which is what distinguishes this bath from other baths, intended by many patients. During the year for the treatment of chronic rheumatic diseases, skin diseases, and getting rid of obesity, there is a mosque next to it where visitors and civilian patients take their residence and perform worship and rest after spending most of their time taking a shower with hot water for the purpose of medication and treatment because there are no facilities or places in which they reside.



Details of the massacre of the coalition of aggression on Jarif mosque and bath

At eight o'clock in the morning on Tuesday, 12/1/2016, the warplanes of the coalition launched deliberate attacks with three air strikes that directly targeted dozens of civilians, most of them were women and children, who were accompanied by their sick parents spending their time in the hot water, medication and recuperation in Jarif natural baths and its facilities.

Where the air fighters of the coalition launched their first raid after their intense flight, targeting with one of the bombs of death and hatred, the mosque of Jarif and bath, while there were dozens of victims inside. The missile turned them into scattered pieces, and then concluded in seconds its brutal attacks with a third raid, aiming to eliminate those who rushed from the citizens of the area to rescue the victims and try to remove away the rubble of the mosque.

It should be noted that on September 23, 2015, the coalition launched four air raids targeting a tourist and health resort at the bottom of the valley affiliated to a Yemeni investor and established as a health tourism facility that includes all services for visitors and patients in residential rooms and swimming pools after it introduced the hot water of the water spring in Jarif. The resort was completely destroyed and became an antiquity in a blink of an eye, after which the patients and visitors did not find a place where they reside except the mosque belonging to the water spring, which is about 200 meters away from the former resort that was bombed in the upper direction of the valley.

The aerial bombardment resulted in the destruction of the targeted mosque belonging to Jarif, removing it from existence and destroying the natural bath of Jarif. The aerial bombardment also destroyed (3) neighboring houses and damaged (3) other houses and a grocery store, as well as damaging (5) vehicles which belong to civilians, all of which belong to the victims.

The targeted place is a public bath and a mosque in which dozens of civilians, most of whom are sick and disabled, accompanied by their families and children and continue to spend their time bathing and treating with hot sulfur water and the spring of hot sulfur baths. There were no armed manifestations, no military points, no weapons depot, and there was no military camp nearby, nor a conflict of flaming fronts around, which confirms that this crime is a full-fledged crime. Civilians whom they were targeted are not connected to the war, and they are not in the location of a suspicion or a military gathering near them, or a place for planning or providing any support to the military fronts.



Part of the destruction caused by targeting the bath



The effects of the destruction caused by the air raid on the sweeping mosque

Eyewitness testimonies _

On Tuesday morning, it remained engraved in the memory of everyone who witnessed the crime, as a number of eyewitnesses spoke about the crime, including the wounded, F.A.D., 30 years old, one of the victims whose lives were saved. Pulling them out from the ruins of the destroyed mosque, he recounts the details of the horrific tragedy, saying : " We went to Jarif Bath with my elderly sick father to take medication and take a shower and for the purpose of improving his health. I took my wife, my kids and my brother Mubarak on the trip to Jarif. After spending the whole day in Jarif, we did not find at the neighborhood nearby housing facilities in which to shelter, so we went to the mosque and sat there. The women found an adjacent room for them. Some of us were praying in the mosque performing the obligatory dawn prayer and some of us were waiting for breakfast. When I went out to bring breakfast, there was a strong explosion and pressure that took me 10 meters away and my body hit the ground and fainted. Then when I woke up in the hospital due to the serious injuries and burns that the aerial bombardment had inflicted on my body, Yasmin, 15 years old, Ayat, who did not exceed her sixth month, and my brother Mubarak, 29 years old, all of them were killed and the shrapnel torn their innocent bodies. In Bani Matar, there were no leaders or prominent personalities in the area that was bombed, as the aggression media claimed. They were all civilians, most of them were ill and helpless, and there was no presence of military sites or others in the area or around it."

- A.H.D. - 28 years old, speaking about the massacre, said : " On Tuesday morning, while we were in our village, we heard the shouting of the citizens in the village. We quickly moved to rescue our victims' families in Jarif bath, and while I was on the way to them with several citizens, I saw the warplanes launching their second raid. Then the third raid, before we reached the place, after which the mosque was removed from existence. Among the dead victims were my mother / Qatifah Saleh Al-Rusi, my sister Iman, the wife of my cousin Fouad Ali Hussein Dammah and his daughters, my uncle Ali Hussein Dammah and his son Mubarak, and many of our relatives and lineages whose lives were killed by the brutal raids by the bloody Saudi planes. The victims have been there for about half a month, and they were in the natural bath of Jarif for the purpose of treatment and medication. There were no military leaders or sites at all - and all the victims were unarmed civilians who did not even carry their personal weapons."

A.S.M, sixty years old said : " My brother Muhammad Shaif Al-Faqih and his wife Nadia Rassam, and his children all went with several citizens of our genealogy and relatives fifteen days ago to the natural bath for treatment and to bathe in the hot water of the bath. At about eight o'clock on Tuesday morning, we were shocked by the loud shouting of the villagers asking to save our families and their families in a Jarif bath, where the planes bombed with several air raids. We moved on several cars to Jarif bath. At ruins of the destroyed mosque, we were trying to rescue our families and their families, where the planes bombed them with several air raids. We could not remove the ruins till a tractor came and with the exhumation, we found a number of victims, all of them had died, including my brother Mohammad Shaif and his son Sadiq, who was no more than two years old, and shrapnel penetrated their bodies. We found a heinous massacre, the elderly Ali Muqassa, who suffers from a diseases was killed. We only found his medical car in which he was moving and we found him 20 meters away from the mosque as a result of the force of the air attacks, and most of the victims are from the people of the area and our village called the village of Al-Tawaleb. of his wife and their only child.

Eyewitness S.S.A. , 33 years old, from Al-Tawaleb region - Bilad Al-Rus - said: " The warplanes of Saudi Arabia and its alliance launched at eight o'clock in the morning on Tuesday 12/1/2016 the first air raid targeting Jarif bath. We moved with several citizens. After we saw black smoke rising from the bath, and while we were on the way, we saw the second strike of the air force, then the third raid. When we arrived, we found a destruction and a horrific massacre, where we collected the body parts of the victims, mostly women, and what was left of their charred bodies on top of blankets. It was a massacre beyond description. We could remove the pillars and the concrete of the mosque's roof from above the victims, so we waited until a small tractor arrived and we took out everyone inside, and the number reached about (14) civilians killed and (17) wounded others, most of them children, women and elderly patients. The aerial bombardment also resulted in the burning and damage of 5 cars that belong to civilians who were the victims, and the destruction of the mosque and nearby houses belonging to the people of the area."

Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law

The artillery targeting by the aggression of the coalition of a mosque and a bath amounts to a full-fledged war crime, as the bath and the mosque next to it were civilian objects far from the camps, military areas or the battle fronts, which are located in a civilian area, and its visitors are civilians, including women and children. This represents a clear violation and it is explicit in the laws of war and international humanitarian law, which stipulates that warring parties must distinguish at all times between military and civilian objectives and refrain from launching attacks that are expected to cause civilian harm. They represent the most vulnerable groups during armed conflicts. The principle of distinction in international humanitarian law states that any direct attack on civilians or anything civilian is not only a violation of international humanitarian law. It is also considered a serious violation and constitutes war crimes. It is prohibited by International humanitarian law, no weapon is capable to differentiat between civilians/civilian objects and combatants/and military objects . Articles (47 and 27) of the Fourth Geneva Convention, Article (46) of the Regulations of the Fourth Hague Convention and Article (48) of Additional Protocol I, affirm that "the parties to the conflict shall work to distinguish between the civilian population and combatants, and between civilian and military objects . "

This crime is also considered one of the worst crimes against children, as many children were killed as a result of targeting, and it is considered a crime against humanity as the aggression launched several raids on the same area for several times, in an intentional and systematic manner.

Victims' names

Victims of the crime of targeting Jarif bath - Al- Tawalip Bilad Al-Rus January 12, 2016

S.	The name	Gender
1	Ali Hussein Damah	Male
2	Mubarak Ali Hussein Dammaj	Male
3	Iman Hussein Ali Dammaj	Female
4	Yasmine Fouad Ali Hussein Dammaj	Female
5	Ayat Fouad Ali Hussein Dammaj	baby girl
6	Amaranth Saleh Saleh Alrossi	Female
7	Houria Saleh Saleh Alrossi	Female
8	Mohammed Shaif Al-Falqiah	Male
9	Sadiq Muhammad Shaif Al-Faqih	Baby
10	Nadia Abdullah Mohammed Rassam	Female
11	Ali Mohamed Salah Muqassa	Male
12	Statement by Ali Muhammad Zaid	baby girl
13	Ali Al-Khawlani	Mention
14	Son Fatema Mohsen Hussein Obadi	Embryo

Wounded victims in the crime of targeting a sweeping bath - Al-Tawalip Bilad Al-Ross January 12 , 20 16 A.D.

S.	Names	Gender
1	Fouad Ali Hussein Ali Dammaj	Male
2	Hamza Fouad Ali Hussein Ali Dammaj	Baby
3	Burhan Hussein Dammaj	Male
4	Salah Ali Mohammed Salah Maqsa'	Male
5	Fatima Yahya Salem Bakhit	Female
6	Aisha Ali Ahmed Masbli	Female
7	Fatima Mohsen Hassan Abadi	Female
8	Safwan Ali Muhammad Zaid	Baby
9	Ali Muhammad Zaid	Male
10	Saleh Mohammed Abu Jaber	Male
11	Mohammed Abdo Al-Kholani	Male
12	Ayesh Hassan Ebadi	Male
13	Ali Ahmed Salama	Male
14	Ali Ahmed Saleh Theban	Male
15	Ali Muhammad Al-Taweel	Male
16	Ibn Ahmad Salama	Baby
17	Saleh Ahmed Mohsen Al-Rube'	Male

Recommendation

- ❖ **Work to stop the unjust aggression against Yemen's land and people .**
- ❖ **We call on international organizations, led by the United Nations, to put pressure on the countries of the coalition of aggression to stop the crimes committed against civilians, especially women and children.**
- ❖ **We call on the United Nations to cancel its decision to remove the coalition of aggression 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 to this day.**
- ❖ **We call on all human rights, legal and media organizations to monitor and document all violations and crimes committed against civilians, especially women and children, and disclose them to international public opinion in preparation for bringing the perpetrators to justice.**
- ❖ **We demand the formation of 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 to bring to trial the leadership of the coalition and the perpetrators of crimes and massacres .**



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