



A Warplane... and a Bus

A report documenting the crime of bombing a bus carrying displaced people on the main road in Mannaa area - Al-Jarrahi District - Al-Hodeidah Governorate 26th of June 2018

Entesaf Organization for Woman and Children Rights

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

- **Raising societal awareness of women's and children's rights as guaranteed by Islamic Sharia and embodied in international conventions and covenants.**
- **Advocating the issues of women and children legally and socially, in a way that guarantees them a dignified family life, as they are the basic cell of society.**
- **Monitoring all violations and attacks against women and children in war and peace, whether they were done by individuals ,governmental, non-governmental groups or hostile countries announcing these violations and attacks to public opinion.**
- **Preparing and issuing human rights reports on cases of women and children violations.**
- **Providing psychological support for women and children who are exposed to violations in peace and war.**
- **Protecting women and children from all forms of violence directed against them from family or society, and protecting them from abuse during investigation.**
- **Reducing beggary and child labour.**
- **Enhancing women participation in society**

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Introduction

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 was committed against a bus carrying displaced civilians on the main road at Manaa area in Al-Jarrahi District in Al-Hodeidah 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 Manaa people and victims' families .

Executive summary

The report "A Warplane and a Bus " documents the crime committed by the Saudi coalition warplane on Tuesday 26th of June 2018 at Manaa area in Al-Hodeidah 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 some media outlet and 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 on Manaa area .

A brief overview of Al-Jarrahi District

Al-Jarrahi District: is one of Al-Hodeidah Governorate districts, its population is 155,585, according to 2004 census.



**Al-Jarrahi
District**

Details of the Saudi coalition massacre on Manaa area in Al-Jarrahi District

On Tuesday 26th of June 2018, the Saudi coalition aggression committed a heinous crime against civilians, women and children which led to fall a number of victims, between dead and wounded, and the raid caused an enormous destruction .The people of the area rushed to rescue and retrieve the victims from under the rubble . There was not any armed manifestations ,or military points ,or weapons depots, or camps, or any nearby flaming fronts . This confirms that this crime is a deliberate crime which civilians not related to the war were targeted, and they were not in a suspicious place or near a military gathering or a place provide support to the military fronts. The outcome of the targeting was:

Killed: 11 civilians, including 2 children and 2 women
Wounded: 12 civilians, including 4 children and 1 women



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Condemnations

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf Organization for Women and Children Rights, condemned the crime committed against citizen on Manaa area in Al-Jarrahi district in Al-Hodeidah Governorate. They denounced the shameful international silence and the violation of the international humanitarian laws and the laws of war and other heavenly norms and laws. Which include rules and principles aimed to provide protection for children and women. Entesaf Organization held the Saudi coalition the responsibility for all crimes and violations against innocent civilians . It also called on the international community, UN organizations, and human rights to assume their legal and humanitarian responsibilities towards violations and heinous massacres that occur against Yemeni people, and called on all honorable people in the world to take an effective and positive actions to stop the Saudi coalition aggression and protect civilians especially, women and children . In addition, Entesaf organization called on the United Nations and the UN Security Council to do their duty and assume their responsibilities towards these crimes and to stop them. It also demanded to stop the siege, and to form an independent international committee to investigate in all crimes that were committed against Yemeni people and punishes all those who were involved in these crimes.

Eyewitness Testimonies

The testimonies of the people who were present at place of the air strike have been heard, they all held the Saudi coalition the responsibility for this crime because this crime was committed by the Saudi coalition warplane .

The first witness, Abdul-Nour Hussein Muhammad Mazgajy (one of the wounded victims with his wife, and his three children), said: "Due to the continuous targeting of the Saudi coalition's warplanes on the city ,and the near armed clashes in the city My family and I (my wife and three children), as well as two of my brothers, decided to flee the city towards Al-Jarrahi district to save our lives from being targeted. On Tuesday 26th of June 2018 , my family and I took a bus and when we reached a place between Al-Jarrahi district and Zabid district on the highway, the Saudi coalition warplanes launched an air raid targeted the bus, I did not feel anything in that moment ,I only found myself and my family in Al-Jarrahi hospital with other survivors. We had known that nearly 9 people who were with us on the bus had been killed. The rest were wounded nearly about 12 people , including me and my family, all of them were seriously injured. There is not any justification for targeting us by the Saudi coalition aircraft. We are simple civilians from poor class."

The second witness, Ahmed Muhammad Zaid Tari (one of the wounded) said: “On Tuesday 26th of June 2018 at 11:30 a.m . While I was on the bus that is heading to Al-Jarrahi district to displace as a result of the repeated targeting of Al-Hodeidah city by the Saudi coalition warplanes and warships. When we arrived at the area separating the districts of Zabid and Al-Jarrahi. We were about 20 person on the bus, including women and children, the Saudi coalition warplanes surprised us by an air raid targeting us while we were on the bus which led to kill some and wounded the rest, and I was seriously injured, I went out asking for help from the citizens who were near the area and who they were trying to approach the bus and help us But the Saudi coalition warplanes kept flying over, preventing them from helping us. After half an hour, they were able to reach us and help us, and they transferred us to Al-Jarrahi Hospital, where the victims were treated.”

The third witness, Abdo Muhammad Zaid Tari (brother of one of the wounded victims), said: On Tuesday 26th of June 2018 at 12:30 a.m . We received a call from my brother Ahmed informing me that he was wounded in Al-Jarrahi Hospital due to the Saudi coalition air raid that targeted the bus . I rushed to the hospital ,and I saw him with burns all over his body. He was targeted by the Saudi coalition warplanes, while he was coming from Al-Hodeidah city to live in my house that is located in the Al-Jarrahi district to escape from the continuous targeting to the city. This targeting resulted in killing (9) civilians who were on the bus, including two of my cousins / Ali Wahban Tari, Murad Ali Tari, and another person from our region called Amer Ali Jalmoud, as well as 12 people were wounded, including my brother and my cousin.”

Description of the violation according to International Humanitarian Law

Targeting buses carrying displaced civilians by the Saudi coalition warplanes is consider a war crime because those civilians fled their homes in AL-Hodeidah city due to the continuous bombardment by the Saudi coalition warplanes, knowing that these homes are not connected with camps, military areas or battle fronts . This area is a civil place ,and 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. ”

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Some victims' names killed in the crime of targeting Manaa area in Al-Jarrahi District on 26th of June 2018

N	Name	Kind	Age
1	Ali Wahban Hassen Tari	Child	18
2	Murad Ali Zaid Tari	Child	18
3	Amer Ali Muhammad Julmoud	Male	12
4	Mahdi Nagy Habar		
5	Shoaib Mansour Ali Helisi		
6	Matein	Male	25
7	A burned corpse		
8	A burned corpse		
9	A burned corpse		

Some victims' names wounded in the crime of targeting Manaa area in Al-Jarrahi District on 26th of June 2018

N	Name	Kind	Age
1	Abdelnour Hussain Mohamed Mazjaji	Male	37
2	Hussain Abdulnour Hussain Mazjaji	Child	6
3	Salsabil Abdulnour Hussein Mazjaji	Child	4
4	Muhammed Abdulnour Hussain Mazjaji	Child	2
5	Adel Ibrahim Muhammad Mazjaji	Male	32
6	Abdullah Hussain Muhammad Mazjaji	Child	18
7	Faisal Hussain Muhammad Mazjaji	Male	25
8	Ahmed Mohamed Zaid Tari	Male	38
9	Hassen Salem Marshi	Male	35
10	Abdullah Wahban Hassan Tari	Male	40
11	Thaief Ibrahim Taj	Male	24
12	Bushra Ibrahim Ahmed Sar	Female	27

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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