



# Inmates ... Became Victims

A report documenting the crime of bombing the central prison building by the Saudi coalition warplane in Abs city - Abs district - Hajjah Governorate on 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2015

# Entesaf Organization for Woman and Children Rights

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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

- **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

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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 such as the crime that was committed against the central prison building in Abs city at Hajjah Governorate, which resulted in a number of casualties, including dead and wounded innocent civilians without distinguishing between a clear civilian target and legitimate military targets, and it left memories will not be forgotten for years by the people of Abs city, especially victims' families .

## Executive Summary

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The report " Inmates Became Victims " documents the crime committed by the Saudi coalition warplane on Tuesday 12th of May 2015 in Abs city at Hajjah Governorate which killed civilians including women and children . the legal framework for the crime according to the international laws.

## Methodology

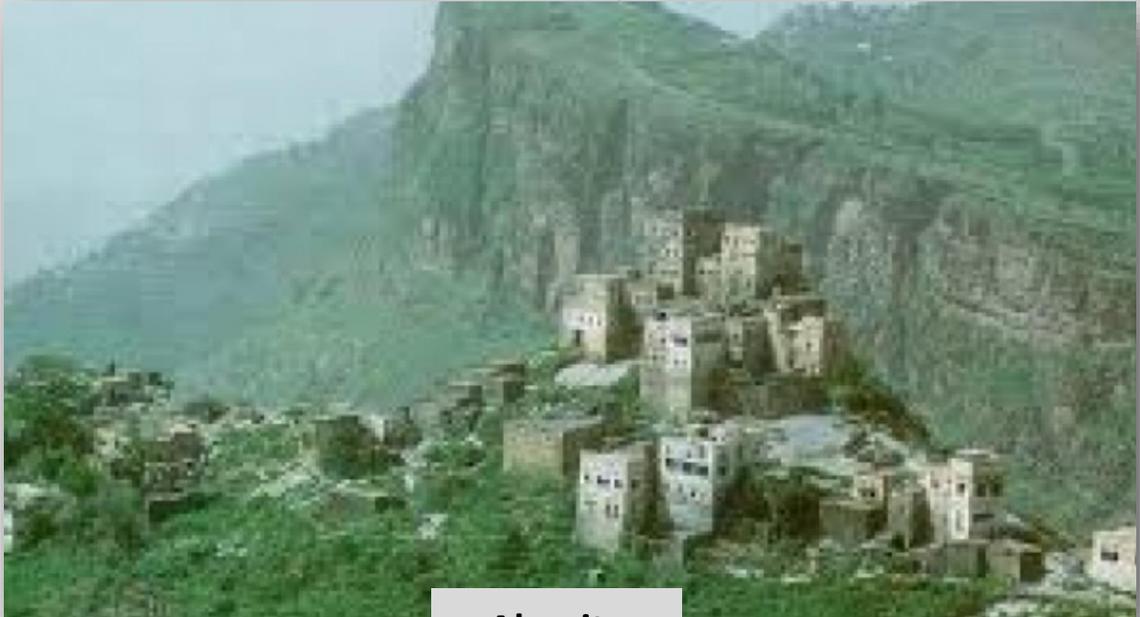
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This report is based on the organization's statistics regarding to the details of the crime and the number of victims. It also relied on interviews that were conducted by witnesses. In addition , the report is based on the international law texts,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

## A Brief Overview of Abs city

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Abs City: is one of Hajjah Governorate districts , its population is 133,824 according to 2004 census



Abs city

### Details of the Saudi Coalition Massacre on the central prison in Abs city

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On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2018, the Saudi coalition aggression committed a heinous crime against the inmates of the central prison in Abs city. The Saudi coalition warplanes targeted the central prison building with an air raid, which led to dozens of casualties, including dead and wounded, The raid caused a great deal of destruction, and 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 provides support to the military fronts. The outcome of the targeting was:

**Killed: 51 civilians, including 16 children and women**  
**Wounded: 25 civilians**



# Domestic Condemnations

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf Organization for Women and Children Rights condemned the crime committed against citizen at central prison in Abs city at Hajjah Governorate. They denounced the shameful 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 the violations and the heinous massacres that occurred 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 in the 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. A witness from the paramedical said: "There is nothing here, but only prisoners. There are about 200 prisoners in this central prison, and they were killed." Another witness from the rescuers said: "Is this a weapon (pointing to the body parts and the dismembered bodies)?"



## Description of the Violation According to International Humanitarian Law

Targeting the inmates in the central prison the Saudi coalition warplane is considered a war crime because the central prison is far from the military areas and the battle fronts. Furthermore, most of those who were the central prison were civilians. So, this represents 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 protects 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

**Some victims names killed in the crime of Inmates Became Victims in Abs city - Hajjah Governorate on 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2015**

N	Name	Kind	Age
1	Hussein Ali Bart Hajjouri	Male	22
2	Mohammed Ahmed Abdullah Al-Akash	Male	19
3	Omar Shawei Hussein	Male	
4	MaleUnknown	Male	27
5	Unknown	Male	32
6	Hadi Hussein Al-Faqih	Male	30
7	Fayez Al Abdali	Male	31
8	Kamal Ahmed Omar Adar	Male	35
9	Suleiman Abdo Omar Al-Hajj	Male	20
10	Unknown	Male	
11	Unknown	Male	
12	Mohamed Abdo Mohamed Hadi	Child	16
13	Jaber Abdo Jaber Dabbabah	Child	14
14	Abdullah Omar Virgin	Child	12
15	Maryam Omar Virgin	Child	5
16	Fatima Muhammad Al-Musawa	Female	30

**Some victims names wounded in the crime of Inmates Became Victims in Abs city - Hajjah Governorate on 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2015**

<b>N</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Kind</b>	<b>Age</b>
1	Mustafa Muhammed Hussain Salih	Male	21
2	Mohammad Ameen Ali	Male	30
3	Mohammed Sultan Seif	Male	28
4	Anwar Taher Khamj	Male	30
5	Mahmoud Taher Mohamed Khamj	Male	25
6	Omar Ali Virgin	Male	40
7	Yahya Ali Virgin	Male	35
8	Saleh Ahmed Abdullah Akash	Male	27
9	Ali Mohammad Saeed Athalah	Male	53
10	Haitham Ibrahim Hussein Al-Aslami	Male	20
11	Ahmed Mohammed Mahdi Qadri	Male	35
12	Hassan Mohammed Shouei Abdali	Male	23
13	Ali Mohammad Al-Aslami	Male	40
14	Abdo Omar Yahya Kahil	Male	30
15	Mohammad Ali Al-Aslami	Male	38
16	Ahmed Eyssa Qadri	Male	35
17	Halil Ibrahim Hussein Al-Aslami	Male	22
18	Unknown	Male	20
19	Tariq Faisal Ali Mohammad Murshid	Male	22
20	Unknown	Male	
21	Hussain Muhammad Ahmad Kallas	Male	27
22	Abdullah Ahmed Musa'a	Male	30
23	Unknown	Male	30
24	Ahmed Mohammed Rabie Shamiri	Male	22
25	Mustafa Hussein Ali Ahmed Maslamani	Child	15
26	Nora'a Mohammed Ahmed	Child	12
27	Ali Mahmoud Suleiman Hindi	Child	15
28	Mustafa Mohammed Hussain Salih	Male	21

# Recommendations

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- ❖ **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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