

The aggression and siege that the
United States committed are terrorism crimes

Shahra and the remains of dead bodies' parts



A report documenting the crime of targeting the
warplanes of the coalition's aggression, Shahra
Al-Shaabi market - Al-Ta'iziyah District - Taiz
Governorate
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Introduction

Yemen is suffering from a war of aggression by the coalition, where they deliberately violated the rights of civilians and committed the most heinous crimes against women and children without regard to humanitarian and moral values. Thousands were killed or wounded, and the coalition went further in committing massacres against civilians, women and children. This is an evident in the crimes committed by the coalition and one of which was the crime committed against civilians in the popular market of Shahra, located in the isolation of Al-Hima in Al-Ta'iziyah District - Taiz Governorate, which killed dozens of women and children, and this targeting is a violation of international humanitarian law, international treaties and charters that criminalize targeting civilian gatherings, including markets. The United Nations and international organizations watch without taking any action towards what is being committed against civilians, especially women and children, which gives like a green light to the aggression to commit more crimes against civilians without any deterrent .

Executive summary

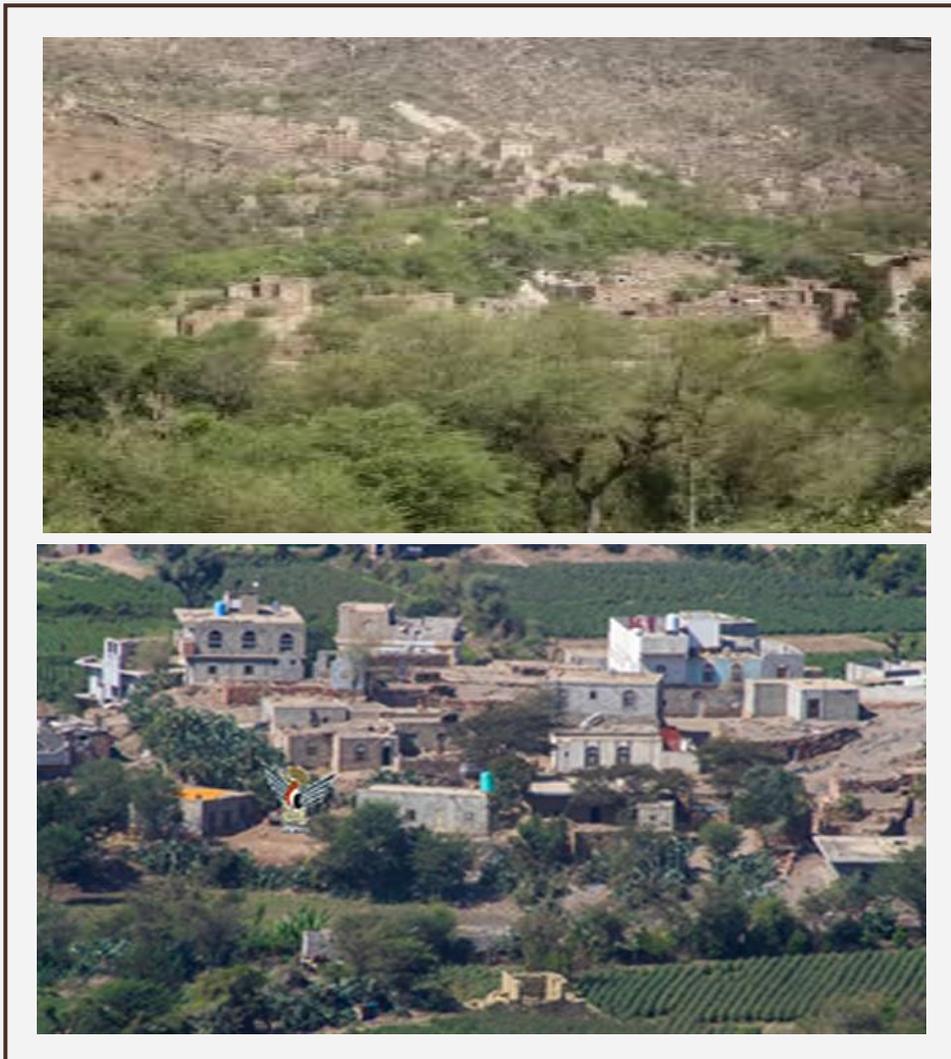
The report "Shahra and the remains of bodies parts" documents the massacre committed by the coalition's aggression on Tuesday afternoon, December 26, 2017, against civilians, especially children and women, in the popular market of Shahra. The market includes women and children. During this report, we will talk about the details of the crime and the testimonies of eyewitnesses. 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, as well as interviews conducted by some media outlets with witnesses. International law texts, treaties and conventions were referred to in order to clarify the legal framework for the crime committed against innocents in the popular market.

A brief overview of the Al-Ta'iziyah Distric

Al-Ta'iziyah Distric is one of the districts of Taiz Governorate, with a population of 198,169 people in 2004, and where Alhima Alsufra is located in which has a population of 8,300 people, according to the population census for the year 2004.



Details of the massacre of the coalition on the Shahra market

On the morning of Tuesday, December 26, 2017, the warplanes of the coalition targeted the popular market in Al-Hima in Al-Ta'iziyah district, with a direct air raid that targeted the market and caused 54 deaths, including 9 children, 5 women, and 85 wounded, including 20 children and 10 women. The ambulances took the wounded to separate hospitals between the governorates of Taiz and Ibb , and the dead bodies and bodies' parts of the victims were spread throughout the market, and rescue teams were deployed to collect the charred bodies scattered on the sides of the market.



A number of livestock were killed as a result of the raid that targeted the Shahra market



Residents and rescue teams retrieve the bodies of the victims



A picture of the destruction caused by the raid that targeted the Shahra market

Eyewitness testimonies

A number of interviews were conducted with eyewitnesses immediately after the horrific massacre, which resulted from the bombing of Shahra market by the coalition, which resulted in the fall of many victims, dead and wounded, including women and children. One of the eyewitness said that “we sell qat, and God is witness to what they do.” Another said: “the picture reflects the reality, so we say this continuous aggression against Yemen and the ongoing killing in Yemen must come back to them one day and they will taste the same suffer.”

One of the witnesses spoke: “the people who were present in the market were all citizens, some of whom were shopping and some of them were eating breakfast at the restaurant. Suddenly the plane fired a missile, targeted more than 100, between dead and wounded.”

One of the wounded people said: “there is no market where we can buy potatoes, salad and qat, and there is nothing else in it.”

One of the human rights activists who conducted field visits to the Shahra market to document what happened said: “we arrived at the Shahra market in the Alhima district of Al-Ta’zyiah district, which was bombed by the coalition, and we found that the bodies’ parts were scattered and people were talking about more than 120 dead and wounded. Some of them were charred, and this market is a civilian object and does not have any military barracks or any gatherings of militants, but it was bombed in a hideous way that shredded the bodies of the victims and turned them into rubble of flesh and bone.”

Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law

The targeting of Shahra popular market amounts to a full-fledged war crime, as the market is located in a civilian area far from the military camps and areas or the battle fronts, and all those who were in the market are civilians. This represents a clear and explicit violation of the laws of war and international humanitarian law which stipulates that warring parties must distinguish at all times between military and civilian targets and refrain from launching attacks that are expected to cause harm to civilians during wars.

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 affirm that “the parties to the conflict shall work to distinguish between the civilian population and combatants, and between civilian and military objects.”

Positions and condemnations of Shagra massacre

The crimes of aggression are considered terrorism acts and among the most serious crimes, as the coalition does not respect humanitarian and legal covenants and charters. A number of human rights organizations have called for an immediate end to the aggression and the systematic siege on Yemen and its people and all its civilizational, economic and cultural capabilities, and stressed the importance of the international community expediting the formation of an independent international commission, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, to investigate the facts and investigate all the massacres committed by the coalition against the Yemeni people in full view of the world. Those covered by international protection, especially civilians and their places of civil and cultural gathering, such as markets, schools, institutes, universities, hospitals, places of worship, funerals, wedding halls, roads and bridges. The targeting of which is grave and flagrant violation of the provisions of international humanitarian law. Punishment against them for being criminals as they threaten international peace and security and violate human rights and dignity, contrary to the rules of international human rights law, and the data indicated that the coalition has consistently committed criminal acts against the Yemeni people, their capabilities and property, and committed horrific crimes that took out the lives of thousands of civilians, including children, women and the elderly. It indicated that the military attacks by the coalition, which used prohibited weapons during the wars, led to the spread of dangerous diseases such as cholera and diphtheria and took out the lives of tens of thousands of citizens. In addition to the consequences of the siege and the closure of all major ports that are the lifeline and a path for the entry of foodstuffs and medicines and for patients to travel. The deliberate and repeated criminal and terrorism practices that the coalition has persisted through launching direct, organized and planned attacks on groups and facilities covered by international protection, and their destruction and demolition on the heads of citizens who are safe in their homes, markets and shops for nearly six years, which have taken out the lives of tens of thousands of citizens, most of them women and children.

Recommendations

- ❖ **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 aggression coalition and the perpetrators of crimes and massacres.**



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