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The Bus Nightmare

Alhodeidah: A crime of the coalition against civilians along the road of Aljarahi – Zabid 25-6-2018

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a human rights organization seeks to protect women and children by supporting and defending their issues, raising community awareness of them and rehabilitating them psychologically and morally.

- 1. Raise community awareness of the rights of women and children as guaranteed by Islamic law and contained in international conventions and charters.**
- 2. Support women and children's issues legally and socially in order to ensure a decent family life for them, as they are the basic cell of society.**
- 3. Monitor all violations and abuses against women and children in war and peace, whether by governmental individuals and bodies or non-governmental groups or hostile countries, and announce them to public opinion .**
- 4. Prepare and producing human rights reports on cases of women and children's violations.**
- 5. Protect women and children from ill-treatment in family and society, combating all forms of violence against them and protect them from abuse during the investigation .**
- 6. Provide the necessary psychological support to women and children who are exposed to violations in war and peace.**
- 7. Stop child begging and labor**
- 8. Improve women and enhance their participation in society.**

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Introduction

Yemen is suffering from an aggressive war by the aggression 1 which has violated the rights of civilians. The coalition committed the heinous crimes against women and children without considering any human and moral values during which thousands have been killed and wounded. The aggression has deliberately targeted civilians' neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, mosques and vital facilities. Since the beginning of the aggression on March 26t, 2015, the aggression coalition has persisted in committing massacres against civilians, women and children, which is a clear evident in the crime committed against the IDPs who were on a bus on the public road of Aljarahi District in Alhodiedah Governorate, which led to a number of victims, including dead and wounded people, without distinguishing between a clear civilians' targets and legitimate military targets. The riads have left behind memories and tragedies over the years that the people of Aljarahi District, especially the families of the victims will never forget.

Executive summary

The Bus Nightmare report documents the crime committed by the aggression coalition aircraft in Aljarahi District affiliated with Alhodiedah Governorate which number of lives of civilians were taken. We will address in this report, the details of the crime and witness statements, and also address the legal framework of the crime according to the International Laws and conventions.

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 with eyewitnesses and referred to international texts, treaties and agreements in order to clarify the legal framework of the crime committed against civilians in Aljarahi District.

Brief about Aljarahi District:

It is one of the districts affiliated with Alhodeidah Governorate. Its population reached 155,585 people according to the 2004 census.



Aljarahi District

Description of the aggression coalition massacre on a bus carrying IDPs

On Tuesday, June 26th, 2018, the aggression coalition committed a heinous crime against civilians as the coalitions' aircraft targeted with an airstrike a bus carrying IDPs on the road in Aljarahi District resulting in a number of dead and wounded casualties. The raid also caused a great deal of destruction while people rushed to the targeted area to rescue the victims. The area is not surrounded with armed points nor military stores for weapons neither a camp nor a fire front which confirms that this crime is a complete pillar in targeting civilians not associated with war as they are were not in a suspicious location or a military camp or in a place planning for providing any support for the battle fronts. The result of the victims was as follow:

Killed: 11 civilians among them 2 kids and two women

Wounded: 12 civilians among them 3 children and a woman



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Local Condemnations

Civil society organization including the Intisaf Organization for Women and Children's Rights, condemned the crime committed against the displaced persons who were on a bus on the public road in Aljarahi District, Alhodeidah Governorate. They denounced the shameful international and UN silence and the violation of international and humanitarian laws and charters, the laws of war and other heavenly norms and laws and throwing them against the wall. This includes rules and principles aimed at providing protection primarily for children and women. The Intisaf Organization also held the aggression coalition responsible for all crimes and violations against innocent civilians and IDPs and called on the international community, UN organization, human rights and humanitarian bodies to assume their legal and humanitarian responsibilities towards the heinous violations and massacres that are taking place against the safe civilians of the Yemeni people. These organizations called on all free and honorable people of the world to take effective and positive action to stop the aggression and protect civilians, women and children.

The organization also called on the United Nations and the Security Council to do their duty and assume their responsibilities towards these crimes and work to stop them, lift the siege and form an independent international committee to investigate all crimes committed against the Yemeni people and hold accountable all those proven to be involved in these crimes.

Eyewitness statements

The testimonies were taken from some who were at the time of the airstrike and all their testimonies held the so-called coalition responsible for this crime and that the one who committed this crime was the aircraft of the aggression coalition.

- A relative of the victims, named (A.M.Z.T), 38 years old, said: "I was in Aljarahi on Tuesday morning, one of my relatives from the city of Alhodiedah called and told me that they will be displaced from the city and they will be heading to us. Hours passed while I was waiting for them, but the tragedy was when they called me from the hospital and told me that the riads had bombed them while they were passing on the main road. I went to the hospital and found my three relatives dead and their bodies were charred."
- One of the displaced persons, named (A.H.M), 25 years old, said "We left the city of Alhodeidah as displaced persons (IDPs) due to fear of the air raids. My wife, my children and I were on a bus carrying more than 18 IDPs, all of them were heading to Aljarahi. When we arrived in the Manea area, the airforce targeted us with a highly explosive raid directly on the main road while next to the bus there was a motorcyclist and a citizen driving his donkey who had food supplies and a continental cart. The missile killed more than 9 of the displaced persons in addition to those who were next to the bus. It was 11 o'clock in the morning and we miraculously got out of the bus while the fire was devouring everything. My three children and I were injured and my wife was seriously injured and she is in the Intensive Care Unit. The bus driver's body was charred along with others.

- **The motorcyclist was killed and the donkey owner was killed with his donkey. There is no justification for the bombing on us, as we are displaced persons from the city of Alhodeidah heading to Aljarahi. Also, the bus driver was a civilian and was not armored or the bus was not a military vehicle. Where are the human rights? Where are the organizations? Where are the International Laws and agreements that criminalize targeting IDPs."**
- **One of the eyewitness, named (A.M.A.W), 25 years old said, "I transported six wounded victims of the attack on the bus to Alshadhili Hospital on Tuesday afternoon. After the attack, we rushed to the road near the Manea checkpoint in Aljarahi District. The bus was burning and the wounded were screaming, including children and women, all of whom were displaced from the city of Alhodeidah and heading to Aljarahi. Among the victims were two people, one of whom was returning to his modest grocery store on a cart was killed along with the donkey that was pulling the cart and the other was the owner of the motorcyclist. The bus driver, named Nasem Salem, was burned until his body was charred and no one was able to save him. There were others whose bodies were charred inside the bus. There were more than 9 dead and 11 wounded people including children and women. There is no justification for this crime against the displaced persons."**
- **A security official in the district said, "At 11:45 am on Tuesday morning, the aggression coalition's aircraft committed a complex crime. After forcing civilians to flee the city of Alhodeidah, it pursued them with a brutal raid and targeted them directly to the road causing the killing and wounding of more than 22 displaced persons in a crime that is added to the series of war crime that the aggression has been committed."**
- **Sheikh Ibrahim Eidrous, one of the sheikhs of the region, also said, "The aggression coalition's aircraft launched an airstrike targeting a bus carrying displaced persons while they were passing on the road to Aljarahi, killing and wounding more than 22 displaced citizens, including children and women."**

Description of the Violation under International Humanitarian Law

The targeting of a bus carrying displaced persons on a public road by the aggression coalition aircraft causing to a full-fledged war crime, as the targeted bus was far from any military camps, areas, or battle fronts and was passing through a civilian area and there were a number of women and children.

This represents a clear and explicit violation of the laws of war and International Humanitarian Law, which stipulates that warring parties must at all times distinguish between military and civilians' targets and refrain from launching attacks that may reasonably be expected to cause harm to civilians. This law also includes all civilians under protection without any discrimination, especially women and children as they represent the most vulnerable groups during armed conflicts. The principle of distinction in International Humanitarian Law stipulates that any direct attack on civilians or any civilian object is not only considered a violation of International Humanitarian Law, but also considered a serious violation and constitutes war crimes. International Humanitarian Law also prohibits any weapon that is unable to distinguish between civilians or civilians' objects and combatants or military objects.

Articles (27 & 47) of the Fourth Geneva Convention, Article (46) of the Fourth Hague Convention Regulations and Article (48) of the First Additional Protocol also confirm that "the parties to the conflict shall endeavor to distinguish between the civilian population and combatants and between civilian and military objects.

Names of the victims

Some names of the victims who were killed in the crime of the targeting a bus carrying displaced persons on the public road in Aljarahi District – Alhodeidah Governorate on 26th June, 2018:

S.	Names	Gender	Age
1	Ali Wahban Hassn Tari	Adult	18
2	Murad Ali Zaid Tari	Adult	18
3	Amer Moahmed Ali Jalmod	Male	45
4	Mahdi Nasr Abdallah Habar	Male	
5	Shoaib Mansor Ali Hulaisi	Male	26
6	Saeed Ahmad Ali Mezzaji	Male	50
7	Nasem Salim Mour (Bus driver)	Male	25
8	Unknown		
9	Unknown		

Some of the victims' names of Aljarahi in the crime which was targeted a bus carrying IDPs on the public road in Aljarahi – Alhodeidan – 26th June 2018:

S.	Names	Gender	Age
1	Mohamed Abdulnor Hussien Almezjaji	Infant	2
2	Salsabil Abdulnor Hussien Almezjaji	Girl	4
3	Hussien Abdulnor Hussien Almezjaji	Boy	6
4	Abdulnor Hussien Almezjaji	Male	38

Recommendation

- 1- Work to stop the unjust aggression on Yemen on land and human.**
- 2- We demand international organization, headed by the united nations, to pressurize the countries of the coalition of aggression to stop crimes committed against civilians, especially women and children.**
- 3- We demand the United Nations to cancel its decision to remove the aggression coalition from the list of killing and maiming children, as they continue committing terrible massacres against women and children since the beginning of aggression till this day.**
- 4- We call on all human rights, legal and media organizations and bodies to monitor and document all violations and crimes committed against civilians, especially women and children, and expose them to international public opinion in preparation for bringing the perpetrators to justice.**
- 5- We demand to format 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 submit the leadership of the coalition of aggression and the perpetrators of crimes and massacres to courts.**



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