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for Woman and Child Rights



Scattered remains

A human rights report documenting the crime of bombing a civilian house by the coalition aircraft in Al Hajlan area- Sirwah directorate- Marib governorate Feb 14, 2018.

Intisaf for woman and child rights

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 a war of aggression by the coalition of aggression [1], where it deliberately violated the rights of civilians and committed the most heinous crimes against women and children without any consideration to humanitarian and moral values. During which thousands were killed or wounded, and deliberately targeted civilian neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, mosques and vital facilities. Since the beginning of the aggression on March 26, 2015, the aggressive coalition continued committing massacres against civilians of women and children, which is obviously indicated in the crime committed against the family and the house of the citizen Ahmed Saleh Hajlan in Al Hajlan area in Sirwah directorate- Marib governorate. The coalition of aggression's attack resulted in the kill of most of the family members, without distinguishing between a clear civilian target and legitimate military objectives. The airstrikes left tragedies that the people of Sirwah, especially the families of the victims, have not forgotten for years.

[1]the aggressive coalition led by Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Executive summary

The report (scattered remains) documents the crime of the aggressive coalition aircraft in the morning of Wednesday Feb 14,2018, in Al Hajlan area- Sirwah district- Marib governorate, which left behind a number of victims from the family of Ahmed Saleh Hajlan, including women and children. We talked during this report about the details of the crime and witness' statements. We also talked about the legal framework of the crime according to international laws and charters.

Methodology

This report is based on the organization's statistics regarding the details of the crime and the number of victims, as well as on interviews conducted with witnesses. International legal texts, treaties and conventions were referred to in order to clarify the legal framework of the crime committed against the civilians in Al Hajlan area.

A brief overview of Sirwah district

Sirwah district: it is one of the directorates of Marib governorate, with a population of 19,939 according to the 2004 census.



Sirwah district

Details of the massacre of the aggressive coalition against the house of citizen Ahmed

The coalition of aggression committed a heinous crime against the civilians of women and children on Friday, 1:00 PM Feb 14, 2018, where the coalition of aggression aircrafts targeted the civilian house of Ahmed Saleh Hajlan with an airstrike in Al Hajlan area- Sirwah district in Marib. This targeting killed his two daughters and son and granddaughter. Moreover, it resulted in the kill of a number of sheep. The airstrike also left behind a massive damage. There are no armed manifestations, military checkpoints, weapons stores, cantonment or even one of the active battlefronts around the area, which confirms that this is a complete and obvious crime. The innocent civilians who are not related to the war were targeted in this crime. They were also not in a suspicious location, a military gathering near them, or a place to plan and provide any support to the military fronts. The targeting toll of victims is as follows:

Killed: 4 civilians including 2 women and 2 children



Domestic condemnation

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf for woman and child rights, condemned the crime committed against innocent civilians in Al Hajlan area in Sirwah directorate- Marib. It also condemned the shameful international silence and violation of international and humanitarian laws and charters, the laws of war and other heavenly customs and canons and throwing them aside, which include rules and principles aimed to mainly provide protection to children and women.

The organization also blamed the coalition of aggression for all crimes and violations against innocent civilians, and called on the international community, UN organizations and human rights and humanitarian bodies to assume their legal and humanitarian responsibilities towards the violations and heinous massacres that occur against the safe civilians of the Yemeni people. It also called on all the free and honorable people of the world to take effective and positive actions to stop the aggression and protect civilians of women and children. In addition to, the organization called on the United Nations and the UN Security Council to do their duty and assume their responsibilities regarding these crimes and work to stop them, lift the siege and form an independent international commission to investigate all crimes committed against the Yemeni people and discipline all those who prove their involvement in these crimes.

Witnesses' statements

the Aggression Coalition's aircrafts turned Wednesday into darkness with their brutal airstrikes on the area. The events of this day remained in their minds, and eyewitnesses described the bombing incidents, with all their testimonies holding the Aggression Coalition responsible for this crime, stating that the aircraft of the Aggression Coalition committed it.

_The victims' father, Ahmed Saleh Nasser Hajlan, who is also an eyewitness, , 50 years old, stated: "While my two daughters (Saba and Wala'a) and their brother (Morsel) were on their way back home from the farm for lunch, the warplanes of the Saudi-led Aggression Coalition on Yemen bombed my house while they were inside, which led to their death all together, in addition to, the child (Katiba), the two-year-old daughter of Nasser Al-Ansi, who is my daughter Saba's daughter. I had gone to have lunch outside my house, and when I returned, I found my children killed and my house completely destroyed."

_ The witness (N.H.H.), 20 years old, and a relative of the victims, said: "At 1:00 PM, as the daughters of citizen Ahmed Saleh Nasser Hajlan and his son Morsel were returning to their home near their farm where they worked to have lunch, the coalition's aircraft targeted their home with an airstrike, which led to their death and the death of a child named Katiba. Their bodies were turned into shreds, and fourteen sheep were also killed."

_A relative of the victims, (S.H.H.), 32 years old, also stated: "At exactly one o'clock in the afternoon, the home of citizen Ahmed Saleh Hajlan was targeted, which resulted in the death of his daughters, his son Morsel, and his two-year-old granddaughter, Katiba. There is no justification whatsoever for the Aggression Coalition's targeting of them, especially as there is no military movement in the area or any military targets.

Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law

The targeting of Al Hajlan area in Sirwah district of Marib Governorate, densely populated by civilians, by Saudi-led coalition aircraft amounts to a full-fledged war crime. Homes in this neighborhood are inhabited by thousands of civilians, and the coalition aircraft deliberately targeted the house, leading to the death of most family members. This represents a clear and explicit violation of the laws of war and international humanitarian law, which stipulates that the warring parties must at all times distinguish between military and civilian targets and refrain from launching attacks that are expected to cause harm to civilians. This law includes all civilians under protection without any distinction and specifically mentions women and children, as they represent the most vulnerable groups during armed conflicts. International humanitarian law also criminalizes the targeting of vital facilities such as schools and hospitals, which the aggression has been targeting since the beginning of its first raids on Yemen.

Articles (74, 72) of the Fourth Geneva Convention, Article (64) of the regulation of the fourth Hague Convention and Article (84) of Additional Protocol 1 also affirm that "the parties of the conflict shall endeavor to distinguish between the civilian population and combatants, and between civilian and military objects."

Victims' names

killed victims' names in the crime of targeting a civilian house in Al Hajlan area- Sirwah district in Marib governorate Feb 14, 2018

	Name	Gender	Age
1	Saba Ahmed Saleh Hajlan	female	23
2	Wala'a Ahmed Saleh Hajlan	female	20
3	Morsel Ahmed Saleh Hajlan	child	13
4	Katiba Naser Al-Ansi	child	2

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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