



The Weighing Scale Child

A human rights report documenting the crime of bombing the presidential office buildings and citizen's homes and properties by the coalition aircraft in Altahreer area- capital secretariat May 7, 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 presidential office buildings and the civilians' houses in Altahreer area- the capital secretariat. The coalition of aggression caused a number of victims were killed or injured, without distinguishing between a clear civilian target and legitimate military objectives. The airstrikes left tragedies that the people of Altahreer area, 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 (**The Weighing Scale Child**) documents the crime committed by the aggressive coalition aircrafts in Altahreer area- capital secretariat on Monday, May 7, 2018, which left behind a number of civilian victims including children. We talked during this report about the details of the crime and witnesses' 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 Altahreer area.

A brief overview of Altahreer area

Altahreer area: it is one of the directorates of the capital secretariat governorate, with a population of 66898 according to the 2004 census.



Altahreer area

Details of the massacre of the aggressive coalition on Altahreer area

The coalition of aggression committed a heinous crime against civilians and children on Monday May 7, 2018, where the coalition of aggression aircrafts targeted with two airstrikes the presidential office buildings and the civilians' houses and properties in Altahreer area. This targeting caused a number of fatalities, both, dead and wounded. The airstrike also left behind a massive damage. The residents rushed to rescue and pull the injured from the rubble. 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 a child

Wounded: 68 civilians including 4 children





The scale child.... a victim of the aggression airstrikes

on Altahreer street, beside the wall of the presidential office buildings, little Ameen used to work with his weighing scale to support his displaced family. He earned a few riyals from this simple work, but often he wouldn't earn anything at all in a whole day. With deep sorrow and tears in his eyes, Ameen's father began to speak about his son, who had wanted to help him provide for the family:" My little child wanted to depend on himself, and now he is a corpse in the morgue. My little Ameen is dead". Despite his young age, Ameen had a big heart. He was not aware that his work on this scale would lead him to death. His weighing scale, stained with his blood, remained a witness to the foulness and ugliness of this savage aggression.

Domestic condemnation

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf for woman and child rights, condemned the crime committed against the civilians in Altahreer area- capital secretariat. 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 Saudi-led coalition for all crimes and violations against innocent and displaced 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 testimonies of some of those who were present at the scene of the airstrike were heard, and all of their testimonies held the so-called coalition responsible for this crime and that it was the planes of the aggressive coalition that carried out this crime.

– One of the witnesses stated:” the coalition bombed a civil institution that does not contain any military point. It targeted the places of our jobs, weddings, schools, roads and everywhere. We tell them that we are steadfast. Your weapon (Salman) is beneath our feet.

– A spokesperson reported:” the initial toll from the targeting is 91 cases, but the final statistics remains unconfirmed until the rubble is clear, as there may be more casualties trapped beneath it.”

– One of the wounded said:” the coalition of aggression launched two airstrikes, causing people to escape the flying stones and glass from the targeted structures. Women and children could be heard crying out due to the attacks.

– Another wounded witness stated:” I was walking on Altahreer street heading towards Al-qasr street to buy goods, when we heard the circling of the aircraft. Subsequently, the airstrikes occurred.

– The witness Mohammed Yahya Hamoud Alsa’dy (one of the wounded victims): "At approximately ten o'clock in the morning on Monday, the seventh of May, 2018, while I was carrying out my work as usual, as was my routine at the Presidential Office the aircraft launched an airstrike on the office of the Office Director, leading to its destruction and a number of casualties. The place went dark due to this raid. Considering the office was crowded with many employees and civilians, I could only hear the screams and groans of civilians calling for help to rescue them. Then, about fifteen minutes later, the aircraft launched another strike on the same location, which led to an increase in the number of victims and the destruction of many government buildings, as well as damage to civilian homes, shops, and vehicles. The number of victims reached dozens of dead and wounded, and I was hit by shrapnel in my hand and my foot. I fell, and afterwards, an ambulance came and took me to the hospital along with many other civilians."

– The second witness, Munir Ali Ali al-Feel (an employee of the office and one of the victims of the incident), stated: “At approximately ten o'clock in the morning, while a group of employees and I were in the finance office seeking some of our financial entitlements, and the office was crowded of people, employees, and civilians, the coalition-led Saudi aggression’s aircraft targeted us with an airstrike, resulting in numerous casualties, both dead and wounded. This was followed by a second raid on the same location, which led to an increase in the number of victims at the scene and in the neighboring residential areas, given that the office is located in a densely populated civilian neighborhood. Furthermore, the aircraft remained hovering for hours, attempting to prevent civilians and ambulance crews from approaching the area and trying to increase the number of victims bleeding and dying as a result. We have no idea what the role of the United Nations about such targeting.”

The witness, Hazza' Adel Al-Muayyad (one of the victims of these airstrikes), stated: "At approximately ten o'clock in the morning on Monday, the seventh of May, 2018, the aircraft targeted the Presidential Office with two airstrikes, which led to tens of casualties and the destruction of many homes, cars, and shops".

Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law

The targeting of citizens and civil institutions by the coalition of aggression's aircraft represents a definite and complete war crime. Whereas the targeted buildings are far from military camps, military zones, or battlefronts and located in a civilian area. In addition to, there were women and children in the area. This represents a clear and explicit violation of international humanitarian and war laws, which stipulate that war 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 crime is considered one of the most heinous crimes against children as many of them were killed because of this attack.

Articles (47, 27) of the Fourth Geneva Convention, Article (46) of the regulation of the fourth Hague Convention and Article (48) 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 Altahreer area in capital secretariat May 7, 2018

	Name	Gender	Age
1	Qais Zaid Abdullah Bareid	Male	27
2	Nasr Yahya Mohammed Almafhaqi	Male	50
3	Ali Hadbash	Male	40
4	Ameen Faisal Waze'a Hamoud	child	13

Names of some wounded victims in the crime of targeting Altahreer
area in capital secretariat May 7, 2018

	النوع	الاسم	Age
1	Adham Abdulhaleem Saeed Almontaser	Male	23
2	Ali Hamoud Mohammed Almatari	Male	45
3	Mohammed Saad Mohammed Alduba'i	Male	35
4	Jarrah Adel Abdul Malik Almoayyad	Male	25
5	Shaqeeq Ali Abdullah Alshaheri	Male	44
6	Osama Abduljaleel Waze'a	Child	18
7	Hameed Saad Alden AL-Qahtani	Male	40
8	Amjad Ahmed Ali Almoshki	Male	22
9	Hesham Ahmed Abdo Murshid	Male	27
10	Khalid Majoud Taha Alsa'di	Male	45
11	Akram Mohammed Saleh Mohammed	Male	32
12	Akram Dawood Jabali	Male	19
13	Abdulkarim Ali Alna'ami	Male	54
14	Abdulwadoud Mohammed Abdo Qasem	Male	34
15	Faisal Abduljabbar Alasbahi	Male	27
16	Hussein Rizq Ala'llani	Male	30
17	Zakaria Taha Ali Alhufani	Male	40
18	Muneer Ali Ali Alghail	Male	27
19	Mohammed Ahmed Saeed Aljawfi	Male	70
20	Majdi Abdulwahab Alammari	Male	25

21	Ahmed Abdullah Salim Alqubati	Male	50
22	Shihab Muheed Ameen Alareqi	Child	16
23	Anwar Mohammed Ahmed Alghwaidi	Male	30
24	Ali Mohammed Ahmed Alghwaidi	Male	34
25	Abdullah Ali Saleh Al-Abi	Male	65
26	Shaoqi Rajeh Alshawfi	Male	33
27	Akram Mohammed Naser Alashwal	Male	38
28	Ahmed Ali Alkhawlani	Male	27
29	Mohammed Shou'ai Mohammed Alshalabi	Male	44
30	Mohammed Ali Altashi	Male	46
31	Saddam Hussein Aboutaleb	Male	40
32	Ammar Saeed Ali Ghalib	Male	21
33	Mohammed Saleh Alqahdi	Male	48
34	Ayyash Ali Mehwas	Male	41
35	Waleed Yahya Saleh Alabara'a	Male	25
36	Ahmed Ali Alward	Male	36
37	Hamoud Hammed Swaid	Male	58
38	Tasneem Nabeel Alareqi	Child\Female	12
39	Abdo Yahya Alya'eri	Male	42
40	Yahya Abdo Saleh Aldahmi	Male	35
41	Hussein Mohammed Alsagheer	Male	60
42	Hasan Abdo Alrazehi	Male	33
43	Ali Ali Mohammed Musleh	Male	43

44	Nabeel Saleh Naser Budeer	Male	25
45	Rashad Mohammed Alfahdi	Male	20
46	Aref Alalaf	Male	33
47	Abdulwahab Abdullah Abdullah Alfadhl	Male	45
48	Ali Saleh Qasem Alsaremi	Male	22
49	Akram Fuad Alshera'ai	Male	19
50	Abdulbasit Ahmed Alhawbi	Male	50
51	Hashim Hussein Alghurbani	Male	35
52	Ibrahim Hussein Yahya Alsha'bi	Male	33
53	Osama Faisal Shdweah	Male	27
54	Abdulwahab Mohammed Ahmed Alammari	Male	50
55	Saleh Mohammed Naser Alfaqih	Male	47
56	Hana'a Fahd Abdo Abdullah Alwalimi	Child\Femal	7
57	Ziyad Abdulhameed Alolofi	Male	44
58	Aref Ahmed Naser Alreza'a	Male	45
59	Sameer Mohammed Mohammed Almutarrib	Male	45
60	Mayas Muthanna	Male	
61	Ahmed Mohammed Alkawrei	Male	45
62	Tawfik Ahmed Abo Hadi	Male	40
63	Taha Alhadad	Male	42

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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