



The Thirst of Raids

A human rights report documenting the crime of targeting water vendors by the coalition aircraft in Albarah area- Maqbanah directorate- Taiz governorate Oct 2, 2017.

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 civilians who work as water vendors in Albarah area in Maqbanah directorate- Taiz governorate. 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 Albarah 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 Thirst of Raids) documents the crime committed by the aggressive coalition aircrafts on Monday, October 2, 2017 in Albarah area- Taiz governorate, which left behind a number of civilian victims including two 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 Albarah area.

A breif overview of Albarah area

Al Taizia Directorate: it is one of the villages of Maqbanah directorate in Taiz governorate, with a population of 1867 according to the 2004 census.



Albarah area

Details of the massacre of the aggressive coalition on the water vendors

The coalition of aggression committed a heinous crime against the civilians of women and children on Monday Oct 2, 2017, 10:00 AM, where the coalition of aggression aircrafts targeted the water vendors on the public road with an airstrike in Albarah area- Taiz governorate. 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: 6 civilians including 2 children

Wounded: 4 civilians



Domestic condemnation

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf for woman and child rights, condemned the crime committed against the water vendors in Albarah area in Maqbanah directorate- Taiz. 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 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.

_A victim, identified as (M.D.M.S.), 46 years old, spoke, stating: "The Saudi airstrike killed my brother while he was riding his motorcycle. My brother used to work with his motorcycle to provide for 15 children and two wives. He was striving for a living, using his vehicle to earn their sustenance. The Saudi warplanes targeted them on the public road, right next to the factory workers' residence. They were marginalized people on the roadside, yet the airstrike targeted and killed them. The father, Ali Hassan, was killed along with his sons who were selling cold water to travelers on the main road. Six people were killed and four were wounded; they fell victim to the shelling despite being civilians working hard to make ends meet. They were completely innocent, with no reason for the warplanes to target them in a civilian, residential area."

_A witness, identified as (A.H.A.F.), also spoke, stating:

“At ten o’clock on Monday morning, a warplane belonging to the Saudi-led Coalition launched an airstrike that targeted the father, Ali Hassan, along with his children, while they were working on the main road selling cold water to travelers near the gate of Albarah Factory’s residential labor city. Ali Hassan Thabit and two of his sons were killed. Next to them, a motorcycle driver, another man riding the vehicle, and an unknown traveler were also killed. The death toll reached six, including marginalized children, and four other civilian travelers were wounded. The motorcycle driver’s name was Mohammed Dahish. He was working to provide for his large family; he was the sole provider for a family consisting of fifteen children and two wives. They have no supporter after him. For what sin were they targeted by the airstrike?”

One of the witnesses, identified as (A.H.S.), spoke, saying: ‘On Monday morning at nine o’clock, I was walking past the factory workers’ residential area. On the roadside were marginalized civilians—a man and children—who were working, selling cold water bottles to travelers. About an hour later, I heard a massive explosion that shook the area. The source of the sound was an airstrike launched by the aircraft, which targeted the citizen Ali Hassan and his children while they were earning their livelihood by selling water. It also targeted a motorcycle driver and a passenger who were passing by. The strike killed all of them, along with other travelers. The number of victims reached 10, including 6 fatalities: among them were Ali Hassan’s children and other unidentified individuals. All the victims were civilians, some of whom were marginalized people with no fault; the area is a civilian one. The aviation committed a crime and deprived families of their breadwinners. They killed the motorcycle driver who supported a family consisting of 15 children and two wives. Why does the air force kill them while they are struggling to make a living and seeking provision for their children? This crime was neither the first nor will it be the last. The Coalition aircraft have grown accustomed to targeting civilians, deliberately killing Yemen’s children every day, in plain sight of a world that has done nothing, which has encouraged the Saudi-led Coalition of Aggression to continue perpetrating crimes against civilians.’

Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law

The targeting of the house of citizen\ Riyadh Mohammed Noman by the coalition of aggression's aircraft represents a definite and complete war crime. Whereas the targeted house is far from military camps, military zones, or battlefronts and located in a civilian area. In addition to, there were women and children lived in. 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

Names of the killed victims in the crime of targeting Albarah area_ Taiz governorate Oct 2, 2017.

	Name	Gender	Age
1	Ali Hassan Thabit	Male	35
2	Khalid Ali Hassan Thabit	Child	12
3	Rashad Ali Hassan Thabit	Child	8
4	Mohammed Dahish Mohammed Saif	Male	43
5	Salim Ahmed Mohammed	Male	
6	Unknown	Male	

Names of the wounded victims in the crime of targeting Albarah area_ Taiz governorate Oct 2, 2017.

	Name	Gender	Age
1	Dawood Muqbil Mohammed Saif	Male	22
2	Ameen Mohammed Zaid Ibrahim	Male	27
3	Unknown		
4	Unknown		

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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