



## Report on the Targeting of Dhamar Al-Karn Neighborhood

A human rights report documenting the targeting of the houses of the civilians by the coalition aircraft in Dhamar Al-Karn Area, Dhamar city, Dhamar governorate, on May 6, 2015.

## **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], which deliberately violated the rights of civilians and committed the most heinous crimes against women and children without any consideration for humanitarian and moral values. Throughout this conflict, thousands were killed or wounded. The coalition of aggression has persisted in committing massacres against civilians, including women and children, who have been preferred targets since the early days of the aggression in an attempt to kill the largest number of Yemenis. This is confirmed by the heinous crimes perpetrated by the coalition throughout the past period, where civilians have frequently been treated as legitimate targets for its aircraft. This is clearly evident in the crime committed against the civilians in Dhamar Al-Karn neighborhood in Dhamar governorate, where a coalition airstrike targeted them, resulting in a number of civilian casualties, both dead and wounded, without distinguishing between a clear civilian target and legitimate military objectives. The airstrikes left tragedies that will haunt families for years to come.

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

## Executive summary

This report documents the crime committed by the aggression coalition against the civilians in Dhamar Al-Karn area, Dhamar Governorate. This crime resulted in several civilian casualties, both dead and wounded. We addressed the legal framework of the crime in accordance with 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, 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 Dhamar Al-Karn Neighborhood.

## A brief overview of Dhamar city

**Dhamar City:** it is a Yemeni city located approximately 100 km south of the capital, Sanaa. Its population reached 676714 according to the 2004 census. It is the largest city in Dhamar governorate and serves as its administrative center (the capital of the governorate). It is also considered one of the governorate's districts.



Dhamar City

## Details of the massacre of the aggression coalition on Dhamar Al-Karn Neighborhood

At approximately 8:15 AM on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, aircraft belonging to the coalition launched airstrikes on Dhamar al-Karn neighborhood in Dhamar City. The strikes targeted civilian homes, resulting in numerous casualties—both dead and injured—the majority of whom were women and children. The strikes led to the destruction of several residential buildings and caused varying degrees of material damage to others. Furthermore, the aerial bombardment targeted the main highway connecting Sanaa and Taiz at a moment when civilian vehicles were passing by, leading to further casualties. Many nearby houses were destroyed, in addition to the total destruction of a brick factory and all its contents, as well as a truck, a car, and a motorcycle. It was a horrific scene; houses were turned into piles of rubble covering the bodies of children and women. Residents and rescuers struggled to pull the victims from under the debris, only managing to recover them after a long and grueling effort—by which time their bodies had become lifeless corpses. These were the bodies of children whose lives and innocent dreams were cut short by the coalition's "sentence of death." All of this occurred in full view of the United Nations, which continues to turn a blind eye to the crimes committed against the women and children of Yemen, effectively giving the coalition a green light to continue killing Yemenis in the most gruesome ways. The targeted location is a civilian area; it witnessed no ground fighting at the time of the raids, and there are no military sites in its vicinity.

**Killed: 10 civilians including 2 children  
and a woman**

**Wounded: 24 civilians including 7  
children and 5 women**







A girl and her father injured in the



The child, Raghad Al-Hubaishi, was injured alongside her father, who was killed in the













## Witnesses' statements

On Wednesday, the coalition's airstrikes turned daylight into darkness, launching brutal raids on civilians that remain etched in the memories of the residents of Dhamar Al-Karn neighborhood. Eyewitness accounts of the bombardment unanimously hold the so-called "Coalition Forces" responsible for this crime, affirming that the devastation was carried out by coalition aircraft.

One eyewitness reported that at 8:15 AM on Wednesday, a series of successive, massive explosions rocked the neighborhood. Rushing toward the site, they found a brick factory severely damaged; the owner lay dead, while his daughter—not yet two years old—miraculously survived by his side. Witnesses saw the bodies of victims strewn across the street, while others were pulled from beneath the rubble of homes that had collapsed over them. Dozens of victims, many with unrecognizable features, were rushed to Dhamar General Hospital.

A medical source stated that the casualty toll reached 10 fatalities, including two children and a woman, and 23 wounded. The source noted that the victims were distributed across several hospitals in the city, all of which are suffering from an acute shortage of medicine, electricity, and fuel. The health situation is described as catastrophic due to the ongoing siege, prompting dozens of citizens to flock to hospitals to spontaneously donate blood.

## Condemnation

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf for woman and child rights, condemned the crime committed against the civilians in Dhamar Al-Karn neighborhood in Dhamar Governorate. It also denounced the shameful international silence and violation of international and humanitarian laws and charters, the laws of war and other heavenly customs and canons that are being cast 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.

Furthermore, 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.

## Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law

The targeting of a densely populated residential neighborhood by the aggression coalition aircraft represents a definite and complete war crime. Whereas the targeted houses are 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 law also contains all civilians with protection without any discrimination, especially women and children, as they represent the most vulnerable groups during armed conflicts. The principle of Distinction in IHL states that any direct attack on civilians or any civilian object is not only a violation of IHL, but also a serious violation and constitutes war crimes, and IHL prohibits any weapon that is unable to distinguish between civilians / civilian objects and combatants / military objects.

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 Dhamar Al-Karn Neighborhood, Dhamar governorate, May 6, 2015.*

	Name	Age	Gender
1	Reman Hussein Amr Al-Sudais		Child
2	Omar Mane'a Ali Al-Dhayani	17	Child
3	Rabe'a Abdo Mohammed Al-Raimi	22	Male
4	Faisal Abdullah Mohammed Al-Khalqi	25	Male
5	Ahmed Ahmed Ali Al-Karni	25	Male
6	Farhan Ali Mohammed Al-Hubaishi	26	Male
7	Jalal Abdullah Mohammed Al-Amdi	27	Male
8	Jamil Mohammed Hifdhallah Ja'far	28	Male
9	Khalid Mohammed Ahmed Boomah		Male
10	Unknown		

**Names of some of the wounded victims in the crime of targeting Dhamar Al-Karn Neighborhood, Dhamar governorate, May 6, 2015.**

	Name	Age	Gender
1	Noor Aleman Mohammed Saad Al-Hada	6mos	Child
2	Raghad Farhan Ali Al-Hubaishi	2	Child
3	Murad Mohammed Saad Al-Hada	4	Child
4	Mohammed Abdulatheem Al-Shaghdari	14	Child
5	Abdullah Mohammed Al-Arami	18	Child
6	Qabool Saad Al-Hada	20	Female
7	Mohammed Saad Al-Hada	25	Male
8	Fatima Saad Al-Hada	30	Female
9	Yahya Mohammed Al-Sharafi	35	Male
10	Abdulatheem Mohammed Al-Shaghdari	35	Male

# 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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