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On the Path to Death

A human rights report documenting the targeting of two trucks on the public highway by the coalition aircraft in Al-Makhadir District, Ibb governorate, on May 29, 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], 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 Al-Makhadir directorate of Ibb governorate, where a coalition airstrike targeted two trucks loaded with goods, 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

The report (**On the Path to Death**) documents the crime committed by the aggression coalition against the civilians on the public highway, which resulted in several civilian casualties, both dead and wounded. Throughout this report, we discuss the details of the crime and witness statements, as well as 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 marginalized in Al-Makhadir Directorate.

A brief overview of Al-Makhadir District

Al-Makhadir District: it is located in the northern part of Ibb governorate, it is bordered to the north by Al-Qafr District, to the south by Ibb district, to the east by Al-Saddah and Yarim districts, and to the west by Hubaysh district. It is a resourceful region with fertile soil, and one of its most important towns is Al-Makhadir city. its population reached 113,892 according to the 2004 census.



Al-Makhadir District

Details of the massacre of the aggressive coalition on two trucks on the public highway

At approximately 8:00 AM on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, an aircraft belonging to the coalition forces launched two airstrikes on the public highway in Al-Makhadir District, Ibb Governorate, targeting two trucks loaded with aluminum. The first airstrike struck one of the trucks, killing its driver. Upon witnessing the attack, the occupants of the second truck fled the vehicle; just minutes later, a second airstrike targeted and destroyed it.

The strikes resulted in the injury of three civilians, including a child, who were in the area near the public highway. Furthermore, the attacks destroyed one house and caused damage to several other homes, a mosque, and two cars.

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.

The targeting toll of victims is as follows:

Killed: 1 civilian
Wounded: 3 civilians including a child





A photo of the mosque damaged by the airstrike



A photo of the two trucks loaded with

Witnesses' statements

On Tuesday morning, the coalition forces' warplanes turned daylight into darkness through their brutal airstrikes targeting civilians. The events of that day remain engraved in the memory of the residents of Al-Makhadir District. Eyewitnesses recounted the bombardment, with all their testimonies holding the so-called 'coalition of aggression' responsible for this crime, affirming that the coalition's aircraft were the perpetrators.

“The first witness, Muammar Hamoud Ahmad Da'er (30 years old, brother of the deceased victim), stated that at around 8:00 AM, while his brother was returning to the capital, Sana'a, driving a truck loaded with aluminum, he was targeted by an airstrike upon reaching Al-Makhadir district. The attack resulted in his immediate death and the destruction of the truck. He further reported that his son, Osama, was aboard the second truck alongside its owner, Abdulmajid Saleh Ali Imran. Upon witnessing the airstrike on the first truck, they immediately jumped out of the truck and fled the vehicle. Minutes later, the warplanes targeted the second truck with a second airstrike, destroying it completely. When asked whether there was any military movement or activity in the targeted location, he denied it, emphasizing that neither the trucks' cargo nor the individuals on board had any connection to such activities.”

Witness: (A.A.A.A), 29 years old (a relative of the victims).

“The second witness, (A.A.A.A), a 29-year-old relative of the victims, stated that on Tuesday morning, May 29th, the Saudi-led coalition aircraft launching an aggression on Yemen carried out an airstrike on a truck driven by one of his relatives. The attack led to the immediate destruction of the vehicle and the death of the driver, whose body was recovered completely charred. The aircraft then launched a second strike on the truck behind it, resulting in its destruction. He noted that the driver and the passenger next to him had managed to flee the vehicle after witnessing the targeting of the first truck. He added that there was no justification for this operation, as there was no military equipment in the area or aboard the trucks.”

Condemnation

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf for woman and child rights, condemned the crime committed against the civilians in Al-Makhadir directorate- Ibb 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. 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.

Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law

The targeting of the civilians by an aircraft belonging to the aggression coalition represents a definite and complete war crime. Whereas the targeted trucks are far from military camps, military zones, or battlefronts and are driving along a public highway. In addition, there were civilians inside. 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 two trucks on the public highway in Al-Makhadir District, Ibb, on May 29, 2018

	Name	Age	Gender
1	Abdulmajeed Hamoud Ahmed Da'er	25	Male

Names of the wounded victims in the crime of targeting two trucks on the public highway in Al-Makhadir District, Ibb, on May 29, 2018

	Name	Age	Gender
1	Sulaiman Ahmed Salih Al- Khubani	23	Male
2	Issa Ahmed Nasser Al- Amri	32	Male
3	Ameen Mahmoud Ahmed Al-Amri	6	Child

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.**
- 6- Holding accountable those states that contributed to and participated in the use or sale of internationally banned weapons, including cluster munitions—prohibited under the 2008 Convention—even if the states that used or sold them are not signatories to the treaty. This includes the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United States of America, which sold cluster munitions to Saudi Arabia, with the latter repeatedly using them in its attacks against civilians in Yemen.**



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