

Family Tragedy

A human rights report documenting the crime of shelling the house of citizen Mohammed Dhayf Al-Dailami by the Coalition ground forces in Ghamar area- Razih district- Saada governorate on Jul 10, 2018.

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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 for 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 of citizen\ Mohammed Dhayf Al-Dailami in Ghamar area, Razih district- Saada 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 attack left tragedies that the people of Ghamar area, especially the families of the victims, will never forget for years.

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

Executive summary

The report (**Family Tragedy**) documents the crime committed by the coalitions' ground forces in Ghamar area- Saada governorate, which left behind a number of civilian victims. 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 family of citizen Mohammed Al-Dailami in Ghamar area.

A brief overview of Ghamar area, Razih district

Ghamar area: it is one of the sub-districts of Razih district, with a population of 4,224 according to the 2004 census.

Razih District: it is one of the directorates in Saada governorates, with a population of 62, 915 according to the 2004 census.



Razih district

Details of the massacre of the aggression coalition on the house of citizen Mohammed Al-Dailami

The aggression committed a heinous crime against civilians at 11:00 AM, on Tuesday July 10, 2018, where the coalition ground forces targeted the house of citizen Mohammed Dhayf Al-Dailami with a missile in Al-Ataf village, Ghamar area -Saada. This targeting caused a number of casualties, both, dead and wounded. The attack also left behind massive damage. Local residents rushed to rescue and recover the victims.

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: a woman

Wounded: 3 civilians including 2 children

Domestic condemnation

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf for woman and child rights, condemned the crime committed against the family of citizen Mohammed Dhayf Al-Dailami in Ghamar area, Razih district, Saada 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.

Witnesses' statements

The testimonies of some of those who were present at the scene of the attack 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 witness, identified as S.A.H. (30 years old), recounted:

'I was heading back to our neighborhood when, moments before arriving, I heard the whistle of a falling missile followed by a massive explosion. Looking to my left, I saw smoke and dust rising from Al-Ataf village. Soon, cries for help and the desperate screams of children calling for rescue filled the air. Panicked neighbors were rushing out of their homes toward the house hit by the strike—the home of Mohammed Dhayf Al-Dailami, which was the source of the children's distress calls. Witnessing the tragedy left by the coalition shelling on civilian homes in Al-Ataf, I ran toward the house. On my way, I saw people carrying a woman on an improvised stretcher, trying to save her life as she was in critical condition.

I helped them carry her to the main road, given the remote nature of the area, and we transported her alongside her husband and two children to Razih Hospital.

Tragically, just before we reached the hospital, the woman succumbed to severe neck bleeding caused by missile shrapnel. Upon realizing their mother had passed away, the two children broke down in tears, overwhelmed by the sight of her taking her final breaths—a heart-wrenching scene that defies humanity. We continued our efforts to get the children and their father medical care. This deliberate bombardment by coalition forces was truly barbaric, targeting a purely civilian area populated by innocent residents.'

_As one of the rescuers, M.H.A. (37), recalled: "I was resting at home, waiting for my wife to call me for lunch, when, around 11:00 AM, the Coalition forces launched a missile at our village. It landed violently right in front of our neighbor's house, Muhammad Dhayf Al-Dailami. The explosion was deafening, and I could hear shrapnel tearing through the air and hitting our homes, with fragments penetrating windows and doors. Thank God, my family and I were unharmed.

A minute after the strike, as the dust cleared, I heard screams from children and a woman coming from Muhammad's house. My wife and I rushed over and were the first to reach the scene. What we saw was horrific: both the father and his wife were injured and bleeding heavily. The wife was in critical condition, with blood spurting from a severed vein in her neck. My wife tried to wrap the wound to staunch the bleeding, but it wouldn't stop. The children were severely traumatized, their terrified screams echoing through the house.

I ran outside to call for help, and once neighbors arrived, we placed the woman on a stretcher due to her critical state and carried her to the main road, while others carried the father and children. A local volunteer offered his car to take them to the hospital, but tragically, the mother succumbed to her injuries just minutes before we arrived. Her husband and two children survived and are currently receiving treatment at Al-Jamhuri Hospital. The victims are all civilians, and our village is a purely residential area.

Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law

The targeting of a civilian home by the coalition of aggression's ground forces 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 a woman and two 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 the house of citizen Mohammed Dhayf Al-Dailami in Ghamar, Saada Governorate, July 10, 2018.

	Name	Gender	Age
1	Fatima Abdullah Al-Arashi	Female	35

Names of the wounded victims in the crime of targeting the house of citizen Mohammed Dhayf Al-Dailami in Ghamar, Saada Governorate, July 10, 2018.

	Name	Gender	Age
1	Ghalia Mohammed Dhayf Al-Dailami	Child	2
2	Ahmed Mohammed Dhayf Al-Dailami	Child	3
3	Mohammed Dhayf Al-Dailami	Male	45

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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