



Brutality of Airstrikes

A human rights report documenting the bombing of the house of citizen Abdulla Hunein by the coalition airstrikes in Mahdeedah Area, Baqim District, Saada Governorate, on September 15, 2015.

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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], 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 Family of citizen Abdullah Hunein in Mahdeedah area of Saada city, where a coalition aircraft targeted them, resulting in a number of civilian casualties, both killed and Injured, 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 (**Brutality of Airstrikes**) documents the crime committed by the aggression coalition against the family and house of citizen Abdullah Hunein. 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. International legal texts, treaties, and conventions were relied upon to establish the legal framework of the crime committed against the family of citizen Abdullah Hunein.

A brief overview of Baqim District

Baqim District: it is one of the districts in Saada governorates, with a population of 22965 according to the 2004 census.



Baqim District

Details of the massacre of the aggressive coalition on the house of citizen Abdullah Hunein

On Tuesday, September 15, 2015, an aircraft belonging to the coalition of aggression launched two airstrikes on Mahdeedah area in Baqim District, Saada Governorate, targeting the house of Abdullah Hunein. The attack resulted in several casualties, including both deaths and injuries, with the majority of the victims being children.

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.

The toll of victims is as follows:

Killed: 13 civilians including 8 children

Wounded: 7 civilians including 3 children



Condemnation

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf Organization for Women and Child rights, condemned the crime committed against the family and the house of citizen Abdullah Hunein in Baqim District- Saada Governorate. They also denounced the shameful international silence and violation of international and humanitarian laws and charters, the laws of war and other divine laws and conventions that are being cast aside, which include rules and principles aimed primarily at providing 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 peaceful 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, particularly 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 prosecute all those who prove their involvement in these crimes.

Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law

The targeting of the family and the house of citizen Abdullah Hunein by an aircraft belonging to the aggression coalition 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 living in it. 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 provides protection to all civilians 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 a war crime, 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 annexed to the Fourth Hague Convention and Article (48) of Additional Protocol 1 also affirm that "parties to 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 bombing the house of citizen Abdullah Hunein in Baqim District, Saada Governorate, on September 15,2015.

	Name	Age	Gender
1	Mohammed Salih Ali	13	Child
2	Thuraya Salih Ali	12	Child
3	Shamah Salih Ali	10	Child
4	Zahrah Salih Ali	8	Child
5	Fatin Salih Ali	6	Child
6	Zaydan Salih Ali	3	Child
7	Mohammed Jubran Ali	6	Child
8	Muhanna Jubran Ali	4	Child

Names of the injured victims in the crime of bombing the house of citizen Abdullah Hunein in Baqim District, Saada Governorate, on September 15,2015.

	Name	Age	Gender
1	Abdulaziz Yahya Ali	13	Child
2	Yahya Awadh Salih	6	Child
3	Nasser Awadh Salih	4	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.**



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