



Neighborhood of Sorrows

A human rights report documenting the targeting of the house of Al-Susuah by the coalition aircraft in Hajar Neighborhood, Al-Wihdah District, Capital Secretariat on Sep 9, 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 family of citizen Al-Susuah in Hajar Neighborhood in Al-Wihdah District of Capital Secretariat, 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, titled (**Neighborhood of Sorrows**) documents the crime committed by the aggression coalition against the family and home of citizen Al-Susuah in Hajar neighborhood, Capital Secretariat. This crime resulted in dozens of civilian casualties, both killed and injured. It covers the details of the crime, as well as its 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 referred to in order to clarify the legal framework of the crime committed against the family of citizen Al-Susuah.

Wounded: 39 civilians including 14 children and 7 women



Condemnation

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf for woman and child rights, condemned the crime committed against the civilians and their properties in Hajar neighborhood- Capital Secretariat. 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.

Witnesses' statements

Coalition aircraft turned Wednesday into darkness through brutal airstrikes on Hajar neighborhood, and the events of that day remained engraved in the residents' memories. Eyewitnesses reported as follows:

Witness (F.M.A), a 35-year-old lawyer and human rights activist residing in the same targeted neighborhood, whose house is located 20 homes away from Al-Susuwah's residence, stated: "On Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 5:00 PM, I was at home when I heard the sound of military aircraft belonging to the Saudi coalition flying overhead. Suddenly, I heard the impact of a missile striking the home of Al-Susuwah. I witnessed the blast and saw flames bursting from the windows of neighboring homes after the windows were blown out by the explosion's pressure. I rushed out of my house as people gathered near Al-Susuwah's home, where I saw thick smoke mixing with dust, completely obscuring vision. I saw Al-Susuwah's house turned into rubble—a residence fully surrounded by inhabited homes. The adjacent houses were destroyed, and dozens of others were damaged. A woman from Al-Selwi family was killed, and 24 neighborhood residents, including children, were injured."

The witness called for the formation of neutral international committees to investigate human rights violations—specifically the targeting of residential areas—and urged for an immediate end to the war.

The witness, Samir Qabban—a member of the local council in Al-Wahda District—described the incident, stating: “On Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 5:00 PM (before sunset), warplanes belonging to the Saudi-led military coalition launched two airstrikes targeting civilian homes. The strikes destroyed the house of a citizen named Al-Susuah, where women and children were present. We formed a committee to assess the damage and casualties, and it was found that a woman was killed in her home, located 30 meters away from Al-Susuah residence. Her death was caused by flying shrapnel resulting from the missile explosion at Al-Susuah house. Additionally, more than 24 neighborhood residents were injured, including women and children, and over 30 nearby homes sustained damage.”

Official Statements:

A medical source confirmed the arrival of the body of a deceased woman, while Al-Thawra (Republican) Hospital received more than twenty injured individuals affected by the bombing of a home in Hajar neighborhood. The source added that hospitals in the Capital Secretariat are suffering from a shortage of medical supplies and a scarcity of medicines as a result of the blockade imposed on Yemen and the ongoing war, causing the condition of patients and the wounded to deteriorate.

Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law

The targeting civilian homes by aircrafts belonging to the aggression coalition 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 some of the injured victims in the crime of targeting the home of citizen Al-Susuah in Hajar neighborhood, Capital Secretariat in Sep 9, 2015.

	Name	Gender	Age
1	Edrees Ahmed Ahmed Al-Afani	Child	5
2	Luol Adel Atif Al-Selwi	Child	7
3	Roqaia Abdulhameed Al-Hamami	Child	15
4	Sumaia Ahmed Ahmed Al-Afani	Child	11
5	Mohammed Ali Hamid Al-Selwi	Male	32
6	Khulood Abdullah Al-Zeyadi	Female	20
7	Ahlam Abdulrazzaq Al-Selwi	Female	29
8	Amal Abdulrazzaq Al-Selwi	Female	24
9	Mustafa Abdulrazzaq Al-Selwi	Male	50

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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