

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, which is clearly evident in the crime committed against civilians in an inhabited neighborhood located in Al-Asbahi area, Al-Sabeen district, 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 (**The Phantom of Airstrikes**) documents the crime committed by the coalition of aggression against civilians in a residential neighborhood in Al-Asbahi area, Al-Sabeen District. This crime resulted in dozens of civilian casualties, both killed and injured. In this report, we covered 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. It also relies on international legal texts, treaties and conventions to outline the legal framework of the crime committed against civilians in Al-Asbahi area.

A brief overview of Al-Sabeen District

Al-Sabeen District: it is the most populous district in the Capital Secretariat Governorate of Yemen, with a population of 311,203 according to the 2004 census. It is located in southern Sanaa



Saada City

Details of the massacre of the aggressive coalition on an inhabited neighborhood

At 7:45 AM on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, an aircraft belonging to the coalition of aggression launched two airstrikes on a residential neighborhood in Al-Asbahi area of Al-Sabeen District. The first strike targeted the home of Ali Ayesh Al-Jarashi, killing him inside alongside his five children, his grandchild, and several others present in and around the house. Ten minutes later, a second airstrike struck the fully occupied, eight-story Hussein Mazroua building while local residents were attempting to rescue victims of the initial attack. This double-tap strike resulted in dozens of civilian casualties—both killed and injured—with women and children accounting for the majority of the victims.

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 strictly civilian area, with no ground fighting taking place at the time of the attacks and no military sites nearby. The two airstrikes completely destroyed two residential buildings and partially destroyed two homes, while approximately 35 other houses sustained damage.

Furthermore, the bombardment damaged nine vehicles that were either passing through or parked on the street at the time of the strikes. As a result of the destruction, most residents were forced to flee their homes and displace to other areas.

The targeting toll of victims is as follows:

Killed: 19 civilians including 8 children and a woman

Injured: 13 civilians including 6 children and 2 women



Witnesses' statements

The airstrikes launched by the coalition of aggression turned that Tuesday into a tragedy through their violent targeting of civilians, leaving the day's events deeply etched in the memories of Al-Asbahi residents. Eyewitnesses recounted the details of the bombardment, with all their testimonies holding the coalition fully responsible for this crime and explicitly identifying its aircraft as the perpetrators.

The first witness, M.S.A. (27 years old), a relative of the victims, stated: 'At 7:45 AM on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, warplanes from Saudi Arabia and its coalition launched an attack with two missiles.

The first missile targeted Al-Jarashi residence, while the second struck the home of Omair Ibrahim Dadieh, killing four of his children and injuring his wife along with six others. In Al-Jarashi house, 12 civilians were killed and several others were injured. The homes were completely destroyed, dozens of nearby houses sustained damage, and more than eight vehicles were smashed and shattered. The aircraft committed a heinous crime against innocent residents, leaving most of them deeply traumatized and forcing them to flee their homes, as they could no longer remain there out of fear of further bombardment.'

_The second witness, A.A.A. (28 years old), a resident of the neighborhood, stated: 'At exactly 8:00 AM on Tuesday, I was at home when I heard the sound of the missile that targeted Al-Jarashi residence. I was struck with intense fear and panic. I rushed out to the strike site and saw the house completely destroyed over its occupants. We tried to extract the victims from under the rubble, and while we were searching and attempting to rescue them, the aircraft returned and struck Hussein Mazroua building with another missile. The two airstrikes killed 19 civilians, including 10 children and two women. Among the dead were seven members of Ali Ayesh Al-Jarashi's family and four from Ibrahim Dadieh's family. Additionally, 11 civilians sustained various injuries and were rushed to hospitals across the capital. The bombardment resulted in the total destruction of three homes, damaged more than 30 neighboring houses, ruined eight vehicles, and caused partial destruction and damage to Al-Qiyam School.'

_The third witness, M.H.A. (47 years old), a resident of the neighborhood, stated: 'The first missile fell on the home of my neighbor, Ali Ayesh Al-Jarashi, who was inside with his family and children; seven of them were killed, along with two children who were passing by in the street. Others were injured and rushed to hospitals. Al-Jarashi house was destroyed, and many nearby homes, including mine, sustained damage. Ten minutes later, a second missile targeted the Hussein Mazroua building, which was inhabited by four families, killing 10 people, including women and children. Among the dead were Mukhtar Dadieh's wife and three of his children. We saw a woman whose body was severed in half. Others suffered various injuries, and the residents were left in deep shock and panic. Additionally, several citizens' cars in the street were ruined.'

Condemnation

Civil society organizations, including Entesaf for woman and child rights, condemned the crime committed against civilians in Al-Asbahi neighborhood located in Al-Sabeen District, 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.

Description of the violation according to international humanitarian law

The targeting of civilians and their properties by an aircraft 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 the killed victims in the crime of targeting of Al-Asbahi neighborhood in Al-Sabeen District, Capital Secretariat on September 22, 2015.

	Name	Age	Gender
١.	Anhar Hussein Ali Abdoh Al-Husam	1.5	Child
٢.	Hanaa Mukhtar Yahya Ali Dadeih	5	Child
٣.	Zamzam Mukhtar Yahya Ali Dadeih	7	Child
٤.	Mohammed Ali Ayedh Al-Jarashi	7	Child
٥.	Mohammed Ahmed Ali Ayedh Al-Jarashi	3	Child
٦.	Qalam Ahmed Naji Qasim Naji	13	Child
٧.	Marwa Mukhtar Yahya Ali Dadeih	13	Child
٨.	Salih Ali Salih Al-Wihaishi	13	Child
٩.	Omar Ali Ayedh Al-Jarashi	16	Child
١٠.	Othman Ali Ayedh Al-Jarashi		Child
١١.	Afaf Abdulaziz Al-Jarashi	25	Female
١٢.	Abu Bakr Ali Ayedh Al-Jarashi	19	Male
١٣.	Ali Ayedh Al-Jarashi	60	Male
١٤.	Ahmed Ali Ayedh Al-Jarashi	25	Male
١٥.	Wife of Mukhtar Ali Dadeih		Female
١٦.	Unknown		Male
١٧.	Unknown		Male
١٨.	Unknown		Male

Names of the injured victims in the crime of targeting of Al-Asbahi neighborhood in Al-Sabeen District, Capital Secretariat on September 22, 2015.

	Name	Age	Gender
١.	Salim Ahmed Salih Al-Uihi	8	Child
٢.	Mohammed Ahmed Salih Al-Uihi	10	Child
٣.	Salih Ahmed Salih Al-Uihi	14	Child
٤.	Ezziah Ali Mohammed Al-Batati	50	Female
٥.	Mukhtar Yahya Ali Dadeih	45	Male
٦.	Hisham Khalil Al-Dihwah		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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