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An unlawful Saudi airstrike on Alkmb Neighborhood 2015 July 17 (Yareem – Ibb)



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**Airstrikes on Al-kmb
Residential District
Yarim – Ibb Governorate
19 July 2015**



Details :

"On Sunday 19 July 2015 at 2:30 a.m. after midnight, I had been asleep in my friend's house when we heard the roar of the Saudi-led coalition warplanes, flying over head. Mokhtar gathered the members of his family in the hall. Then, an airstrike hit the neighborhood which we were in. The intensity of the blast was strong enough to disperse us. Another explosion happened resulting in partial destruction to the house. I got out from the rubble with Mokhtar and his children, Omar and Siham, .We took them to the hospital then we returned to the scene. We pulled out Mokhtar's wife from the rubble and rushed her to the hospital where she died from her injuries. This is what happened."

Abdullah Nasser Ali who was in the house of Mokhtar as a visitor on the second day of Eid al-Fitr.

Although The laws of war do not prohibit military forces from fighting in urban areas but the parties to conflict are required to take all possible steps to minimize the number of civilian casualties, according to Geneva Convention and its additional protocols.

Since the beginning of the Saudi-led coalition war against Yemen On 26 March 2015, the civilians have been the hardest hit and the Saudi-led coalition didn't pay any attention to those conventions and laws.

There is a military camp " the 55th Brigade of Republican Guard " near the targeted neighborhood but that does not give the Saudi –led coalition the right to use heavy weapons with a widespread effect in its airstrike on this densely populated area, due to the severe damage that these weapons can cause to civilians.

The individuals who commit these serious violations of international humanitarian law with criminal intent are responsible for war crimes. The countries, which provide logistical and intelligence support to the coalition's military operations, also bear responsibility for these violations. Legal Center Wonders about the reason for the non-applicability of the Geneva Convention and its additional protocols, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and other sources.

Crime Documenting:

On the second day of Eid al-Fitr at 2:30a.m., the Saudi warplanes launched two airstrikes on Alkmb neighborhood. It's worth mentioning that, these two airstrikes were preceded by four airstrikes which hit" the 55th Brigade of Republican Guard". The far distance between the targeted place and this camp is an evidence which proves that the targeting of this area was not a mistake.

Due to the daily bombing on the Yemeni provinces and the fuel shortage, it took us two days to reach the targeted place.

When we arrived, everything was almost destroyed. People were afraid and most of them were leaving their homes. We couldn't identify any thing because of the severe destruction wrought on the neighborhood. Even the residents couldn't easily determine the buildings of their neighborhood. Some witnesses told us that when the explosion occurred, the dust filled the air and they couldn't immediately find the buildings of their relatives because the



A photo shows the destruction caused to the civilians' houses .

Under the rubble of the destroyed houses, we found children's new clothes which were stained with blood. Many destroyed cars, belong to civilians, were found in the scene.

The hospital was packed with killed and injured victims, men, women ,and children. Some victims were badly mangled. The weapons which had been used on these civilian were not ordinary weapons. It's easy to know that by seeing the mangled and burned bodies.



A child killed in an unlawful Saudi airstrike

Through our field research, we found some children lost their

sight, having a bandage wrapped around their eyes. A mother with her children were sitting on the ground. Her five-year-old child was pulled out from the rubble. Rescuers knew her existence only by a strand of her hair.



People pull one of the victims out from the rubble

Another child at the age of one year and half, who his face was covered with blood, survived with some injuries. A girl next to him lost her consciousness.



A woman mourns the loss of her daughters

The Crime According to Victims and Witnesses

" I had been asleep near Al-Kamb neighborhood when the blast happened. We heard the roar of the Saudi-led coalition warplanes, flying at low altitude. There wasn't any sound of anti-aircraft. To our surprise, at 2:15 after midnight, a surprise attack was launched on the neighborhood, causing damage to many houses. Our fear prompted us to flee the targeted place. This attack was followed by another, my brother got out the house with our family however I went to the scene, helping rescuers with digging the bodies out from the rubble. I couldn't know to any one of my neighbors this house belongs. It was really difficult due to the huge destruction. In the end, I knew that it was the house of Mohammed Al-Nzehi and his brother

shdad Al-Nzeh, another houses belong to Al-Taliby family and Mohammed Al-Khawlani were also destroyed. All the rescuers were scrambling from the horror of the crime. It was a terrifying sight, women were under the rubble and burned bodies ".said Hashim Mohammed Al-Wajeh, one of the neighborhood's resident.

Summary

At around quarter and two after midnight, two Saudi airstrike were launched on a densely populated area, killing Mohammed Saad, his wife and three of their children and his nephew, his gust Mohammed Al-Ansi. Fortunately, the rest of his children survived but with injuries. His brother's family members were all killed, excluding his wife Salma Ayash and hid daughter Rasha Al-Nzihi who suffered injuries.

Some civilian properties, five houses and three cars, belong to Mujahid Ali Nasser Altalbi were destroyed

The house of Mukhtar Ahmed Mohammed Alansi was almost completely destroyed. He and his children survived the bombing but with different injuries and burns to their bodies. Unfortunately, his wife Fathia Mohammed Abdullah Al-Matari was killed as a result of the bombing.

Legal Center documented the violation in which many victims were killed and many houses were destroyed, attached to this report annexes contains all the details of the casualties.

A medical source in Yareem Hospital informed us that the hospital has received about 21 killed victims, among them 9 children, 5 women and 7 men some of them were torn to pieces others were badly burned. The hospital also received 35 wounded victims most of them were children, 14 children and 9 women. Some of the victims with critical conditions were rushed to other hospitals.

Is what we documented the truth and what is stated in local media?! Or the claim of the spokesman for the coalition who claimed that they targeted only the brigade camp (55) Republican Guard in Yareem district? This is a question backed by irrefutable evidence for the International Community !! Will they move a finger ??!



Annexes

- Annex(1) Names and Identifying Information of Some Killed Victims
- Annex(2) Names and Identifying Information of Some Killed Victims
- Annex (3) Destroyed Houses

Annex(1) Names and Identifying Information of Some Killed Victims

Location: Yarim - Ibb governorate Date: 19 July 2015

	Name	Gender	Age
1	Mohamed Saad Al-Nzhi	Male	40
2	Suad Ali Al-Gena'ai	Female	35
3	Saad Mohamed Saad Al-Nzhi	Male	6
4	Mohamed Mohamed Saad Al-Nzhi	Male	12
5	Shaddad Saad Ali Al-Nzhi	Male	35
6	Mona Shaddad Saad Al-Nzhi	Female	2
7	Sawsan Shaddad Al-Nzhi	Female	3
8	Mariam Shaddad Al-Nzhi	Female	5
9	Abdo SaeedWosabi	Male	50
10	Najla Ali Mohamed Al-Kahlani	Female	30
11	Saqr Adnan Al-Shu'aybi	Male	2
12	Naseem Adnan Al-Shu'aybi	Female	4
13	Amir Majid AliAl Suwaidi	Male	4
14	Ziad Akram Al-Fersa'ai	Male	20
15	Fathia Mohammed Abdullah Al-Matari	Female	32
16	Fathia Mohammed Abdullah Al-Anesi	Female	28
17	Hani Abdullah al -Ansi	Male	19
18	Majid Ali AlSuwaidi	Male	25
19	Elham Mohammad Qasim	Female	22
20	Abdo Ali Ghalib	Male	38
21	Rashad Mohammed Saad Al-Nzhi	Male	16



Annex(2) Names and Identifying Information of Some Killed Victims
Location: Yarim - Ibb governorate Date: 19 July 2015

NO	Name	Gender	Age
1.	Salma Mohammed Ali Ayash	Female	35
2.	Ibrahim Mohamed Saad Al-Nzhi	Male	25
3.	Samir Mohamed Saad Al-Nzhi	Male	20
4.	Wijdan Mohammed Saad Al-Nzhi	Female	11
5.	Baian Mohamed Saad Al-Nzhi	Female	2
6.	Jarallah Mohammed Assri	Male	22
7.	Hussein Ali Hussein Al-Dumaini	Male	23
8.	Waleed Ali Ahmed Ragab	Male	30
9.	Ammar Majed Al-Suwaidi	Male	2
10.	Emarat Majed AlSuwaidi	Female	5
11.	Balqis Mua'adh Alatmi	Female	30
12.	Hassan Yahya Jaber	Male	40
13.	Ali Mohammad Qasim Al-Khali	Male	55
14.	Mokhtar Abdullah Al- Anesi	Male	40
15.	Mariam Saeed Abdo	Female	60
16.	Amal Abdo Saeed	Female	25
17.	Bushra Abdo Saeed	Female	20
18.	Amir Abdu Saeed	Male	23
19.	Nabila Mohammed Omar	Female	33
20.	Hisham Mokhtar Al-Anesi	Male	15
21.	Sahar Mukhtar Al-Anesi	Female	2
22.	Seham Mukhtar Al-Anesi	Female	5
23.	Malak Mukhtar Al-Anesi	Female	6months
24.	Omar Mukhtar Al-Anesi	Male	13
25.	Shaima Mukhtar Al-Anesi	Female	14
26.	Hana SaadAlnzhi	Female	36
27.	Mageda Saad Al-Nzhi	Female	33
28.	Anisa Awadh	Female	38
29.	Ali Mohammed Mallah	Male	44
30.	Mohammed Abdo Saeed	Male	16
31.	Molok Abdo Saeed	Female	5
32.	Abdo Hasan	Male	32
33.	Samar Mukhtar Al- Anesi	Female	4
34.	Abdullah Nasser Ali Al-Aevri	Male	34
35.	Rasha Shaddad Al-Nzhi	Female	11

Annex (3) Destroyed Houses

NO	Owner	Facility / Civilian Object	Number	Level of Destruction
1	Mujahid Ali Nasser Al-Talbi	house	5	completely destroyed
2	Shaddad Saad Ali Al-Nzhi	house	1	completely destroyed
3	Mohammad Saad Ali Al-Nzhi	house	1	completely destroyed
4	Mukhtar Ahmed Mohammed Al- Anesi	house	1	completely destroyed
5	Mohammed Ahmed AL-Khawlany	house	1	completely destroyed
6	Mujahid Ali Nasser Al-Talbi	cars	3	completely destroyed

Photos of Some Destroyed Houses



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