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## Abstract:

Recently, there has been an increase in the targetings of military Saudi coalition warplanes for civilians in Yemen, whether they are in their homes, markets or even on public roads.

One of these incidents occurred on Friday, 17/11/2017, when the coalition warplanes launched two air strikes on the main road in Al-Khamis area , Al\_Zahra district in Al\_Hodeidah province. The first attack targeted a bus carrying passengers, killing them all. They got Burned. then some people tried to extinguish the fire on the bus in order to save those who could be rescued. the Saudi coalition warplanes launched another attack targeting the paramedics as a civilian vehicle on the Hilux road passed, killing two citizens who were on board the car (Hilux model) .The rest were injured and some paramedics were seriously injured too.



## Incident details:

At approximately 08:30 on Friday, 17/11/2017, the warplanes of the Saudi-led coalition in its war on Yemen launched two air raids on the main way Al-Khamis area in Al-Zahra district, Al\_Hodeidah province.

The first raid targeted a bus carrying passengers coming from Hajjah province, which led to the killing of all of them and charring their bodies.

The residents of the area then rushed to the targeting bus, trying to stop the fire, but the coalition warplanes targeted the paramedics once again by another raid as a civilian car passing along the main road. The attacks resulted

in the injuring of eleven passengers including them three paramedics and the killing of two innocent passengers.

### **victims and witnesses' Testimonies:**

**The witness and victim Ahmad/ Jamail Ali Al\_Hamdani, a 19-year-old , and one of the paramedics who were injured while trying to rescue the victims, told us:**

"I and some of my friends were near the main road in Al-Khamis area , Al-Zahra district. Suddenly, at about 8:30 am, the Saudi coalition warplanes launched an air strike targeting a bus carrying passengers on the main road.



**The public road and the destruction caused by Saudi warplanes**

I and my friends and some residents rushed to the bus, which was burning, trying to stop the fire with blankets. There was no water in that area.

The bodies of the citizens who were on the bus were burning.

While we are trying to the fire the , the Saudi coalition warplanes are flying heavily on a low altitude. we tried to move away quickly , but the coalition warplanes targeted us with another missile. I was injured by shrapnel in my back and one of my friends was injured by a shrapnel in his right thigh and broke it in addition to the injuring of other 9 innocent people while two people were killed. The residents of the area then took us to the hospital".

**Witness/ Ahmed Abdul Wahab Ali Zaid, aged 30 years old and a paramedic, told us saying:**

"At 08:30 on Friday, 17 November 2017, the Saudi warplanes launched two air strikes on the public road in our area (Al-Khamis) , Al-Zahra district in Al\_Hodeidah province. The first attack targeted a bus carrying passengers from Hajjah province ,



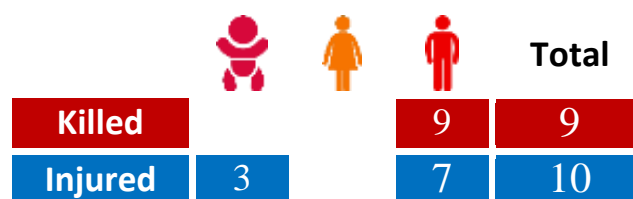
I was about 100 meters away from the targeting bus , and then i rushed to the bus to participate in extinguishing fire and aiding victims . As we were trying to put out the fire on the bus, the warplanes launched another raid targeting the paramedics but this time as a civilian car (Toyota)was passing the road and carrying about twelve people. The attack led to the killing of two people and injuring 9 others who were on the car, in addition to the injuring of about three paramedic citizens".

**The witness / Samair Mohammed Ahmed Ribat, aged 29, and a citizen of the targeting area, told us:**

"On Friday morning, corresponding to 17/11/2017, the Saudi-led coalition warplanes surprised us by launching two air strikes on our Khamis Al-Wa'adat area, targeted in the first raid a bus carrying passengers from Hajjah province. Then the residents rushed to the area to aid and rescue the victims, but the Saudi warplanes bombed the area with another raid targeting paramedics. The rocket hit next to the public road in the time of passing of a civilian car (Hilux model)carrying a group of citizens. The attack caused on the killing of two people and wounding others. During the aiding of the victims, i have been seen many bodies which had been charred".

**Incident Results :**

Civilian Victims :



Civil Facilities:



## **Description of the violation according to the international humanitarian law:**

Under the law of war, civilians and civilian objects may never be targeted by deliberate attacks and if so, it is considered a war crime.

## **Center Recommendations:**

- ▶ Legal Center for Rights and Development calls on all civil society organizations and international organizations, especially United Nations organizations, to shoulder their moral and humanitarian responsibilities towards the crimes committed by the Saudi regime and its coalition against humanity and humanity.
- ▶ Calls on United Nations and Security Council to preserve its remaining reputation and to stop the war and the bloodshed of Yemenis and reduce the crimes commission against Yemen I children and women.
- ▶ And calls for dispatching international commissions of inquiry as soon as possible to investigate on this crime and the other ones and to bring perpetrators in these crimes to international justice.

**Annex (1)**  
**Names and identifications of Killed Victims**  
**Bombing Citizens' Vehicles on the Main Road**  
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N	Name	Gender	Age
1	Mohammed Saleh Ibrahim Wali	male	30
2	Mohammed Zein Ra'aid	male	32
3	unknown bodies "charred"7		

**Annex (2)**  
**Names and identifications of injured Victims**  
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N	Name	Gender	Age
1	Omar Abdullah Sa'aheed	male	30
2	Ali Yahya Hamdan	male	40
3	Majed Ali Yahya	male	25
4	Abdullah Mohammed Ali Khamisi	Male child	15
5	Abdo Ali Yahya Hamdan	male	25
6	Khaled dtamar Hajouri	male	40
7	Aymn Ali Yahya Hamdan	Male child	17
8	Ali Abdo Howry	male	35
9	Ahmed Jamail Ali Al- Hamdani	male	19
10	Mashhor Ahmed Mahdi Shibla	male	18



**Photos of some killed victims**



**Annex (3)**  
**Names and data of the destroyed civil facilities**  
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N	Name of the facility owner	Facility Type	N
1	Cars	Cars	2
2	Main Road	Main Road	1

**Photos of some destroyed and damaged civil facilities due to the bombing**



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