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## Abstract:

Genocide Crimes against civilians committed by the Saudi coalition warplanes on shops and markets in Al- Jarr area - Abas district in the province of Hajja. The attack resulted in the killing of 17 civilians.



The remains of the targeting shops and markets

## Incident Details :

The Saudi coalition warplanes targeted shops in Abas district, killing 17 people, destroying the nearby shops and completely destroying their contents, as well as spreading panic and fear among the population.

## Witnesses Testimonies:

**Witness/Najeeb Wadi Mohammed Youseif, 20 years old, told us some of the details:**

"During the raid, I was selling the oil in the yard at a distance of tens of meters away from the targeting Yosef Rajeh grocery. It was about 10:40 on Friday, 17/11/2017, when the Saudi warplanes surprised us with a raid on the grocery store that turned it to rubble. In the targeting grocery store was Abdullah Rajeh who is youseif's brother, and others civilians next to the grocery were working in selling and purchasing. Among civilians was Hamza Mohammed, who was selling accessories and perfumes, as well as Abdullah Maqbooli and his brothers who were selling oil, coal and firewood. All of the civilians –who were there- were killed and their bodies got charred. I saw the flames rising from the rubble of the grocery store . 17 civilians were killed, their bodies were charred, everything in the grocery store and its surroundings were



destroyed in addition to motorcycles which were burned. All of these civilians have no hand in this war, what is their guilt to be targeted in a public area?".

**Witness/Youseif Mohammed Rajeh Kawab, 32-year-old, told us saying :**

"I am the owner of the targeting grocery and I left the grocery before the targeting to buy goods. My brother Abdullah and uncle work in the grocery store. Next to my grocery store were a number of civilians, some of whom were selling oil and others selling rcoal and firewood. Everyone was working hard to get their livelihoods. I was about a half kilometer away from my grocery store and at 11 am on



The shops have been destroyed and left on the ground due to the bombing

Friday I heard a loud explosion and saw the flames and dust rising from grocery. I went to the scene and arrived five minutes after the raid. The situation was very brutal. Everybody was killed and their bodies were charred and scattered in the yard of the area and next to the grocery store, which was left only rubble. I recognized 15 people among the charred bodies that were scattered. One of the victims was targeted by the raid directly and we could not recognized any of his features . The raid destroyed everything in the grocery. firewood , oil and coal made the situation get bad since the fire came from. The initial toll was 17 civilians, all of whom were civilians , including them children who were buying from the grocery,they were killed with no fault. Among the victims were the remains of two unidentified bodies whom I could not identify. There is no reason to justify bombing us".

**Witness/Ali Mohammed Rajeh Kawab, 20 years old and a relative of one of the victims, told us:**

"It was almost 11 o'clock on Friday, 17 November 2017, when I was in another shop away from the grocery where my brother and uncle were in. Next to the grocery, a number of civilians at the time of warplane targeting , which was followed by a loud explosion. I rushed to the scene of the incident. The raid targeted our grocery and killed my brother, uncle and everyone who was next

to it from the sellers and buyers of food. The raid turned the grocery store to rubble mixed with charred and scattered bodies and flesh of civilians who were selling oil, coal and firewood. After the raid, 17 civilian bodies scattered in the targeting area, the fire was eating everything, and the grocery was left rubble. The scene was very frightening and the tragedy covered the targeting area ".

## Incident Results

### Civilian Victims :



### Civil Facilities:



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

legal center has revised the incident and made a full field scan on the targeting area especially the bombed commercial markets, and found that the area and shops were commercial objects. It is known that targeting the civilians is a crime that the international law set punishment for and is a breach for the principles and values that were established and agreed by the civilized societies. The continuing of targeting and killing children, women and civilians by the Saudi-led coalition and its allies is a crime of many that still committing before the international society who is still dam and deaf to these

crimes. This will stand as a stone in front of the collaboration of the international society and its aims of preserving and protecting the rights and freedoms that will be an international precedent of aggression against the states and societies.

### **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**  
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<b>N</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Age</b>
1	Abdullah Mohammed Rajeh Kawab	Male	18
2	Muhaim Ahmad Faqih Badri Al – Dafa'aie	Male	29
3	Abdullah Mohammed Ahmed Maqbool Petri	Male	27
4	Yahya Mohammed Ahmed Maqbool Petri	Male	24
5	Mustafa Mohammed Ahmed Maqbool	Male	25
6	Hisham Ibrahim Ali Aqili	Male Child	15
7	Jrad Ibrahim Ali Aqili	Male	28
8	Mohammed Aqeel Mohammed Badri	Male	30
9	Mohammed Ahmed Shua'ai Omar	Male Child	12
10	Hamza Mohammed Ahmed Makashm	Male	28
11	Issa Mohammed Jasser Zalat	Male	40
12	Abdo Hussein Hamour Hafsi	Male	18
13	maqbool Ahmed Ahmed Maqbool Petri	Male	22
14	Abdo Yahya	Male	18
15	Ibrahim Dos Aati	Male	32
16	Unknown	Male	
17	Unknown	Male	



**Annex(2)**  
**Names and data of the destroyed and damaged civil facilities**  
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N	Name of the facility owner	Facility Type	Distraction Level
1	Youseif Mohammed Rajeh Kawab	Grocery	Complete Destruction
2	Abdullah Mohammed Rajeh Kawab	Motorcycle	Complete Destruction
3	Issa Mohammed Hamour Zalat	cafeteria	Complete Destruction
4	Hamza Mohammed Ahmed Makashm	Small perfume shop	Complete Destruction
5	Mahim Ahmed Faqih	Motorcycle	Complete Destruction

**Photos of some destroyed and damaged civil facilities**



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