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Abstract:

Saudi Arabia and its coalition continue unabatedly and shamelessly in their great violations of the principles of humanity and the instruments of international humanitarian law over three years of war on Yemen. The Saudi coalition has used, in various areas of Yemen, especially the border areas, cluster bombs and conventional weapons banned internationally in action represent how it neglects the principles of humanitarian law. The last of these crimes in which the Saudi coalition has used banned weapons is the bombing of civilians' homes with cluster bombs in Al-Hijla area - Razih District- Saada Governorate, 9 May 2018. This crime happened when the Saudi warplanes targeted the civilians' homes with cluster bombs some of them did not explode during the targeting but in the next day they exploded among a group of family members of Abdullrahman Mohammed Ali. The explosion of the cluster bomb resulted in the killing of Yonis Mohammed and an embryo and the injury of Abdullrahman Mohammed and his wife seriously. The explosion caused fear among civilians and community.

Incident Details

On Monday, May 7, 2018, the warplanes of the Saudi Aggression Coalition threw two cluster bombs populated area called Al-Hijla in Razih district, Sa'ada Governorate. Some of the cluster bombs exploded when they hit civilian farms and properties, and some of which did not explode. And at 8:30 am on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, a cluster bomb exploded inside the house of Abdullrahman Mohammed Ali Hassan. The explosion resulted in the killing of a child called Yonis Mohammed, the explosion also injured a pregnant woman which caused in the death of her embryo. The injured woman has been taken to the hospital and there she received treatment and the dead embryo was taken out of her by an operation.

victims and witnesses' Testimonies:

Mohammed Ali Hassan Mua'ed, aging 40 years, is the father of the victims whom we found with his injured son Abdullrahman and his wife Widad at Al-Jomhoree Hospital. He reported us saying:

"I got out of my house in the morning and left my five-year-old son Yonis playing outside the house. While I was on my way to work on the farm, I heard the sound of an explosion inside my house, the cries of my relatives were heard for distance. I then rushed to my house to make sure about my family and when I arrived, I saw my son Yonis was killed and the blood covered his body while my another son Abdullrahman and his wife got injured and they were asking for help. I called on the residents and my neighbors to help me in aiding my sons. The people came and help us and took the injured people to the hospital. This crime happened when my son Yonis brought unexploded cluster bomb left by the Saudi warplanes last day, he did not know that this bomb is harmful, he thought it a game. My wife was pregnant but his embryo was killed by shrapnel of the cluster bombing."




Gubran Jaber Mohammed - 35 years old, an eyewitness who participated in aiding the victims to the hospital, he said:

"For more than three years since the beginning of Saudi Arabia and its alliance of aggression on Yemen, the population of the border areas such as Al-Hijla area are being targeted with all types of banned weapons including cluster bombs and phosphorus weapons. Some of these weapons and bombs did not explode during targeting which means that they are dangerous since they are getting exploded when a person or any alive thing come closer to it and this is what happened with the family of Abdullrahman Mohammed when his son brought a cluster bomb to his home. The son does not know that this thing is a bomb, he thought it a

game. The cluster bomb exploded inside the house killing Yonis and an embryo and injuring some others beside him. We do not know why all this brutality is inflicted on the civilian population by the Saudi coalition, the area is civil place where no camps or weapons depots.”

Incident Results :

Civilian Victims :

				Total
Killed	2			2
Injured		1	1	2

Description of the violation according to the international humanitarian law:

Legal Center made field visit to the targeted position and found it a civil place has no military presence. It is known that targeting 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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No.	Name	Gender	Age
1	Yonis Mohammed Ali Hassan	Male Child	5 years
2	An Embryo	Embryo	6 months

Annex(2.)
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No.	Name	Gender	Age
1	Abdullrahman Mohammed Ali Hassan	Male	٢١
2	Widad Abdo Hadi Salman	Female	١٩

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