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#### **Abstract:**

War crimes and genocides are the most prominent achievements of the Saudi Air Force's aggression targeting public and private facilities, buildings, civilians, governmental and service buildings, as well as killing workers and school students without any justification. The aim is to weaken the morale of the Yemeni people by targeting all their resources and infrastructure to yield to idolatry and victory for its just cause in the liberation from the tutelage imposed by the regional partner countries in the coalition of aggression. So they targeted all elements of life by direct shelling medical and commercial centers, civilians, and governmental services. The crime of targeting the Office of the Presidency of the Republic in the capital Sana'a on Monday, May 7, 2018 extended the series of war crimes since the beginning of the aggression on Yemen.

#### **Incident Details**

The Saudi coalition aircraft targeted the office building of the presidency with two barbaric raids at the work time while more than 1,000 employees are in the Presidential Office building which is located in the center of the capital Sana'a in Al-Tahreer Directorate, the administrative district of Zubairi Street, the most densely populated neighborhood with hundreds of people are passing nearby and hundreds of shops. As well as medicine, basic and secondary schools, health centers, hospitals, private and public institutions and places of science and worship, which surrounds the building from three sides; from the east, the Central Bank of Yemen between the two buildings Al-Sadaqa Bridge which extends to Al-Tahreer Area, from the east, The Arab Bank which Saif Street is located next to, and from the north, a neighborhood full of shops and stores of medicines, medical supplies and moreover, the

most densely populated neighborhood, which is overlooking Zubairi street from the south along Sadaqa Bridge. All those streets and neighborhoods are packed with civilians, school students, employees and workers in the offices, shops and establishments. The first raid hit at 10:30 am on Monday, May 7, 2018 targeted a building in the presidential office to the south overlooking Zubairi Street, causing the collapse of the building while more than a thousand employees working inside as well as hundreds of visitors, which led to the fall of dozens of civilians walking next to the office, the owners of shops, stores of medicines, and medical supplies and school students during their walking towards their headquarters and schools. After that during the gathering of paramedics, the second raids hit again targeted the gathering of paramedics and staff survivors of the first raid which has doubled the number of victims to more than 100 civilians; killing 6 civilians, including a child who was working next to the fence balance, and injuring 94 others, as well as the destruction of buildings causing flying shrapnel and building blocks in all directions. In addition to the intensity of explosions, which has not been witnessed as so the capital Sanaa.

This as well the fear and horror among the residents of the neighborhood, school students, hospital guests, and employees of banks and shops in the region which confirms the criminal acts of brutality targeting humanity in general and a heinous crime amounted to a description of a war crime and genocide.

#### victims and witnesses' Testimonies:

Saddam Hussein Abu Talib, 35, a staff member of the Office of the Presidency of the Republic, despite his deep wounds, said:

"I was working and while we were with more than 1,000 employees inside the office at about 10:30 AM, the Saudi Aircraft surprised us with

two raids targeting the office. The explosion of the first raid was severe, the building was demolished while people still inside. Dust and shrapnel went all the directions of the surrounding streets. I was injured during the first raid. During our escape and the gathering of paramedics trying to save the victims of the first raid, the second raid hit again leaving me unconscious to wake up in Al-Thawra Hospital."

His condition was serious. He was bleeding from the wound and bleeding from his nose and mouth. He had a broken nose and his vertebrae damaged."

#### One of the wounded, Walid Saleh Al-'Abra, 25, told us:

Two raids targeted the presidential office. I was walking across the street on the bridge the opposite street from the office. I heard the sounds of the warplanes before, during and after the attack, the explosion was very heavy and severe. During that time, I saw a surge of concrete blocks and dust thrown in all directions and I was hit on my leg."

In the emergency of Al-Thawra Hospital, there were more than 22 people whose injuries varied. We met with some doctors and nurses, including Dr. Mohammed al-Ashmouri, one of the doctors present and receiving the wounded:

"The hospital emergency received more than 22 cases, all of them victims of air raids on the Office of the Presidency of the Republic and we are working to heal their wounds and alleviate their pain, as some see the injuries are serious and need operations and some wounds between the middle and deep."

We also met with the emergency officer and the director of the hospital's security, who provided us with a number of 23 wounded men and one motorcycle driver who was standing next to the office at the moment of the shelling and was wounded by shrapnel.

The Monitoring and Documentation Team moved to the Republican Hospital and heard some details from the victims.

### Mohamed Sanad Mohammed Faree, a motorcycle driver, aging 18, told us:

"I was on a motorcycle and while I was passing under the Al-Sadaqa Bridge to Zubairi Street. I felt the sound of a loud explosion following a raid by the Saudi Arabian Aircraft. The smoke rose and the rubble of the building and shrapnel fell on us, and I fell to the hospital with blood.

"We have targeted aviation, and with large numbers of citizens heading to our business, we have no fault."

### Akram Mohammed Saleh Mohammed, 32, owner of accessories shop, spoke:

"I was on the street going to Al- Qasr Street to buy goods from a wholesale shop for accessories. It was almost eleven o'clock before a third before noon. The street was packed with buses and cars and people were walking to work. I was surprised by the raid while I was passing by Al-Sadaqa Bridge. In the air, the presidential office building was targeted and a shrapnel hit my right leg."

#### One of the cleaners, Akram Dawoud Jabali, 19, said:

"I was doing my work in the street, and we were surprised by the first raid on the presidential office and a shrapnel hit in my ear."

### Amjed Ahmed Al-Mushaki, 22, a staff member in the presidential office, told us:

"At about 10:30, I was working in the office of the presidency. Suddenly, I felt the pressure of the first raid explosion. I was thrown several meters but I did not lose consciousness. I tried to escape. When the gate arrived, the second raid caught us and turned the place to rubble and my head was hit fragments."

Dozens of wounded and injured do have similar statements, all of whom assured us that the Saudi Airlines deliberately targeting the Office of the Presidency of the Republic at the working hours while more than a thousand employees are inside. The office is surrounded by important

places, monetary, economic institutions, educational shops, stores, medicines and medical supplies, centers and medical clinics from each side deliberately shedding innocent blood and killing more people to terrorize Yemenis. This brutal crime is an extension of the series of crimes that the coalition aircraft have been committing since the beginning of the war on Yemen in full view of the international society, the United Nations and international organizations that have not acted to the war crimes and genocide committed by coalition aircraft every day against the Yemeni people."

#### Official Statements:

### Ali Jassar - Director General of the Department of Rights and Freedoms in the Presidency of the Republic in a statement said:

"The raids of the brutal aggression targeted the office at the work official and private hours, especially the targeted neighborhood is one of the famous neighborhoods in the center of the capital Sana'a, where most of the important places and services, economic centers and health centers. The office is located in a densely populated neighborhood, which predicts the moral and thought bankruptcy of the States of the aggression intending to commit a war crime in its full meaning."

### Convictions: Parliament

The Speaker of the House of Representatives Yahya Ali Al-Ra'i and the members of the Council strongly condemned the terrorist crime committed by the Saudi-Led Alliance of Aggression against the Office of the Presidency of the Republic in Al-Tahreer District which is surrounded by densely populated neighborhoods in the center of the capital Sanaa, which led to killing dozens of martyrs and wounded.

The Speaker and members of the House of Representatives considered this criminal act of terrorism to be added to the former criminal acts of the aggression alliance states, which are targeting houses, bombing the halls of mourning, weddings, commercial markets, public and private facilities and infrastructure, in a war of genocide against the Yemeni people.

The Speaker and members of the House of Representatives assured that these terrorist crimes committed by the states of the alliance of aggression will not weaken the morale of the Yemeni people, its armed forces, popular committees and the steadfastness of his civilians. On the contrary, this will increase their strength, determination and sacrifice in order to win their just cause in resisting aggression.

The United Nations and its bodies and organizations, especially the Security Council, have the legal and humanitarian responsibility for all crimes committed by the states of the aggression coalition watching without acting or taking responsible attitude toward the aggression and its crimes publicly.

The Speaker and members of the House of Representatives called on the Secretary-General of the United Nations, all international organizations, agencies, brotherly and friendly countries to pressure the countries of the aggression alliance to stop its barbaric aggression against the Yemeni people and stop the blockade on all land, air and sea ports immediately.

#### **Human Rights ministry**

The Ministry of Human Rights condemned the crime of targeting the alliance of countries of aggression led by Saudi Arabia to the Office of the Presidency in the capital Sanaa.

#### **Ministry of Public Health and Population**

The Ministry of Public Health and Population condemned the horrific crime committed by the American-Saudi aggression coalition by bombing the residential district of Al-Tahreer in the center of the capital Sana'a, resulting in the death and wounding of dozens of citizens.

In a statement issued by the ministry, the ministry condemned the targeting of Al-Tahreer neighborhood, which is inhabited by tens of thousands of citizens, by shelling the presidential office, which employs more than one thousand civil servants and receives daily hundreds of civilian visitors, some elderly and women in search of assistance from the presidency.

The statement pointed out that the Office of the Presidency of the Republic is surrounded by hundreds of residential and commercial buildings, the schools of Gamal Abdel Nasser and Saif Ben-Yazen, including thousands of students who were taking their final exams.

He pointed out that these crimes confirmed the persistence of aggression in the commission of more crimes because of the silence of the United Nations.

The Ministry of Public Health and Population called on all international organizations working in Yemen to condemn this crime and pressure to stop the aggression and crimes against humanity and to open impartial international investigations and to take sanctions against the states of the aggression alliance.

#### **Al-Tasheh Movement:**

The organization of the correction condemned the crime of the aggression alliance by targeting the Office of the Presidency of the

Republic in the densely populated district of schools and the death of dozens of martyrs and wounded.

The High Committee stated in its statement that targeting the coalition of aggression to civilians in the center of the capital Sana'a, a war crime against humanity does not fall statute of limitations.

The Committee called upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Security Council to assume responsibility in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, international and humanitarian law and international treaties and conventions by sending a neutral commission to investigate this crime and the preceding crimes of aggression against the Yemeni people and the use of internationally prohibited weapons.

The High Committee called on civil society organizations and political components in our country to communicate with political parties and international human rights and humanitarian organizations around the world and to inform them of the nature of the crimes committed against the Yemeni people by the states of aggression.

#### **Union of Yemeni Media**

The Union of Yemeni Journalists condemned the crime of targeting the Al-Tahreer district and the presidential office in the capital Sanaa on Monday by the coalition aircraft.

In a statement received by the Yemeni Press Agency, the union said that the channel's photographers were among the wounded injured by the raids that killed and wounded more than 60 civilians.

The Union affirms that such crimes against the Yemeni people will not be subject to statute of limitations and that the leaders of the Alliance of Aggression will be prosecuted as war criminals.

#### **Parties against aggression**

The coalition of anti-aggression parties condemned targeting the office of the Presidency of the Republic, which was committed by coalition aircraft on Monday morning, which resulted in the deaths of nearly one hundred martyrs and wounded. In a statement issued by the party, the party bloc stressed that the crime reflects the deficit that hit the rulers and regimes of the coalition states and the level of decline and moral fall that they reached.

Anti-aggression parties stressed that the rights of peoples are reserved and that the blood of the martyrs will not fall and will not be wasted. The executive body of the international community bloc, the Security Council and the United Nations organizations have assumed legal responsibility and all the consequences of all the crimes committed by the coalition aircraft against Yemenis.

### The Supreme Council of Community Organizations condemns the targeting of the Office of the Presidency of the Republic

The Supreme Council of the Federation of Civil Society Organizations condemned the heinous crime committed by the American-Saudi aggression targeting the citizens in the Office of the Presidency of the Republic which is located in the center of the capital Sanaa, which led to the fall of a number of martyrs and wounded.

In its statement, the Council condemned the continuation of the Saudi regime and its allies in the perpetration of mass massacres and the deliberate targeting of places of public gatherings and densely populated neighborhoods.

The statement brought the United Nations, the Security Council, international organizations and all regimes and governments the moral

and legal responsibility for what the Saudi regime and its allies are doing against the Yemeni people from aggression and total siege.

The statement called on all activists, liberals and those concerned with humanitarian affairs around the world to condemn these crimes and expose the Saudi regime and its allies and the crimes against the Yemeni people.

#### **Incident Results:**

#### **Civilian Victims:**

		<b>†</b>	<b>†</b>	Total
Killed	1		3	4
Injured	6	1	50	57

# 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 Bombing of the Office of the Presidency of the Republic

#### **Al-Tahreer Directorate - Capital Sana'a**

#### May 7, 2018

No.	Name	Gender	Age
1	Amain Faisal WAzi' Hamod	Male Child	13
2	Qais Zais Abdullah Fadeer	Male	27
3	Ali Abdo Ali Al-Dahmashi	Male	47
4	Nasr Yahya Mohammed Al-Maqhaqi	Male	50

#### Photos of killed victims





#### Annex(2.)

# Names and identifications of injured Victims Bombing of the Office of the Presidency of the Republic Al-Tahreer Directorate - Capital Sana'a

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No.	Name	Gender	Age
1	Amar Sa'eed Ali Ghalib	Male Child	4
2	Shatha Fahd Abdo Abdullah Al-Sawafe	Female Child	7
3	Tasneem Nabil Al-Arifee	Female Child	12
4	Shehab Mahdi Al-Areqi	Male Child	16
5	Mohammed Sanad Al-Duda'ai	Male Child	17
6	Ausama Abdulljalel Wazea' Hamod	Male Child	18
7	Akram Fouad Al-Shraa'i	Male	19
8	Akram Dawod Al-Jabli	Male	19
9	Rashad Mohammed Al-Fahdi	Male	20
10	Ali Saleh Qasim Al-Seraihi	Male	22
11	Adhm Abdullraheem Al-Muntaser	Male	23
12	Ali Mohammed M Al-Junaid	Male	23
13	Faisal Abdulljabar Salam	Male	24
14	Majdi Abdullwahab Mohammed Al- Ammari	Male	25
15	Amjed Ahmed Al-Mushaki,	Male	25
16	Walid Saleh Al-'Abra	Male	25
17	Nabil Saleh Naser Bedair	Male	25
18	Hani Mohammed Abdullghalik Muftah	Male	25
19	Jrah Adel Al-Miuaed	Male	27
20	Ausama Faisal Shdyoh	Male	27
21	Moneer Ali Ali Al-Ghail	Male	27
22	Ahmed Ali Al-Khawlani	Male	27
23	Akram Mohammed Naser Al-Ashwal	Male	28
24	Hesham Ahmed Abdo Murshed	Male	29

No.	Name	Gender	Age
25	Abdullwadood Mohammed Abdo Qasim	Male	30
26	Hussein Reziq Al-Alaai	Male	30
27	Akram Mohammed Saleh Mohammed	Male	32
28	Ibraheem Hussein Yahya Al-Shabi	Male	33
29	Hassan Abdo Al-Rrazhi	Male	33
30	Aref Al-Aulufi	Male	33
31	Ali Mohammed Al-Ghuwaidi	Male	34
32	Hashem Hussein Al-Ghurbani	Male	35
33	Yahya Abdullah Saleh Al-Dahmi	Male	35
34	Ahmed Ali Al-Ward	Male	36
35	Zaqreya Taha Al-Hanafi	Male	40
36	Khale Majod Al-Sa'adi	Male	40
37	Saddam Hussein Abu Talib	Male	35
38	A'ayesh Ali Awas	Male	41
39	Abdo Yahya Al-Baa'ari	Male	42
40	Ali Ali Mohammed Musleh	Male	43
41	Ziyad Abdullhameed Al-Aulufi	Male	44
42	Mohammed Shua'ai Mohammed Al- Shabli	Male	44
43	Shfeq Ali Al-Shahree	Male	45
44	Aref Ahmed Naser Al-Razaa'a	Male	45
45	Samir Mohammed M Al-Menday	Male	45
46	Abdullwahab Abdullah Abdullah Al-Fadli	Male	45
47	Mohammed Ali Al-Tashi	Male	46
48	Saleh Mohammed Naser Al-Faqeh	Male	47
49	Maysah Fathi Abdullfatah Mohammed	Female	47
50	Mohammed Saleh Al-Fahdi	Male	48
51	Ahmed Abdul Elah Al-Qubati	Male	50

No.	Name	Gender	Age
52	Abdullbaset Ahmed Al-Jawbi	Male	50
53	Abdullkareem Yahya Al-Na'aami	Male	50
54	Abdullwahab Mohammed AhmedAl- Amaari	Male	50
55	Hamod Hamaid Haidar	Male	58
56	Hassan Mohammed Ahmed Al-Sagher	Male	60
57	Hamaid Sa'ad Al-Deen Al-Qahtani	Male	

Photos of injured victims









#### Photos of damaged and destroyed civilian facilities



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