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Abstract:

The Saudi coalition continues to commit war crimes and genocide against civilians and their families, most of whom are children and women, in Yemen for more than three years since imposing its illegal and amoral siege on the Yemeni people. The aircraft launched an air strike at 7 am on Saturday, May 5, 2018 on the house of Ali Ahmed Al-Najjar, which is located in the middle of his mango farm in Bani Abad Area, Al-Jarahi Directorate, Hodeida Governorate, resulting in the killing of the owner of the house and the farm and wounded four civilians of his family and relatives, some of them seriously injured. The brutal raid destroyed their home and severely damaged the farm.

Incident Details

At 7:00 am on the morning of Saturday, 5 May 2018, a Saudi Air Force fighter jet shelled a house belonging to Ali Ahmad Al-Najjar, located in his mango farm in Bani Abad Area, Al-Jarahi Directorate, Hodeida Governorate. The injured (4) members of his family were his wife and two of their sons, one of them was a child and one of his brothers. The Legal Center for Rights and Development got their names; Mo'ajaba Ahmed Helal, 40 years old., Maram Ali Ahmed Al-Najjar, 25 years old, Khairya Ali Ahmed Al-Najjar, 11 years old, Mohammed Ahmed Al-Najjar, 47 years old, most of whom were wounded. Fortunately, one of the rescuers managed to reach them, despite the flight of the warplanes into the air, and transported them to the hospital. the brutal raid destroyed a large part of the targeted house as well as the farm which was their source of income to live.

victims and witnesses' Testimonies:

Hamdan Ahmad Al-Matari, 28, a friend of the target's family leader, arrived after half an hour of shelling, alone carried them on his car and saved their lives, met saying:

“Since the early morning, the warplanes of the Saudi alliance hovering in the skies of various residential areas of Al-Jarahi Directorate. At seven O’clock in the morning, I heard an air raid on the area of Bani Abad which was two kilometers. I saw dust and smoke rising from an agricultural area due to the attack. Then suddenly, half an hour later, a phone call from the wife of my friend Ali Ahmad Al-Najjar, calling me in a faint voice, to rescue them saying that the air raid targeted their house. I drove my car rushing. When I arrived, I saw a horrible scene. The body of my friend, Ali Ahmad Al-Najjar, was thrown into the vicinity of his house while a number of members of his family with bloodstained bodies and appealed to save them. I carried them alone on my car and took them to the hospital. The residents of the area could not come to help because they were afraid from bombing. This is a civilian which is popular by mango farms. My friend, Ali Ahmed Al-Najjar has a mango farm and built a house inside for all his family members, most of them children and women. We do not know what kind of danger their home or family was posing. They are not combatants and their house was not a weapon store or a military barracks.”




Mohammad Mohammed Ahmad Al-Najjar, 28, a son of the wounded, Mohammed Ahmed Al-Najjar, met him while he was with his father, who was injured in a hospital in the capital Sana'a after being transferred due to the seriousness of the injuries, saying:

“Due to the difficult conditions experienced by the civilian population in Yemen and the lack of sources of income through which they can provide the life requirements of their families due to the systematic destruction of the forces of the Saudi Aggression Coalition for various sources of work

and income in Yemen, my father, Mohammad Ahmad Al-Najjar, was one of those affected by the aggression of the Saudi coalition. He worked with my uncle Ali Ahmad Al-Najjar and help him in farming and cultivating his mango-producing farm, taking advantage of the advent of the mango harvest season, hoping to get money to provide the living and living requirements for us. However, the Saudi alliance dispelled these hopes and assassinated them with an air strike. At 7 am on Saturday May 5, 2018, the strike targeted the home of my uncle, Ali Ahmed Najjar, which is located in his farm at Bani Abad Area, Al-Jarahi Directorate during the presence of my father with them, resulting in the death of my uncle Ali Najjar and the injury of my father, Mohammed Al-Najjar, 47 years old, who seriously injured alongside with other members of my uncle's family; Mo'ajaba Ahmed Helal, 40 years old., Maram Ali Ahmed Al-Najjar, 25 years old, Khairya Ali Ahmed Al-Najjar, 11 years old, Mohammed Ahmed Al-Najjar, 47 years old, who were rescued by a friend of my father and uncle. Due to the serious injuries of my father's body, the doctors decided that he must be taken to a hospital in Sanaa.

Incident Results :

Civilian Victims :

				Total
Killed			1	1
Injured	1	2	1	4

Civil Facilities:

		
Destroyed	1	
Damaged		1

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	Ali Ahmed Ahmed Al-Najjar	Male	45

Annex(2.)
Names and identifications of injured Victims
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No.	Name	Gender	Age
1	Mohammed Ahmed Al-Najjar	Male	47
2	Maram Ali Ahmed Al-Najjar	Female	25
3	Khairya Ali Ahmed Al-Najjar	Male Child	11
4	Mo'ajaba Ahmed Helal	Female	40

Annex (3.)
Names and data of the destroyed and damaged civil facilities
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No.	Name of the facility owner	Facility Type	Destruction Level
1	Ali Ahmed Ahmed Al-Najjar	Home	Complete Destruction
2	Ali Ahmed Ahmed Al-Najjar	Mango Farm	Damaged