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Abstract:

The Saudi Coalition continues to commit crimes of genocide and crimes against humanity and civilian families shedding the blood of children and women as well as violating their right to housing, life, physical integrity and to live in security and peace in their areas and residential communities in various governorates of Yemen. At two o'clock before dawn on Thursday, In May 10, 2018, Saudi warplanes launched three air raids targeting the home of Ali Ali Al-Wazri, where the family of Abdulrahman Al-Risi, lived by renting the house. The family were eight members. The barbaric raid destroyed the house killing the parents and 2 of their children and wounding the other 4 children. Rescuers continued to pull out the dead bodies and rescue the four wounded children until morning and got the wounded to the hospital. The other two raids targeted trucks and passenger vehicles as they passed through the public road at the checkpoint of Al-Azraqian and the main entrance to the capital of Sanaa, killing one of the workers of a restaurant and wounding a civilian working in a grocery store nearby. The brutal raids left behind destruction and damage to civilian objects. The highway was destroyed. Traffics, food trucks and commercial goods was paralyzed. Also damaged a restaurant and health clinic for first aid as well as destructing a store of oils, food and pennies.

Incident Details

At 2 am on Thursday, May 10, 2018, the Saudi Air Force launched three air strikes between 10 and 15 minutes each, in which three deadly bombs were dropped. The first targeted a two-story house owned by Ali Ali Al-Wazri. The house was rented to Mohammed Abdulrahman Al-Rissi. The 8 member-family were sleeping in peace in the hope of waking up early as usual every morning and starting a new day of life. The brutal

bomb destroyed the house on their heads and resulted in the killing of the father of the family, his wife and two of his children dead and wounded the other Four children still recovering. the other two raids targeted passenger vehicles and a truck loaded with commercial goods as they pass through the main road Azraqian northern and the main entrance to the capital Sanaa, killing a civilian named Mohammed Abdo who was working as a baker a nearby restaurant and injured another civilian works in a grocery.

According to eyewitness accounts and rescuers who took part in the efforts to save the lives of the wounded children, they told us that when they saw the first raid destroying the targeted house of the rented family they rushed to the house and tried to remove the rubble to get the victims out. After hearing the cries and the distress of the children stranded among the ruins, came the warplanes hovering in the air and fled returned bombing two trucks during their passing by the general road in the vicinity of Al-Manz to target and impede their efforts in rescue and removal of victims.

The scenes of the crime that was left by one of the three raids launched by the warplanes and targeted the house of the affected family were horrific scenes and a crime against humanity that shocked and saddened the eyes and soul of humanity. The videotaped rescue scenes circulated by activists of social communication and documented by the legal center for rights and development for the people, who were trapped between the concrete and the building of their demolished house in the air raid screaming while blood dripping from their bodies. Also the appalling scene of one of the two children whose innocence was murdered screaming under a concrete mood of the target house is not



A part of the destruction caused to the targeted house

but a picture of brutality in its ugliest form which confirms itself. Also the innocence that was assassinated and the childhood that was lost and violated the right to life and live with their parents whose blood was shed unjustly by the aggression of Saudi Arabia and its alliance who kill civilians, mostly children and women which is a compelling evidence that confirms the real wild face in the ugliest image of Saudi Arabia and its alliance.

victims and witnesses' Testimonies:

The Legal Center for Rights and Development visited the crime scene, bone by the brutal raids on the house, trucks and civilian vehicles in Al-Azraqian Area. We conducted a documented field survey of photographs and video clips. We met with eyewitnesses who participated in the rescue of the afflicted family and later moved to the Saudi German Hospital in Sana'a. The injured family contacted us before they reached them with the wounded children. When we met him in the emergency room in the hospital we were escorted to a room that was allocated to treat and inspect three of the injured children. They were wounded with different injuries as the psychological and nervous breakdowns still prevail. We tried to interview them, but their critical, humanitarian condition and their loss to their parents prevented us from conducting a field interview with them. We were satisfied with a video interview with the injured child Amjed Abdulrahman Al-Rissi. The testimonies of eyewitnesses, rescuers, Of the affected family as objective and legal evidence based on this report in the following:

Ahmed Hussein Ahmed Al-Sayagi, aging 33, an eyewitness who participated in the efforts to recover the bodies of the victims of the affected family and save the lives of the injured members met and talked to us in detail, saying:

" I was sleeping in the courtyard of one of the buildings allocated by the owner as shops on the road to the general road in Al-Azraqian Area. Suddenly, I woke up to the sound of the brutal raid ten to fifteen meters from my place targeting the house belonging to Ali al-Wazri and inhabited by a rented family. I was in panic and shook the dust caused by the barbaric raid over my body. Then I heard the screams of children trapped among the rubble. Some of them were injured. I rushed to the targeted house despite the darkness of the night. The house became ruins and rubble. I tried to save the child's life and took her to the hospital. I then returned to the target location to participate in saving the rest of the wounded and recovering the bodies of the victims from the rubble. Before I arrived to the house, I heard the aircraft hovering in the sky and then launched a second raid on the same place. Minutes later, the aircraft launched its third strike at the same target location. I waited for a sometime. Then we went and continued our efforts to retrieve the bodies of the family only to find them trapped between the ruins of their target house. We were surprised by the horrific scenes of the brutal shelling. We got the bodies of the dead victims and rushed with the four wounded children to the Saudi German Hospital north of the capital, Sana'a. The crime is horrific and has caused tragedies and pain beyond description and broke the hearts and minds of humanity. " During our visit to the four wounded children, who are undergoing medical care at the Saudi German Hospital, we met three of them, Amjed Abdulrahman, Mohammed and Sayoun, and their sister, the fourth child, Afnan Abdulrahman who was in surgery. One of them talked about the details of the crime after he gave us his statement:



Name / Amjed Abdulrahman Ali Al-Rissi - I am 11 years old, I am studying in the sixth grade Primary:

"We were all sleeping in our house, which my father rented from Ali Ali Al-Wazri, in Al-Azraqian Area, on the main road leading to the capital Sana'a. My father rented it because the rental value is commensurate with the income my father receives from his work at the Hamdan farm. The house fell over us all bent over a large block of the roof of the house. I felt suffocation and got into coma. Then I woke up only to find my body stuck and cannot move my feet. The solid block from the roof of the house that fell over me paralyzed me. After that I heard the screams of my brothers in the rubble. When I heard their voices, my spirits raised slightly and I was optimistic that I might live and. We were all screaming from under the rubble to be heard. Several people came calling us to check the places where we were stuck to be pull out. Suddenly, the warplanes were back shelling. The paramedics left us and fled. After long time they came backed, rescued us and moved us to the hospital. I was seriously injured in my right arm and my head. Two of my brothers were injured nearby. I do not know what happened to my father, my mother and the rest of my brothers. "

During our check to the wounded four children whose names and interviews we had with their brother Amjed Abdulrahman, we confirmed the uncle of the wounded children and **waheeb Ali Ali Al-Rissi** who told us not to tell the children about what happened to their parents and 2 of their brothers because they might be subjected to psychological breakdowns or complications that lead to death when they know that they became orphans and that the barbaric raid destroyed their dream and their right to live with their parents. So we did so and took photographs of the three child victims.

Waheeb Ali Ali Al-Rissi - 25 years old, the uncle of the children who accompanied them to the hospital, met and said:

"The military aircraft of the Saudi aggression alliance, at 2:00 am, before dawn of Thursday launched air raids targeting a house rented by my brother-in-law, Abdulrahman Al-Rissi. While all members of the family were sleeping, the house destroyed on their heads. The father of the family and his wife, my sister, whose name is Wafa Ali Al-Rissi, aged 36, and her two children; Samoud Abdulrahman, 2 years old, and Farah, 5 years old were killed. Their bodies were torn apart by a brutal raid and trapped under the rubble. The body of the father and the child, Farah, were taken away to the Saudi German Hospital while the mother's body and her infant daughter Samoud put in the refrigerator of Al-Thawra Hospital in the capital Sanaa to be preserved. I was called by one of the paramedics to accompany the four injured children who did not know until the moment about the departure of their parents, and I am afraid about their lives if I tell them now. "

The three brutal raids on the house of the afflicted family, trucks, and civilian vehicles as they passed through the general road in Azraqian Area, regardless the massacre of the family of Abdulrahman Al-Rissi, caused more devastation and destruction to the commercial shops and a truck laden with juices and commercial goods.




Ahmed Ali al-Sakani, aged 30, destroyed the barbaric raids in his commercial place, which was his source of income to support his family, saying:

"A few months ago, I rented a shop in the targeted building of Ali Al-Wazri. I was saving money to buy the shop's operating materials and to allocate it as cars and changing oils. The cost of operating the shop and providing its supplies amounted to eight million riyals. It was the only source of our income. Air raids launched by the military aircraft of the alliance of Saudi aggression on the house in which the local commercial and passenger cars and the highway in Azraqian Area destroyed everything in the shop to rubble. Now where will I find another source of








income while there still are amounts of debts to be paid to people and the shop customers. Who will provide me with a work or compensate me for the financial losses incurred by the brutal bombing of the air coalition of Saudi aggression. I am wondering what danger posed by this affected family living in the targeted house!? And what danger posed by store!? There are no camps or warehouses Weapons, why all these atrocities of the alliance of Saudi aggression and killing of children and women and destruction of homes and sources of income and livelihoods and life for us as civilians. “

Incident Results :

Civilian Victims :

				Total
Killed	2	1	2	5
Injured	5			5

Civil Facilities:

							
Destroyed	1	2	1				
Damaged				1	1	1	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	Samoud Abdulrahman Ali Al-Rissi	Female Child	2
2	Farah Abdulrahman Ali Al-Rissi	Female Child	5
3	Wafa Ali Ali Al-Rissi	Female	36
4	Abdulrahman Ali Al-Rissi	Male	35
5	Mohammed Abdo	Male	30

Photos of killed victims



Annex(2.)
Names and identifications of injured Victims
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No.	Name	Gender	Age
1	Afnan Abdulrahman Ali Al-Rissi	Female Child	8
2	Mohammed Abdulrahman Ali Al-Rissi	Male Child	11
3	Amjed Abdulrahman Ali Al-Rissi	Male Child	12
4	sayeoon Abdulrahman Ali Al-Rissi	Female Child	15
5	Abdulsalam Mohammed Ismail Al-Harazi	Male Child	15

Photos of injured victims



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 Ali Al-Wazri	Home	Complete Destruction
2	Ahmed Ali Ahmed Al-Sakni	Shop of oil	Complete Destruction
3	Restaurant	Restaurant	Damaged
4	Road	Road	Complete Destruction
5	Grocery	Grocery	Complete Destruction
6	Food Truck	Food Truck	Damaged
7	Clinic	Clinic	Damaged
8	Car	Car	Damaged

Photos of damaged and destroyed civilian facilities



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