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## **Abstract:**

In the course of the genocide that Saudi Arabia continues to commit against civilians and their families for more than three years of its illegal aggression against Yemen, an air strike by a Saudi warplane at nine o'clock on Thursday night, May 24, 2018, carried out targeting two tents belonging to two families alongside with their sheep. The raid resulted in killing (7) civilians, including three children and a woman, and injuring (4) others, including two children and a woman. The raid also resulted in the destruction of their tents and the death of 100 of herds of goats of the stricken Bedouin family.

## **Incident Details**

At 9:00 am, Thursday night, May 24, 2018, a warplane of the Saudi Aggression Coalition dropped a lethal bomb on two tents, one of which was inhabited by the family of Ayedah Saleh Ahmed Qamazan and the other tent for sheep and goat cattle in Al-Hajar Area - Directorate of Magz - Saada Governorate. The bomb exploded killing the whole family members to result in one of the most heinous crimes of genocide committed by the Saudi coalition against civilian families, specifically nomads. The toll of the killed victims reached (7) civilians including Ayedah's wife, Nassra Saleh Rajab, aged 50, and 3 of their sons, Muhammad, 13, and Jabal, 11, and Hussein, 20, as well as two of their relatives. The victims referred to small pieces in the vicinity of the place and among the trees, as shown in the horrific scenes documented by the Legal Center for Rights and Development for the victims' bodies, which were collected from the trees and the surrounding area and placed in plastic bags. Two children and their mother rushed to the Republican Hospital in Saada city.

## **victims and witnesses' Testimonies:**

**Hussein Saleh Qamazan, 50, eyewitness and relative of the family Ayedah Saleh Qamazan's cousin who spent most of the brutal raid on the target tents. His son, Sadiq Hussein Saleh Qamazan, who was also killed during the raid, met with his relatives and his son told us:**

" My son, Sadiq Hussein, went to visit my cousin Ayedah Saleh Qamazan. It was before the night on Friday, at 9:30, we received a call from one of our relatives. The Saudi Air Force was carrying out an air raid on the two tents belonging to my cousin 'Ayedah Saleh Qamazan during his stay with his family. My son was with them. The raid killed most of them. The news was painful and I immediately moved to the Republican Hospital where they told me that they had been taken to and when I arrived I found terrifying scenes. (7) persons, including five members of the family of my cousins 'Ayedah Saleh and my son Sadiq. The seventh victim is one of our relatives and 4 others were injured. His son Saleh 'Ayedah Saleh Qamazan and his wife and (2) of their children, some of whom are still in critical condition, and are still receiving medical care at the hospital. The afflicted family, is a civilian Bedouin family. They depend on their lives to move from one area to another in search of water and pasture for their goats which are source of their income."

**Saleh Ayedah Saleh Qamazan, aging 25, a member of the affected Bedouin family. The air strike killed his parents and three of his brothers. He and his wife and two of his children entered the area. Despite the continued flight of the warplanes into the air, he saved his life with the rest of his family and children and moved to the Republican Hospital in the city of Saada. We met him while receiving medical care in the hospital. He said:**

" We were in the tent resting in a stone area. We exchanged conversation with the guests who came to visit us who are our relatives. My wife, mother and some children were sitting behind the tent under a tree and some were next to our goats' tent. Suddenly I felt only when the raid took place. The air blew us everywhere. I felt the impact of the bomb amongst us. After that I could not feel anything because I was in a coma. I did not notice anything but only when I wake up in the hospital. I saw several parts of my body damaged with fragments of the raid. I was told that my dad Ayedah Saleh, my mother Nassra Saleh Mohammed Rajab and three of my brothers alongside with two of our relatives who came to visit us were destroyed by the brutal raid. I asked them about my wife and children; Zayed aging 3 years and Jomah aging a year and a half who still in infancy telling me that they were injured. I insisted to see them and was very relieved that we are alive. The barbaric raid also destroyed about 100 of our goat herds, which were our source of income for living. We are nomadic nomads living depending on sheep grazing and moving from one area to another in search of water, pasture and a spot to live in. Why this brutality to be drown on our souls. "




**Ghanim Hadi Ayedah, 40 years old, an eyewitness and the father of the victim Hameed Ghanim, who was killed by the brutal raid during his presence with the victims in their targeted tents we met and said:**

" Our house is located near from the tents of the Bedouin family. About half an hour before the bombardment, I heard the warplanes hovering in the air. Then flew, back and launched a direct air raid. I heard the sound of the raid and the bombing targeting the tents where the Bedouin family lived. My son Hamid Ghanim was with them. He used to stay with them all the night since the beginning of Ramadan. This night he went as usual only to returned to us his remains. The brutality of the brutal raid murdered the innocence of his childhood and his right to live. When I saw the air raid targeting the tents, I and several people rushed to the place to

save the lives of four injured children and to collect the remains of the victims, among of whom the remains of my 14-year-old Hamid Ghanim. This crime is ugly because the victims are nomadic civilians known for their simple lives."

## Incident Results :

### Civilian Victims :

|         |  |  |  | Total |
|---------|---|---|---|-------|
| Killed  | 3   | 1   | 3   | 7     |
| Injured | 2   | 1   | 1   | 4     |

### Civil Facilities:

|           | Tents | Sheep                 |
|-----------|-------|-----------------------|
| Destroyed | 2     | 100 sheep were killed |

## 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   | Ayedah Saleh Ahmed Qamazan          | Male         | 70  |
| 2   | Hussein Ayedah Saleh Ahmed Qamazan  | Male         | 20  |
| 3   | Mohammed Ayedah Saleh Ahmed Qamazan | Male Child   | 13  |
| 4   | Jalaba Ayedah Saleh Ahmed Qamazan   | Female Child | 11  |
| 5   | Nassra Saleh Rajab                  | Female       | 50  |
| 6   | Sadiq Hussein Saleh Qamazan         | Male         | 20  |
| 7   | Hamed Ghanim Hadi Ayedah            | Male Child   | 14  |



**Annex(2.)**  
**Names and identifications of injured Victims**  
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| No. | Name                             | Gender       | Age |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------------|-----|
| 1   | Saleh Ayedah Saleh Ahmed Qamazan | Male         | 25  |
| 2   | Jamaila Hussein Naser            | Female       | 25  |
| 3   | Zayed Ayedah Saleh Ahmed Qamazan | Male Child   | 3   |
| 4   | Jomah Saleh Ayedah Saleh Qamazan | Female Child | 1.5 |



**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   | Ayedah Saleh Ahmed Qamazan | Tents         | Complete Destruction |
| 2   | Ayedah Saleh Ahmed Qamazan | Sheep         | Killed               |

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