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# Bombing of a Populated Area (The Workers' City) Sa'awan – The Capital of Sana'a 2015, 13 July



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# Airstrikes on Workers' City Sa'awan –Sana'a Governorate

## 13 July 2015



#### Summary:

The Workers' City, built by the Yemeni government in the early nineties to integrate "AL-Muahamshine" the marginalized ones in the society and employ them as street cleaners, is one of the neighborhoods which located in Sh'aup district, a home for more than 5000 street cleaners and their

families. This city lies on the east of the capital Sana'a near the tourist city 1km far from the United States Embassy in Sana'a, which evacuated its employees since the beginning of the war.

On July 13, 2015 after midnight, corresponding to 26/Ramadan/1436Ah, a night in which millions of Muslims make prayers



The Workers' City near the US Embassy This picture proves the absence of any military sites

of supplication to god as one of the blessed nights "Laylat ALQadir" for Muslims. In the contrary, it was an ominous night for the marginalized ones in the neighborhood of the Workers' City. In this night their houses were destroyed on their heads by the Saudi warplanes. Women and children were buried under the rubble of their destroyed houses.Saudi Arabia, the home of the most important sanctities in Islam, and its allies didn't pay any attention to the blessed night "Laylat AL-Qadir". It seems that they celebrate this night in their own way by killing civilians. Saudi Arabia repeatedly targeted Yemeni people, choosing the most sacred days for Muslims and the times of prayers. Saudi Arabia has violated all sacred things by killing the soul, which God has forbidden to be killed, and destroying homes, mosques , and hospitals. All the Yemeni groups are military targets to the Saudi-led coalition without any exception, including the marginalized ones whom the government tried to help them to improve their situation. The targeting of these people is a genocide crime against humanity, and a serious violation of all international public laws.

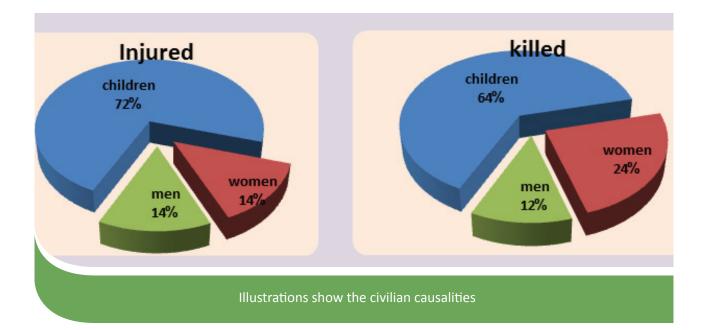
Saudi Arabia has already struck many houses in Sa'awan district. On Friday 1 May 2015 after midnight, the Saudi warplanes dropped bombs on



some houses in a neighborhood "Bab ALShab", causing the death of (17) civilians, including (5) children, (8) women, and (4) men, and wounding (23) civilians including (5) children, (5) women, and (6) elderly people. It is worth mentioning that there wasn't any military targets in the vicinity. Legal Center and many international organizations, including Amnesty International, documented the massacre and discovered that only ordinary people were targeted in this region.

On Sunday 11 April 2015 after midnight, the Saudi warplanes targeted another district of marginalized people, the entrance of ALDahra village in ALTazia district -Taiz governorate, killing 11 civilians among them 9 children and women, injuring 7 civilians who seriously wounded and destroying 7 houses. The searching for survivors continued to the next day.

Legal Center in this report, documented the deliberate bombing of the residential populated area "the city of workers" by the Saudi-led coalition, resulting in killing (25) civilians, among them (16) children and (6) women, and wounding no less than (27),among them (19) children and (4) women. In addition to the civilian causalities, more than (10) houses were completely destroyed and more than (40) were severely damaged.This bombing,which also terrified the resident of the targeted district, is a serious violation of international humanitarian law.





Ali Tawil khamisi -45-year-old, a street cleaner who five families of his relatives were killed in the bombing, we met him in Al-Thawra Hospital in the capital Sana'a. "At around 12:30 p.m., we heard the Saudi warplanes, flying over our city which most of its habitants were sleeping at that time. Suddenly, we heard a sound of an explosion in the neighborhood where many of my relatives and my daughter "Amoura" live in, which prompted me to rush to the targeted place. Everything was completely destroyed, the houses were reduced to shattered pieces of stones on the heads of their habitants. This city was packed with people, women and children were the majority. In the darkness, we were trying to pull the victims, digging with our bare hands, the rescue operation was slow due to the electricity cut. After more than two hours, we pulled two corpses from the rubble, we couldn't pull other corpses from the rubble although we continued our search for corpses to the next morning. Some bulldozers arrived to the scene and lifted the rubble, I found some corpses belong to some of my relatives and their neighbors, among them were my grandchildren, Moatasem three years old, Musa, four years old ,and Fouad two months old, their bodies were mangled. My daughter's upper half was the only thing that remained of her body. My sister Shoaiah's, body who her home was near the house of my daughter, was cut in half. My brother Musa's son Hassan Rajeh ,38 , and his wife Mariam Darwish Khairallah, 40, and six of their children ,Raezki two months , Ashraq Musa two years old, Aisha Musa six years, Nasser Musa nine years, Hassan Musa 13 years, and Asad Musa 18 years old. No one of my nephew's family survived except Ibrahim 10 years and Ahmad 22 years old . My niece Samara Mohammed Hassan 16 years old was killed, and her brother Sria (14 years) was wounded. Kefayh five years old ,my son Ammar's daughter, was also killed, all those of my relatives were killed under the rubble of their homes. We do not know why they targeted us and what is the crime that we have committed?, we are street cleaners not combatants, having no political loyalties. They made the future of dozens of families into nothing without any reason."<sup>(1)</sup>

He took us to the mortuary where we found 23 corpses of those who killed in the bombing, among them were some of his relatives. He burst into tears when he saw them. We left him grieving the loss of his relatives. (1) An interview in Al-Thawra Hospital, Sana'a proving, 13 July 2015.



• <u>Saied Khamisi -38-year-old</u>, survived the bombing, said:"I and my wife were in our house, which consists of two rooms, my other wife Mariam 25-year-old was in the other room with my 6 children. We heard a sound of the missile which targeted the neighborhood near our house. Suddenly, we found ourselves under the rubble of our house. People came and pulled us from the rubble. Unfortunately, Mariam and four of my children Arjoan six years old, Qusay 15 years old, Odia -one year, and Dhaifullah two years. Two others of my children, Jawad (7) years and Rgib (3) years were wounded, receiving medical treatment in the hospital. Most of my family members were killed and my house was destroyed. What's our fault ? there is no Houthi members or soldiers in the city ."<sup>(2)</sup>

### Medical Testimony:

An official from Al-Thawra Hospital confirmed us that they have received 23 corpses and 22 injuries including two children " Rowan and Sahlah "who died in the hospital. More than 20 victims were under medical care and 80 percent of the causalities were women and children.

The Local Council Representative in the Workers' City Nabil Shuai AL-Jamal confirmed that women and children were the hardest hit by this attack. According to the records, (35)children, (10) women, and (7) men were either killed or wounded. Total civilian casualties was 52 victims from the poorest families in Yemen. He also confirmed us that there wasn't any combatants in or near this city which most of its residents work as street cleaners and they are simple people, most of them beg for money.

### **Reactions to The Bombing:**

Spokesman for the coalition said that Saudi air forces only targeted a population area for Houthies and no harm inflicted on civilians. This statement received a widespread criticism by many human rights organizations because this area is well known as a home for many street cleaners' poor families who suffer from the lack of food, water ,and education.

The General Union of Municipal Workers in Amanat AL- Asimah mourned its workers who died in the criminal attack carried out by Saudi Arabia and its alliance, in which 25 victims were killed, 27 victims were (2) An interview in with a victim in Al-Thawra Hospital, Sana'a proving, 13 July 2015. Legal Center for Rights and Development

injured and 12 houses were destroyed on the heads of their habitants.

The Union mentioned that these workers and their families, who live in Sa'awan neighborhood, are free from any political loyalties. Cleaning is the only sacred activity for them as street cleaners. The Union emphasized that the destruction of Yemen's human resources is the only desired goal for Saudi Arabia.

President of the National Union for the marginalized, a fellow of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations, Mr. Naaman Qaid AL-Hudhaifi sent an urgent letter to the Secretary General of the United Nations, the President and members of the UN Security Council, the President of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations, the President and members of the International Court of Justice, heads of international organizations concerned with human rights; in this letter he expressed his conviction and strong condemnation of the silence over all crimes of genocide and mass killings of innocent civilians in Yemen, including the marginalized people whom the coalition committed against them the most heinous crimes.The last of which was the brutal massacre committed on Sunday 13 July 2015 against the marginalized residents of the Workers' City Sa'awan neighborhood in the capital Sana'a.

Mr. AL-Hudhaifi also called for a swift investigation into this crime committed against the marginalized ones in Yemen. He also demanded all bodies and organizations mentioned above to take all possible steps to protect civilians from the repeated attacks committed by the Saudi-led coalition.

Legal Center visited the targeted place and Al-Thawra Hospital, documenting and interviewing the victims. Legal Center verified that the Saudi-led coalition targeted civilians in a populated area This violation can't regarded as a mistake because many violations were committed against civilians. Making civilians or civilian objects the object of attack is prohibited and categorized as a war crime, according to international humanitarian law.

which is a serious violation of international humanitarian law.



# Annexes

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#### Annex (1) Names and Identifying Information Killed Victims

NO	Name	Gender	Age	Location	Date
1	Alaallah Hassan Ahmad Aljamal	Female	60	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
2	Shoaiah Khamisi Sa'ad	Female	60	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
3	Arjoan Said Khamisi	Female	6	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
4	Mariam Mohsen Ali Alawdi	Female	25	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
5	Amora Ali Tawil Khamisi	Female	25	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
6	Nasser Musa Hassan Rajeh	Male	9	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
7	Raezki Musa Hassan Rajeh	Male	2 M	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
8	Yahya Saad Al Jamal	Male	35	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
9	Kefayh Ammar Ali Khamisi	Female	5	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
10	Asad Mousa Al Jamal	Male	18	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
11	Ashoak Musa Hassan	Female	2	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
12	Aisha Musa Hassan Rajeh	Female	6	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
13	Musa Hassan Rajeh AL Jamal	Male	38	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
14	Hassan Musa Hassan Rajeh	Male	13	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
15	Qusai Saied Khamisi	Male	5	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
16	Dhaifullah Saied Khamisi	Male	2	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
17	Adi Said Khamisi	Male	4	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
18	Mutasim Darwish Al Jamal	Male	3	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
19	Musa Darwish Hassan Jamal	Male	4	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
20	Fuad Hassan Darwish AlJamal	Male	2 M	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
21	Afnan Saleh Hassan Jamal	Female	18	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
22	Samara Mohammed Khamisi Al Jamal	Female	16	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
23	Mariam Darwish Khairallah	Female	40	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
24	Sahlah Abdullah Hassan Al Jamal	Female	4	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
25	Rowan Abdullah Hassan Al Jamal	Female	8	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015

Raezki Musa Hassan Rajah - two months of age - died with his father, mother and five brothers under the rubble of their home destroyed by shelling.





Ashoak Musa Hassan ,two years, died under the rubble with eight members of her family.

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NO	Name	Gender	Age	Location	Date
1	Akram Khamisi AlJamal	Male	12	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
2	Ali Khamisi AlJamal	Male	40	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
3	Slamh Abdullah Al Jamal	Male	40	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
4	Saqr Ali Khamisi AlJamal	Male	2	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
5	Ibrahim Musa Hassan Al-Jamal	Male	10	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
6	Sria Mohammed Khamisi Al-Jamal	Male	14	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
7	Raouf Salem Hassan	Male	12	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
8	Abdullah Mohammed Khamisi	Male	10	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
9	Tamima Mohammed Khamisi	Female	6	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
10	Abdo Abdullah Khamisi	Male	8	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
11	Asil Abdullah Abdullah	Male	5	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
12	Hudhiah Shuai Ahmed	Female	38	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
13	Ayesh Mohammed AlJamal	Male	10	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
14	Asmahan Abdullah Hassan	Female	10	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
15	Najwa Ali Khamisi	Female	7	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
16	Jawad Said Khamisi	Male	7	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
17	Yasmin Naji Ahmed	Female	26	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
18	Muhammad Ali Khamisi Al Jamal	Male	17	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
19	Jarrah Said Khamisa Al Jamal	Male	3	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
20	Hajjaj Almzaami	Male	20	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
21	Afrah Ahmed Khamisi Saad	Female	25	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
22	Tamim Said Khamisi	Male	4	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
23	Khadija Abdullah Awadh	Female	50	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
24	Nabiha Saad al-Jamal	Female	5	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
25	Ahmed Musa Hassan Rajeh	Male	22	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
26	Reem Abdullah Hassan Saad	Female	15	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015
27	Faraj Mohammed Khamisi	Male	14	Sawa'an Neighborhood	13/7/2015

#### Annex (2) Names and Identifying Information Injured Victims

Saied Khamisi and one of his children who survived.





Yasmin Naji Ahmed

The second wife of Said Khamissi



#### **Photos of Some Injured Victims**



Ibrahim Musa Hassan Al-Jamal 10 years old



An injured child suffered from some fractures.



Faraj Mohammed Khamisi (14 Years)

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Annex (3) Names of Families Targeted by Saudi Warplanes					
NO	Head of the family	Killed	injured	location	
1.	Musa Hassan Rajeh	8	2	the Workers' City	
2.	Said Khamisi	5	5	the Workers' City	
3.	Darwish Hassan	3	2	the Workers' City	
4.	Abdullah Hassan	2	5	the Workers' City	
5.	Mohammed Khamisi	1	6	the Workers' City	

# Annex (4) List of Destroyed Houses

List of Destroyed Houses							
NO	Owner's Name	Number of Floors	Level of Destruction				
1	Hassan Abdullah Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
2	Alaallah Hassan Ahmad Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
3	Salem Hassan Rajeh Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
4	Musa Hassan Rajeh Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
5	Shuaih Khamisi Saad Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
6	Mohammed Khamisi Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
7	Said Khamisi Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
8	Ahmed Abdullah Khamisi Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
9	Ali Khamisi Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
10	Nabil Ahmad Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
11	Abdu Salem Khamisi Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
12	Salem Zair Khamisi Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
13	Yusuf Al-Izzi Ali Qassem	one floor	completely destroyed				
14	Amin Darwish Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
15	Majid Darwish Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
16	Darwish Abdullah Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
17	Ibrahim Darwish Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
18	Salim Ahmed Saad Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
19	Raouf Saad Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
20	Razvan Ahmad Khamis Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
21	Ahmad Abdullah Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
22	Nabil Shuai Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
23	Ibrahim Ahmad Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
24	Ahmed Ahmed Al-Jamal	one floor	completely destroyed				
25	Faisal Abdalqaid Salah	one floor	completely destroyed				
26	Mohamed Saad Al-Jamal	one floor	severely damaged				
27	Salam Ahmed Saad Al-Jamal	one floor	severely damaged				
28	Abdullah Saad Al-Jamal	one floor	severely damaged				
29	Saad Abdullah Al-Jamal	one floor	severely damaged				
30	Njima Ali Al-Absi	one floor	damaged				
31	Talal Saad Al-Jamal	one floor	damaged				
32	Nabil Ahmed Abdullah	one floor	damaged				
33	Faisal Abu Ghaith Salah	one floor	damaged				
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34	Salah Abu Ghaith	one floor	damaged				

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NO	Owner's Name	Number of Floors	Level of Destruction
36	Ayesha Ahmad	one floor	damaged
37	Nasser Ahmed	one floor	damaged
38	Ahmed Abdullah Saad Al-Jamal	one floor	damaged
39	Anis Hassan Abdullah	one floor	damaged
40	Aqeel Abdullah Saad	one floor	damaged
41	Mohammed Abdullah Saad	one floor	damaged
42	Adel Ahmed Al-Jamal	one floor	damaged
43	Mona Zaid Ali Hassan	one floor	damaged
44	Shuai Saad Ahmad Al- Jamal	one floor	damaged
45	Ahmad Shuai Al-Jamal	one floor	damaged



A photo shows the eight houses which had been completely destroyed



Some houses were completely destroyed

One of the monitoring team members standing on the rubble of musa Hassan's house



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