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Series of Reports Monitoring and Documenting the Crimes that are Committed
by Saudi Arabia and Its Alliance.

,Targeting civilians , Seismic Monitoring Center Dhamar Regional Museum and Dhamar University



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Bombing of Dhamar Museum and Seismic Monitoring Center

**Hran Area - Dhamar Governorate
21 /MAY/2015**



Location

Saudi warplanes targeted Civilians' houses in a densely populated area (Roma Alqdimma) in south-western Dhamar city. In addition to civilians' houses, many facilities and civilian objects such as : (Dhamar Museum, Professional Institute, Seismic Monitoring Center, Hran Tourism resort, university buildings) were destroyed in Hran ,a historical and tourist city in the north of Dhamar City.

Date

Many raids were lunched on Sunday 21May 2015 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m..

Violator

Saudi Arabia and the coalition's members (the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Egypt, Sudan, Jordan, Morocco and the United States of America)

Description :

Destroying civilian objects and protected facilities and killing civilian by the deliberate bombing of a populated area in Dhamar province which is considered as a violation of all laws and customs of war.

Making civilians or civilian objects the object of attack is prohibited and categorized as a war crime, according to International Humanitarian Law.

Causalities

20 Victims were killed, including 5 children and 4 women ; 20 others were seriously wounded. Nine killed victims were from the same family. In addition to the human causalities, many civilian facilities were destroyed.



Legal Center monitored a serious violation committed by the Saudi-led coalition. In this violation, Saudi Arabia deliberately targeted civilians and civilian objects, causing the death of civilians and destruction of many civilian facilities.



Legal Center visited the targeted places and spoke to victims and relatives of some victims and documented

that by taking photos, visiting Almdina Hospital and interviewing the officials of the destroyed civilian facilities in Dhamar city.

Details:

Dhamar province is one of the Yemeni provinces, located to the south and southeast of Sana'a province, 100 Km far from Sana'a. Since the beginning of Decisive Storm on 26 March 2015, many civilian objects such as: the Police Academy in Dhamar district on 6 May 2015, a vehicle carrying passengers, and civilians' houses, had been targeted by the Saudi warplane, killing 10 civilians, including 4 children, and wounding 23 others.

It is worth mentioning that no conflict was recorded in Dhamar province

On Sunday 21 May 2015, more than 9 raids were launched on civilian areas, as follows:

Roma Al-Qadima
located on the south west of Dhamar city.
(9) civilians were killed, (5) children, (3) women and a man, and no less than (12) civilians were injured, including a child and three women. All the members of "Al-Fatimy Family" who were inside their house were killed. Many houses were severely damaged.

Hran Mountain, 11 civilians were killed and 7 others were injured when the Saudi warplanes targeted their homes.

The Saudi-led coalition warplanes targeted Hran tourism resort and Seismic Monitoring Center in Haran, which had been completely destroyed. This Seismic Monitoring Center was recently built and contained the least devices for locating earth quakes. It's worth mentioning that the destroying of this center may lead to a humanitarian disaster because it is the only center that locates earth quakes in this area with a seismic activity. The Saudi warplanes also targeted a hotel in Hran Mountain, killing and injuring many civilians. On the same day, Hran Bark was targeted by Saudi warplanes, terrifying the visitors of this Bark.

The Saudi warplanes also targeted Dhamar Regional Museum which contains a lot of artifacts, some of them dating back to 2000 years BC. These artifacts are protected under international law⁽¹⁾.

(1) Hague convention and the additional protocol to Geneva convention criminalize the targeting of cultural

Dhamar University was also targeted by Saudi warplanes. Its cafeteria was destroyed and other buildings were severely damaged.

The professional Institute, located in Al Drib area north of Dhamar city near Dhamar University, was also destroyed.

Victims' Testimonies :

- **Ali Ali Mohssan Al- Fatimy, 45- year – old**, the only survivor of a family of 10 persons, said "I was out of the house when warplanes targeted our district, Roma District , all my family members were killed. Five children, three women , and my young son Mohammed were killed and no one survived. What is the reason for killing us ?!! I really I don't know. There is no military targets near or in this place. I wonder what we did to them?!. I have no family and no house now for what ?!!. My psychological condition is unspeakable. My life turned into nothing". He couldn't continue as tears were pouring from his eyes ⁽²⁾.



Al- Fatimy House

- **Hussain Ismail Rawia 15-year- old**, told us that as he was at the bark, the Saudi warplane were flying overhead. Suddenly, these warplanes targeted the museum, the Bark and the top of Hran Mountain which prompted people to flee the bark. Unfortunately, he was wounded by shrapnel⁽³⁾.



A house which was destroyed in one of the Saudi airstrikes on Hran

- **Bashar Ameen Dares 20-year-old**, said that he was near the targeted buildings in Hran. Many buildings such as Dhamar Museum and Seismic Monitoring Center were destroyed by airstrikes. He also was hit by shrapnel⁽⁴⁾.

heritage.

(2) Legal Center interview with Ali Ali Mohassan Al-Fatimy Dhamar city, 22 May 2015.

(3) Legal Center interview with Hussain Ismail Rawia, Dhamar city, 22 May 2015.

(4) Legal Center interview with Bashar Ameen Dares, Dhamar city, 22 May 2015.

Witnesses :

- Saleh Mohammed Alazi 25-year-old, said that his personal properties were severely damaged by product of the bombing of the University cafeteria . Many cars were destroyed according to his testimony.

Others confirmed that the roaring of warplanes was followed by strong explosions. They rushed to the scene where many houses were completely destroyed on the heads of their habitants. One of these destroyed houses was the house of Ali Alfatimy .



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had met the General Manager of Almdina Hospital in Dhamar who informed us that the victims were rushed to the hospital for medical treatment and he provided us with a list contains the names of the killed and injured victims and their medical records. He also informed us that the healthy situation may reach a humanitarian catastrophe. There is no medical supplies or electricity, because of the blockade imposed on Yemen by The Saudi-led coalition⁽⁵⁾.

Causalities :

- ▶ (20) civilians were killed, including (9) victims from the same family. (20) others were injured.
- ▶ Causing the destruction of Dhamar Museum, Seismic Monitoring Center, Water Pump, Hotel, Five houses of civilians and University break.
- ▶ (7) houses, Al-Azizi mosque, the University buildings, professional Institute, buildings, an oil company branch , and other civilian facilities were damaged.

The Violation According to International Law:

Making civilians/ civilian objects, buildings dedicated to religion, education or buildings with historic value the object of attack is a

(5) Legal Center interview with The General Manager of Almdina Hospital, Dhamar city, 22 May 2015.

serious violation of international law and international humanitarian law⁽⁶⁾.

The Saudi-Led coalition violated International Law when it targeted civilians and civilian objects, killing 20 civilians and wounding (20) others, among them many women and children.

Many civilian objects such as Seismic Mentoring Center, Dhamar Museum and university buildings, were destroyed without an objective reason. These facilities are not military targets and hadn't been used for military purpose so this violation mounts to a war crime.

Legal Center and a lot of international and local organizations have monitored many similar crimes committed by the Saudi led coalition.



the Seismic Monitoring Center in Hran area

⁶ Article 52, Civilian objects shall not be the object of attack or of reprisals. Civilian objects are all objects which are not military objectives as defined in paragraph 2.

-Attacks shall be limited strictly to military objectives. In so far as objects are concerned, military objectives are limited to those objects which by their nature, location, purpose or use make an effective contribution to military action and whose total or partial destruction, capture or neutralization, in the circumstances ruling at the time, offers a definite military advantage.

- In case of doubt whether an object which is normally dedicated to civilian purposes, such as a place of worship, a house or other dwelling or a school, is being used to make an effective contribution to military action, it shall be presumed not to be so used.

- Article 48, In order to ensure respect for and protection of the civilian population and civilian objects, the Parties to the conflict shall at all times distinguish between the civilian population and combatants and between civilian objects and military objectives and accordingly shall direct their operations only against military objectives.

- Article 25 The attack or bombardment, by whatever means, of towns, villages, dwellings, or buildings which are undefended is prohibited.

Annexes

- Annex(1) Names and Identifying Information of Killed Victims.
- Annex(2) Names and Identifying Information of Injured Victims.
- Annex (3) List Contains all the Destroyed and Damaged Houses and Facilities

Annex(1) Names and Identifying Information of Killed Victims

NO	Name	Gender	Age	Region	location	Time
1	Tasbih Mohamed Ali Al-Fatimy	Female	3	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
2	Rawafed Mohamed Ali Al- Fatimy	Female	7	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
3	Rymas Mohamed Ali Ali Al-Fatimy	Female	9	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
4	Saleh Alradai	Male	10	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
5	Baris Hamoud Ali Al-Gholami	Female	10	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
6	Bushra Hassan Ali Al-Fatimy	Female	25	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
7	Anba'a Hassan Ali Mohssen flah Al- Fatimy	Female	25	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
8	Katibah Saleh Saleh Al-Romish	Female	27	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
9	Mohmed Ali Mohssen Al-Fatimy	Male	28	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
10	Ehtram Mohamed Ali Saleh Al-Fatimy	Female	30	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
11	Mohamed Abdullah Al Mtoikal	Male	-	Dhamar	Hran	21/5/2015
12	unidentified corpse	Male		Dhamar	Hran	21/5/2015
13	unidentified corpse	Male		Dhamar	Hran	21/5/2015
14	unidentified corpse	Male		Dhamar	Hran	21/5/2015
15	unidentified corpse	Male		Dhamar	Hran	21/5/2015
16	unidentified corpse	Male		Dhamar	Hran	21/5/2015
17	unidentified corpse	Male		Dhamar	Hran	21/5/2015
18	unidentified corpse	Male		Dhamar	Hran	21/5/2015
19	unidentified corpse	Male		Dhamar	Hran	21/5/2015
20	unidentified corpse	Male		Dhamar	Hran	21/5/2015

Some Pictures of Killed Victims in Dhamar

A child was killed as a result of the Saudi-led coalition airstrikes .



(9) members of Al-Fatimy family killed under the rubble of their destroyed house .

Some of the victims who were killed in a Saudi airstrike on Dhamar province .



Annex(2) Names and Identifying Information of Injured Victims.

	Name	Gender	age	Region	location	Time
1.	Awali Mohamed Ali Al-Fatimy	Female	16	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
2.	Abdullah Ibrahim Al-Dawlah	Male	27	Dhamar	Harn	21/5/2015
3.	Hussin Ismail Rawih	Male	25	Dhamar	Harn	21/5/2015
4.	Bashar Ameen Dhras	Male	20	Dhamar	Harn	21/5/2015
5.	Abo Kans Al-Mrhabi	Male	30	Dhamar	Harn	21/5/2015
6.	Saleh Mohamed Ali Al- Fatimy	Male	35	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
7.	Wazir Yahya Hussin Ali	Male	27	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
8.	Abdullah Ahmed Ali Al- Wajih	Male	28	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
9.	Adibah Mohamed Ali Al-Fatimy	Female	20	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
10.	Hailah Ali Alhaj Mohamed	Female	70	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
11.	Bashar Ali	Male	20	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
12.	Raziqah Saleh Mogbil	Female	25	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
13.	Saleh Hassan Alwashali	Male	27	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
14.	Ali Mohamed Al-Fail	Male	25	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
15.	Hussin Al- Omissai	Male	35	Dhamar	Roma Al Qdima	21/5/2015
16.	Mojahed Qaid Aljdibi	Male	28	Dhamar	Harn	21/5/2015
17.	Abdulkarim Al-Dhiani	Male	30	Dhamar	Harn	21/5/2015
18.	Shaker Qaid Manswer	Male	28	Dhamar	Harn	21/5/2015
19.	Unknown	Male	25	Dhamar	Harn	21/5/2015



An injured victim, who had one of his legs amputated

Annex (3)
List Contains all the Destroyed and Damaged Houses and Facilities

	Owner/ Facility	Facility	Province	District	Level of Destruction
1	Mohammed Ali Ali Mohssen AL-Fatimy	House	Dhamar	Roma district	Completely destroyed
2	Hamoud Ali Ali Mohssen	House	Dhamar	Roma district	Completely destroyed
3	Mohammed Ali Saleh	House	Dhamar	Roma district	Completely destroyed
4	Mohammed Asaloi	House	Dhamar	Roma district	Completely destroyed
5	Abdullah Mohammed Al-Matari	House	Dhamar	Roma district	Completely destroyed
6	Majid Aladharai	House	Dhamar	Roma district	Completely destroyed
7	Munif AlNqip	House	Dhamar	Roma district	Partially destroyed
8	Abdalguib Hubaishi	House	Dhamar	Roma district	Partially destroyed
9	Ali Al-Yari	House	Dhamar	Roma district	Partially destroyed
10	Abdulaziz Wosabi	House	Dhamar	Roma district	Partially destroyed
11	Mohammed Saleh al-Shuaibi	House	Dhamar	Roma district	Partially destroyed
12	Ahmed Saleh Alrqihi	House	Dhamar	Roma district	Partially destroyed
13	AL-Azizi Mosque	Place of worship op	Dhamar	Dhamar city	Partially destroyed
14	Ahmed Hussain Azizi	House	Dhamar	The University.N	Partially destroyed
15	Dhamar Museum	Facility	Dhamar	Hran	Completely destroyed
16	The seismic monitoring center	Facility	Dhamar	Hran	Completely destroyed
17	A water pump	Facility	Dhamar	Hran	Completely destroyed
18	A tourist hotel	Facility	Dhamar	Hran	Completely destroyed
19	Dhamar University cafeteria	Facility	Dhamar	The University.N	Completely destroyed
20	Dhamar University buildings	Facility	Dhamar	The University.N	Partially destroyed
21	The professional institute	Facility	Dhamar	The University.N	Partially destroyed
22	An oil company branch	Facility	Dhamar	The University.N	Partially destroyed

Dhamar Museum after the bombing



The Seismic Monitoring Center after the bombing



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