

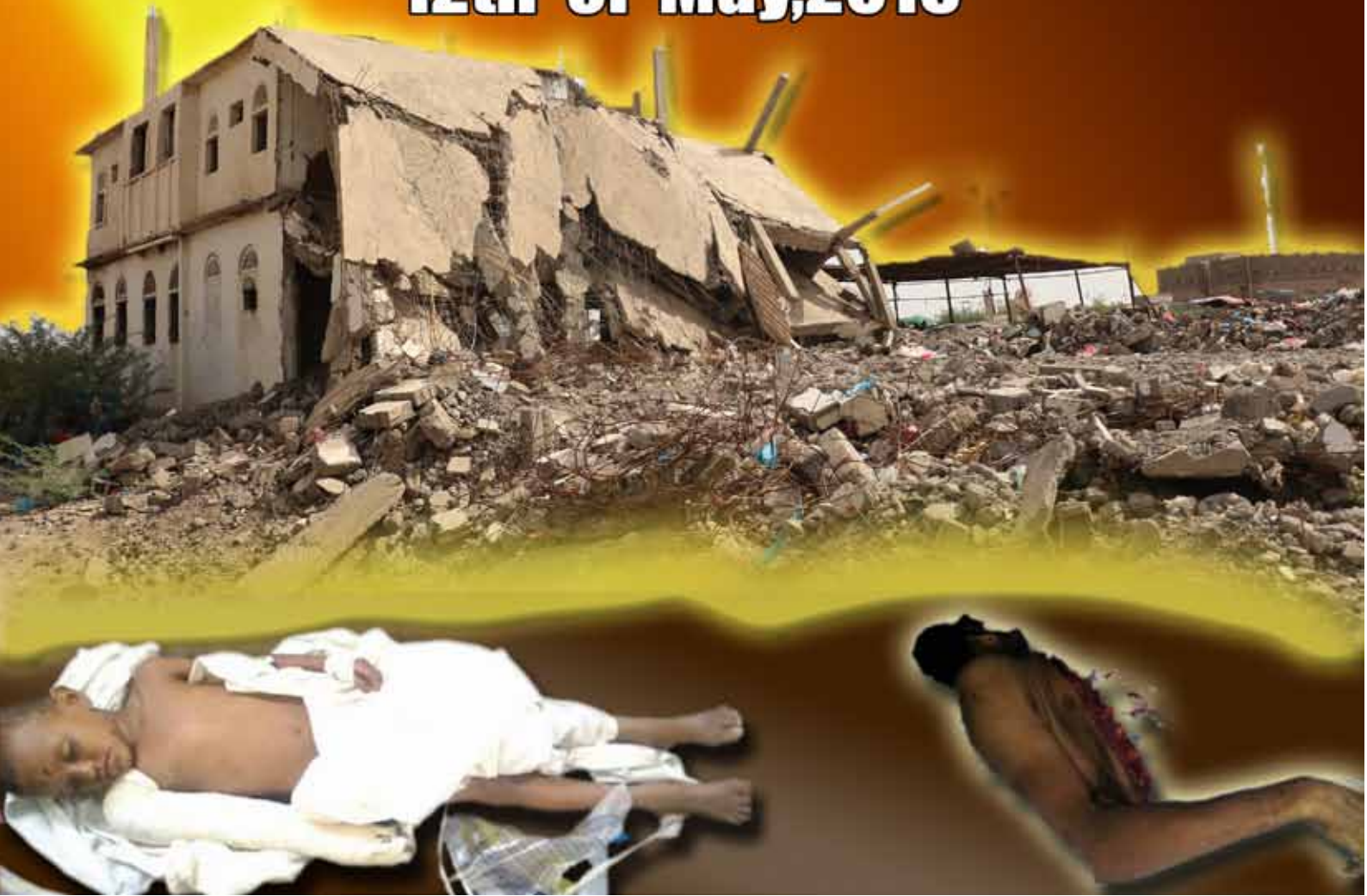


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The Saudi-led Coalition Air- strikes bomb a residential area and historical monuments in:

Zabid Governorate – Yemen 12th of May, 2015



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Bombing of Zabeed Historical City

Al-Hodeidah Governorate

12 May 2015



Summary:

The Saudi Kingdom launched an aggressive attack on Yemen at 2:00 a.m. on Thursday 26th of March 2015 under the name of "Decisive Storm". Legal Center for Rights and Development monitors and documents all violations to protect human rights and show the world what is happening in Yemen.

The official speaker for the Saudi-led coalition (Brigadier General Ahmed Al-Aseri) declared in a journalistic conference held on 21 April 2015, 26 days after the first aggression ,to halt the military operation “Decisive Storm” and begin a new operation namely “Restoration Hope” for Yemen.

Later on 12 May 2015 ,the Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs (Adel Al-Jubir) declared the beginning of armistice, at that time the Saudi war planes were bombing the historical city Zabeed , so we could not really call it “Restoration Hope”, but a death bomb which led to the killing of numerous innocent civilians. It was a humanitarian disaster.



Legal Center documented the details of this attack which left no less than (48) civilians dead and (94) seriously wounded.

In addition to the civilian casualties, real destruction inflicted on a market, a three story building houses a restaurant , commercial shops ,and many apartments. Also, this attack left the house of Abdo Salem destroyed and damaged some houses and a mosque, well known as Al-Baishih Mosque.



Legal Center visited the targeted place and documented the crime by conducting interviews with victims, their relatives, witnesses ,and official employs, also by visiting the hospital to which many victims were rushed and taking photos and videos for victims.



Zabeed city map

Location:

Zabed is located 100 kms to the south of Hodeidah governorate; it is famous as a historical town for its scientists and knowledge. It is also a site for old archaeological buildings, castles ,and old mosques. Many unique buildings and ornamented ceiling are found here. At the beginning of 1993, Zabed became one of the monuments recognised by the International Humanitarian Heritage (UNESCO)⁽¹⁾, people there are very kind and there was not found to be any armed demonstrations.

Date and Time

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Date: Tuesday 12 May 2015

Description:

The Saudi-led coalition and its war planes launched an attack on the civilians, civil institutions, historical and archeological places, residential areas, commercial shops, "Al-Baisha" a historical mosque ,and the crowded marketplace of Zabed , leaving tens of civilians dead and critically wounded.



One of the historical buildings in Zabed city

Violator:

The Saudi-led coalition (UAE-Kuwait-Qatar-Bahrain-Egypt-Sudan-Jordan-Morocco-USA)

Details:

At 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday 12th of May 2015, there were three explosions in the public road which connects Zabed City to Taiz and Hodeidah Carried out by the Saudi war planes.

The first airstrike hit the three - story home of Mohammed Mansour Al-Wajeh, leading to the complete destruction of the building and killing tens of civillians who were inside.

(1) <http://theyemenipen.arabblogs.com/archive/2008/9/682854.html>

<http://www.UNESCO.org/new/ar/doha/culture/world-heritage/historic-town-of-Zabed/>

The second one hit the marketplace which also included another home nearby. This market was packed with civilians, about 500, at the time of the bombing. This airstrike killed tens and wounded hundreds and caused the complete destruction of the home and the market place. Rescuers rushed to help the victims. Minutes later, the warplanes bombed again, killing and wounding many of the rescuers.

The third airstrike hit the residential area of (Al-Baishih) which houses a historical mosque, and killed the whole family of Abdu Salem Omer (a total of 8 members: 3 children and 5 women).

Another attack by the Saudi war planes landed a missile on the electric station situated 200 meters away from the marketplace. The missile did not explode upon impact, but killed one of the workers; Ibrahim Mohammed Moqbauli dividing his body to two halves.



Witness' Statement:

Jamelah Abas Hassan
(50 years old) She reported that "I was with my daughter Wafa , 12, begging as usual in Shaja'a marketplace, because suddenly we became poor due to the war in Yemen. We heard the aircraft flying over us and after that we heard a violent explosion from the restaurant near the marketplace. We were very afraid . I ran to the public road while my daughter and her friend ran toward the gate of the marketplace, a missile

The International Humanitarian Law bans acts of aggression on civilians and properties and is considered a war crime. The above is a dangerous violation of this law.

Legal center visits the targeted places and documents by interviews with eye witnesses, surveys of the targeted places by 5kms on all sides, proving that the area is residential and no military camps located.

I fell in the marketplace , when I turned towards my daughter I saw fire, dust, and debris flying up in the air. I screamed "My daughter". I went to the location seeing the carnage and burned dead bodies were all over the marketplace, I was shocked when I saw my daughter Wafa and her friend killed and also found my neighbor Jamalaha, her body divided into two halves. She was pregnant, we used to beg together. I was so shocked. I feel sick and can't talk any more"⁽²⁾.



Wafa

Adnan Dabwan (32 years old)

He is a salesman, saved from the accident and reported that "I was in the market selling qat as usual when I heard a violent explosion. After that, I saw dust and iron flying everywhere. I laid down on the floor and after minutes looked up to see carnage, deads and injured with blood everywhere. I rushed to help two civilians who were screaming in pain. Everything in the marketplace was destroyed ,including the buildings and commercial shops. I wondered why Saudi Arabia wanted to kill us and we didn't harm anyone?!"⁽³⁾.

Ezi Salm Rakbi (50 years old)

A father of a victim who reported that "I was in my home near to Shaja'a marketplace and Shaja'a restaurant when we heard the explosion, we were very afraid and after that ran toward Al-Thawrah Stadium in the city, while on our way a man told me that the explosion was in Sahja'a marketplace, immediately I remembered my son Mohammed ,13, he worked there as an assistant of a qat salesman and he gets paid 200YR a day (less than one dollar) which is the only income of the family. I went to the marketplace to find my son but he was dead, they have killed me also, because he was my hope"⁽⁴⁾.

Adeb Ahmed Alian (18 years old)

He reported that "The marketplace was completely destroyed and there were lots of dismembered corpses and many critical injured. My father, 65 years old, was in the marketplace at the time of the bombing. We were looking for him three days but couldn't find him. I just found his belt"⁽⁵⁾.

(2) Legal Center interview with Jamelah Abas, Zabeed city, 12 May 2015.

(3) Legal Center interview with Adnan Dabwan, Zabeed city, 12 May 2015.

(4) Legal Center interview with Ezi Salm Rakbi, Zabeed city, 12 May 2015.

(5) Legal Center interview with Adeb Ahmed Alian, Zabeed city, 12 May 2015.

Salem Omer Qershi Arok (first witness)

This citizen lives in Zabeed city near "Al-Baishih" the historical mosque. The air strikes led by Saudi Arabia bombed his home , killing his seven sons and his wife, dividing her body into two halves. Salem has become mentally ill, after witnessing his whole family dead⁽⁶⁾.

Zakaria (second witness)

One of Salem's relatives stated "The Saudi led-coalition bombed with a missile Salem's home and turned it into dust. His sons and wife were inside but the head of household wasn't in it (Salem Omer), their bodies were dismembered and we had to collect the body parts in a sack. It is a disaster and we want to know why they are killing the civilians of Zabeed?"⁽⁷⁾

Suffering in Hospitals

The injured were rescued and taken to a hospital in Zabeed City along with the dismembered corpses. There were so many of them. Some of them had been taken to other hospitals; Tehamah, and Al-Amal hospitals in Al-Faqih district, Al-Hosinia Hospital in Al-Hosinia district, private hospitals in Al-Jarahi city and also to hospitals in Al-Hodeidah City. The nearest hospital is 30kms away from Zabeed.



Legal Center visited the hospital in Zabeed City and other hospitals near the city where we found multiple dismembered bodies and corpses, many of them burned and charred in the refrigerator of the hospital.



Some of them unknown because their family couldn't identify them, and some of them nobody searched for them. They were thought to be travelers because the area is on the public road which connects Taiz and Hodeidah governorates. It is a well know area that travelers usually stop to take a rest and buy food which caused the high number of victims and casualties.

The injured are suffering terribly due to the loss of body parts and many of them have first or second degree burns. The hospital is suffering the lack of medicines, fuel , and electricity because of the blockade imposed on

(6) Legal Center interview with Salm Omer Qershi, Zabeed city, 12 May 2015.

(7) Legal Center interview with Zakaria, Zabeed city, 12 May 2015.

Yemen by the Saudi-led coalition. Unfortunately, many civilians died due to the lack of medicines.

Zabeed Hospital Manager:

He reported that "That day the hospital received dismembered bodies , collected in sacks, and many victims with critical condition . Some victims need to travel out of Yemen for treatment, which is impossible because of the complete blockade . Blood of the injured was over the halls of the hospital Moreover, the hospital's lack of medical equipments, medicines, electricity ,and fuel which caused a bad effect on medicines and laboratory as there are no refrigerators. I call on all humanitarian organization to oversee the disaster and support the injured in the hospital"⁽⁸⁾.

Security and Civil Defense Manager in Zabeed :

Reported that "The Saudi war planes bombed the marketplace at the time that it was very crowded. There were hundreds of civilians which led to a humanitarian disaster. This attack caused the complete destruction of the buildings next to the market eventhough there are no military camps in the area. I and the soldiers went to rescue the victims and pulled tens of killed and injured from the debris of the market, but we couldn't take the orhters from the debris of the buildings because we lacked the tools and fuel for the rescue operation. We had to dig manually for 3 days , we are sorry that we were not in time to rescue all victims under the debris of the buildings. In addition, the windows of the security administration were smashed and the door of the prison flew open leading to the escape of forty eight prisoners , all of them with cases in the public prosecution and court. Among them were 33 murderers convicted of attempted murder cases".

Wounded without Treatment

Lawyer Bander Yasin (Human Rights Activist) He is from Zabeed City, the historical and archaeological city known as the city of peace and love, he said that the Saudi-led coalition bombed the innocent civilians causing a humanitarian disaster and the suffering of the victims in the area.

He is presently trying to contact the humanitarian organizations inside and outside to oversee and ensure the therapy of the injured. Zabeed City

(8) Legal Center interview with Zabeed Hospital Manager, Zabeed city, 12 May 2015.

has high average of poverty and unemployment , and until now there is no response from any of the humanitarian organisations, so he founded an association containing a group of young people to help the victims (we have a list of the members)⁽⁹⁾.

International Humanitarian Law

The civilians who didn't take part in a hostility must be spared in all circumstances, according to IHL which also prohibits launching attacks on civilian sites and objects such as: buildings dedicated to worship, hospitals, schools ,and facilities of cultural or historical values.

The Saudi-led coalition broke the norms of all international laws when it bombed a residential area in Zabeed , the historical and archaeological city of Yemen , with bombs and missiles leading to the death and injury of hundreds of civilians, even though there is no military camp in or around the area. Saudi Arabia published on several media channels, that it protects the civilians which is not true. This was a direct attack on civilians. Moreover, Legal Center and various local and international organizations documented and monitored all the massacres that have been committed by Saudi Arabia in all areas of Yemen.

The targeting of the historical Zabeed city which is in the list of human heritage it broke the historical archeological and houses of worship agreements (Hague convention 1907 and the first protocol to the fourth Geneva convention).

directed against the Cultural Properties in any armed conflict, these cultural properties must be protected.

Article 53 of the First Protocol to the four Geneva Conventions, banned acts of hostility against historic monuments, or works of art, or places of worship which constitute the cultural or spiritual heritage of peoples.

All works mentioned above are war crimes.

(9) Legal Center interview with [Bander Yasin \(Human Rights Activist\)](#), Zabeed city, 12 May 2015.

Annexes

- Annex (1) Names of Killed Civilians in Zabeed City –Hodeidah Governorate.
- Annex (2) Names of Wounded Civilians Bombed by the Saudi-led Coalition.
- Annex (3) Photos Show the Destruction Caused to Homes and Civil Institutions.

Annex (1) Names of Killed Civilians in Zabeed City –Hodeidah Governorate Date :12 May 2015

NO	Name	Gender
1	Khalil Abdo Soliman Al-Mizjaji	Male
2	Amar Mohammed Amen Al-Ahdal	Male
3	Bonian Ahmed Sawlah	Male
4	Abdulaziz Salem Omar Armrok	Male
5	Thabit Ahmed Qadri	Male
6	Abdo Yusif Taher Marzoki	Male
7	Abdo Ahmed Dar	Male
8	Ibrahim Ahmed Habah Maqbuli	Male
9	Mohammed Dawd Hakim	Male
10	Noaman Hassn Rajab	Male
11	Mohammed Azai Abdullah Akabi	Male
12	Mansour Mohamed Abdulah Muaqari	Male
13	Ahmed Ali Moftah Askari	Male
14	Aimen Hasan Mohammed Rami	Male
15	Faisal Moharm Soliman Al-Shamiri	Male
16	Murad Faisel Mohram Al-Shamiri	Male
17	Hasn Yahya Ismail Marhl	Male
18	Jamalah Ayash Said Darin	Female
19	Ahmed Soliman Alian	Male
20	Ahmed Mohamed Awad Makbawli	Male
21	Salah Yehya Mohamed Ali	Male
22	Morad Abdo Adam Hadi	Male
23	Husam Saif Al-Qabadi	Male
24	Mohammed Anor Fatini Wahyati	Male
25	Najeb Qaid Ado Galib	Male
26	Abdurhman Abduladim Dabwan	Male
27	Adulhakim Mohammed Abdullah Galib	Male
28	Gawad Mohammed Qaid Al-Wasbi	Male
29	Wafa Yehya Kabh	Female
30	Abdulah Abdullah Radwan	Male
31	Bashar Hwash Dawd Al-Wasabi	Male
32	Mohammed Abdulaziz Salm Qarshi	Child
33	Haifa Abdo Salem Qarshi	Child
34	Abdullah Abdulaziz Salm Qarshi	Child
35	Abdulatif Yehya Mohammed Qarshi	Child
36	Namah Kabwb	Female
37	Akram Abdulhami Al-Qabadi	Male
38	Harb Omar Kader	Male

NO	Name	Gender
39	Hamoudah Wajeh	Female
40	Basher Galeb Al-Shamiri	Male
41	Fatima Salem Qarshi	Female
42	Asmail Dawd Soliman	Female
43	Wailah Kamel	Male
44	Ahmed Mohammed Mkram	Male
45	Ali Salem Arouk	Male
46	Ahmed Balkam	Male
47	Unknown child corpse	
48	Unknown woman corpse	

Images of Killed Victims in Zabeed –Hodeidah Governorate

A corpse belongs to a civilian who was killed under the rubble because of the Saudi-led coalition bombing .



Collective images of victims in the hospital halls .

Annex (2)

Names of Wounded Civilians Bombed by the Saudi-led Coalition

	Name	Age	Gender
١	Mohammed Omar Mohammed Ahif	٤٠	Male
٢	Ali Qasim Aqil		Male
٣	Qasim Ali Qasim Aqil		Male
٤	Mohammed Ali Mohammed Al-Amar		Male
٥	Abdulmajed Abdulghani		Male
٦	Abdullah Ahmed Abdi	١٣	Child
٧	Ibrahim Hasan Ahmed Habishi	٣١	Male
٨	Isam Ahmed Al-Bahkari	٣٦	Male
٩	Najd Abdo Ali Shamh	٢٨	Male
١٠	Abdullah Soliman Dawd Al-Wasabi		Male
١١	Majd Salm Mohammed Mahjab	٢٧	Male
١٢	Awatif Ibrahim Said Jaber		Female
١٣	Abdullah Abdo Hadib	٢٥	Male
١٤	Ali Ilias	٣٣	Male
١٥	Mohammed Ahmed Soliman Alian		Male
١٦	Basam Bader Qasim Mahroqi	٢٦	Male
١٧	Abdullah Mohammed Mohsn Balkam	٢٣	Male
١٨	Adel Mohammed Abdullah Zaliqi	٢٧	Male
١٩	Said Mohammed Talhah	٣٠	Male
٢٠	Nasim Mohammed Talhah	١٥	Child
٢١	Arfat Ahmed Kalib		Child
٢٢	Mohammed Abduladi Matah	١٠	Child
٢٣	Sami Ahmed Mohammed Qabh	٣٠	Male
٢٤	Kamal Ahmed Soliman Qabh	٢٨	Male
٢٥	Naji Mohammed Ismail Najm	٣٦	Male
٢٦	Abdullah Ahmed Lahdri	٢٩	Male
٢٧	Ahmed Mohammed Bin Al-Ahdal	٥٥	Male
٢٨	Hisham Ahmed Abdo Bazi	٨	Male
٢٩	Mohammed Amar Baher		Male
٣٠	Abaid Salm Abdullah Khalwf	٦٠	Male
٣١	Aiman Mohammed Omar Rami	٢٥	Male
٣٢	Ahmed Abdullah Hilal	٨	Male
٣٣	Mohammed Awad Alalh	١٩	Male
٣٤	Mohammed Ahmed Thamari		Male
٣٥	Asim Abdulgafar Al-Magbashi		Male
٣٦	Abdulrahman Al-Habishi Al-Shamiri		Male
٣٧	Fathi Galib Al-Maqbi		Male
٣٨	Hashid Naser Farhan		Male
٣٩	Isam Mohammed Ali Aiqab	٣٦	Male
٤٠	Nazar Yahya Rafa	٢٥	Male
٤١	Majdi Majed Jman		Male
٤٢	Hasan Ahmed Ibrahim Habishi	٥٥	Male
٤٣	Mahmoud Yahya Qasim Al-Abi	٥٠	Male
٤٤	Mohammed Dawd Halbi	٣٥	Male
٤٥	Soliman Dawd Halabi	٢٨	Male
٤٦	Mohammed Yahya Abdulbaqi Al-Ahdal	٤٠	Male

	Name	Age	Gender
٤٧	Marim Kharfiq Abdullah	٣٠	Female
٤٨	Fahim Abdo Mohammed Shawash	٣٠	Male
٤٩	Mohand Ahmed Salm Al-Qahizi		Male
٥٠	Fahd Ahmed Salm Al-Abd	٢٥	Male
٥١	Khawlah Masib		Female
٥٢	Mohammed Ali Sager Moftah		Male
٥٣	Ahmed Hasan Mahdali		Male
٥٤	Ashraf Ali Al-Wajeh	٨	Male
٥٥	Abu Alz Qaid Samah	٢٨	Male
٥٦	Mohammed Yehya Salah	٥٠	Male
٥٧	Mohammed Sager Ali Nahari	٢٥	Male
٥٨	Arfat Kalib Dakn	٢٥	Male
٥٩	Faris Abdo Ali Shamh	٣٠	Male
٦٠	Basim Salim Yasin		Male
٦١	Bsam Mohammed Abdullah Radhan		Male
٦٢	Ziad Rabi Mafa Jalal		Male
٦٣	Hasain Ismail Slahi		Male
٦٤	Mohammed Ahmed Maqbawli		Male
٦٥	Hasham Said Ahmed		Male
٦٦	Abdo Yehya Rafa		Male
٦٧	Naser Ahmed Hamoud Rasa		Male
٦٨	Mohammed Soliman Hajawd Alian		Male
٦٩	Mohammed Said Awad Dakn		Male
٧٠	Reem Hansh Abdullah Kharfiq		Female
٧١	Haiel Said Ibrahim Khalil		Male
٧٢	Radwan Farjaji		Male
٧٣	Mohammed Awad Abdulmalik		Male
٧٤	Ibrahim Qasim Mohammd Shafliwt		Male
٧٥	Hamdon Ismail Fatini Qarshi		Male
٧٦	Hamadah Ismail Fatini Qarshi		Male
٧٧	Ahmed Ismail Fatini Qarshi		Male
٧٨	Ahmed Abdullah Hilal		Male
٧٩	Qasim Ahmed Qasim Mahwt		Male
٨٠	Faiz Ahmed Qasim Mahwt		Male
٨١	Abdo Ali Abdullah Hilal		Male
٨٢	Mohammed Abdullah Nmari		Male
٨٣	Faiz Ahmed Qasim Mahwt		Male
٨٤	Murtada Fars Hadadi		Male
٨٥	Mohammed Abdo Mahdi		Male
٨٦	Mohammed Abdo Hamza		Male
٨٧	Khalid Ahmed Kadri		Male
٨٨	Yahya Jabaini		Male
٨٩	Abdo Ibrahim Jarahi		Male
٩٠	Qaid Hasan Imbrahim Jalal		Male
٩١	Mohammed Fawzi Khadim		Male
٩٢	Morad Taher Al-Shrabi		Male
٩٣	Mohammed Abdulkader Naser Hezam		Male
٩٤	Abdullah Taher Al-Sharabi		Male

Photos of Some Injured Victims

one of the injured children who were in the market of Zabeed city .



one of the victims receiving medical treatment .

Annex (3) Photos Show the Destruction Caused to Homes and Civil Institutions

The targeted house which contains a restaurant, and residential unit.



The local council of Zabeed city lifting the rubble.

A picture shows the huge destruction of a restaurant, a rest house, and a residential unit.



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