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## Abstract:

Residents of the district of Leh, Directorate of Al-Dhafer at the Governorate of Sa'ada, woke up from their sleep to hear the sounds of the flight of the Saudi military alliance in the airspace opening the sound barrier to intimidate the population. Not only that, two warplanes, at seven o'clock on Saturday, June 23, 2018, four air raids targeted two civilian houses in the village of Al-Maather in the area of Leh. These houses were inhabited by two families, mostly children and women. The fourth strike targeted one of the two family while they are escaping the house and resort to one of the reefs of the region. The raid resulted in the death (5) civilians, including two women and two children one of whom is still infant not aged a year yet. The houses targeted were destroyed and damaged more (6) civilian houses nearby. in addition to that the raids injuries, panic and terror among the 7 civilian families, mostly women and children, who were living in their homes neighboring the two targeted houses.

## Incident Details

At 7:00 am on the morning of Saturday, June 23, 2018, two or more warplanes belonging to the Saudi Aggression Coalition launched four air raids targeting the house of Saleh Ahmed Naje'a in the village of Mahathar, Wadi Leh Area - Directorate of Al-Dhafer - Governorate of Sa'ada destroyed the house raid and killed (4) of his family; his wife, Wolaya Hussein Mohammed Al-Najahi, 40, his daughters; Hamdah Saleh, 4, and Rabab Saleh, 20, and her infant son Yunus Hussein Ahmed Al-Jaradi, who was in the custody of his mother at the time of the raid.



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Families, from neighboring houses after the shelling, went out of their homes to one of the livestock grazing areas on their houses. Among these families were the family of Ali Hussein Ahmad Alssadi, whose house was in the lower village of Al-Mahathar. The military aircraft launched its second raid, targeted their house, Ali Hussein Ahmed Alssadi, 50, killing him, and then returned while the of members of his family and other families were escaping nearby their homes to the house and dispersed between the reefs of the region. They were targeted with two air raids, resulting in the death of (5) civilians, including two women and two children, were killed and their houses completely destroyed. Seven neighboring civilian houses were severely damaged, causing fear and panic among surviving families, mostly children and women, who were left homeless for fear of shelling their houses if they returned late into the night.

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

**Ayedah Abdullah Ayedah, 30, an eyewitness from the people of Leh Area met and said:**

“I heard the sound of the flight of warplanes from the early morning and was sometimes flying in the airspace opening the sound barrier as a result of that woke up from our sleep. It was almost seven o'clock in the morning and at that time. I was surprised to hear the sound of the first air strike and then I saw the scene. I saw dust and heavy smoke rising from the house of Saleh Ahmed Naje’a. After the dust and smoke cleared. I saw the house destroyed completely. I went there to see what happened to the family. When I arrived, I saw some of the residents, most of them families of children and women coming out of their homes in panic and terror looking for a place to be safe and headed towards the grazing people in the area. At that moment, the second flight came back targeting



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the house of Ali Hussein Ahmed Alssadi destroying it completely. Then two air raids targeted the fleeing from their homes in the grazing area of the region. We were concerned about the safety of the family in the houses targeted and we waited the flight to leave until ten O'clock in the morning and then rushed to the houses only to see (5) civilians, two women, two children, and a civilian man, aged 50 years killed.

**Majed Ali Hussein Alssadi, 21, a survivor of three air strikes, one of which house was targeted and the other two, followed by military aircraft as they fled towards the sheep grazing area:**

" "When we saw the first air raid targeted the house of Saleh Ahmed Naja, which is located in the village of Upper Maather, and our view of the destruction that caused it and the fall of the victims of the family stuck between the ruins of their house. My parents and the rest of my family in our house in the village of Below Maather the first village about 200 meters. My father, Ali Hussein Alssadi, decided to stay at home and while we were leaving, we were about 50 meters away from the house. We went away from the house. The second raid was heard and heard in our house. I saw a pile of black smoke and heavy dust. I heard the noise of stones and rubble scattered from our house. We were in shock. From what we saw, we continued to run towards the people and while we were hiding in one of the trees, which we resorted to hide among its trees targeted by the survivors of the raids and families fleeing from their homes. I returned after two hours of bombing to check on my father and I saw our house became a pile of stones and rubble. Then volunteers search for my father and took him out at noon from the rubble dead. We live in an area populated with civilians and there is no military sites or weapons stores. My family became homeless survivor we do not



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find shelter in which we dwell by the bombing and destruction of our house.”

**Ali Abdullah Naja, 28, an eyewitness, met and told us:**

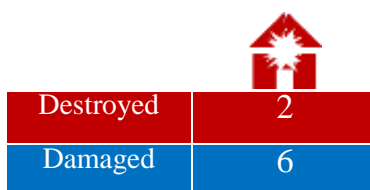
“During the breakfast, I was sitting in the courtyard of our house, the military aircraft flew to the alliance of aggression in the atmosphere of the region and was flying centered on the area of Leh while watching the continuous flight and rotation in the atmosphere of the region as if looking for the target of deadly bombs and before the end of the breakfast I heard the air raid siren I felt it was flying. Then I heard the noise of the rubble of his house flowing around the place. I left the breakfast and went out of my house towards the target house. I saw a chaos and panic that overcame the rest of the population, mostly children and women who were out of bed. I was worried about the lives of the two families. After about two hours, I went in my bag containing the first aid kit as a volunteer, searching for wounded people to heal their wounds from among the wounded. (5) civilians, mostly children and women, houses are civilian and there are no military barracks or weapons depots.”

**Incident Results :**

**Civilian Victims :**



**Civil Facilities:**



## **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.



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**Annex (1.)**  
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No.	Name	Gender	Age
1	Welayah Hussein Mohammed Al-Najahi	Female	40
2	Hamda Saleh Ahmed Naje'a	Female Child	4
3	Rabab Saleh Ahmed Naje'a	Female	20
4	Younis Hussein Ahmed Al-Jradi	Male	1
5	Ali Hussein Ahmed AlSsa'adi	Male	50

**Photos of killed victims**



## Annex (2.)

### Names and data of the destroyed and damaged civil facilities Bombing the houses Saleh Ahmed Naje'a & Ali Hussein Alssadi Wadi Leh Area - Directorate of Al-Dhafer - Governorate of Sa'ada On June 23, 2018

No.	Name of the facility owner	Facility Type	Destruction Level
1	Saleh Ahmed Naje'a	Home	Complete Destruction
2	Ali Hussein Ahmed Al-Ssa'adi	Home	Damaged
3	Ali Hussein Ahmed Al-Ssa'adi	Home	Damaged
4	Ali Sagher Al-Ssa'adi	Home	Damaged
5	Ahmed Qasim Abdo Al-Sabahi	Home	Damaged
6	Mohammed Ahmed Qasim Al-Sabahi	Home	Damaged
7	Ali Mohammed Moqbil Al-Ssa'adi	Home	Damaged
8	Ali Abdullah Ali Naje'a	Home	Damaged

### Photos of damaged and destroyed civilian facilities



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