

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

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The Periodical Report on the General Situation in the Republic of Yemen (November 2019)



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POLITICAL PREFACE

1. Despite the groans and shrieks of the victims, the siege is still imposed on more than 90% of the Yemeni people. One of the most important aspects of this blockade is the closure of the airport of the Capital, Sana'a. This airport is located in the middle of the most populated governorates where people belong to regions known with stories of kidnapping dozens of their sons who decided to travel abroad as their pain increased and health conditions got deteriorated. While traveling from their areas to Aden or Hadramout airports, and on the road in areas controlled by Saudi Arabia and Emirates and their mercenaries inside the country, dozens of travelers were arrested, detained, and kidnapped by the countries of war coalition and their mercenaries. The fate of many of them remains unknown till this moment. There are hundreds of thousands of patients who are actually unable to travel for a long distance, as it takes almost 20 hours to reach those airports, while the countries of war on Yemen, with the complicity of the international community, are still closing the main airport located next to their homes .
2. What adds insult to injury is that millions of people living in Sana'a and other free governorates which are not under the control of war countries (13 governorates) sleep on the sounds of civil aircraft every day carrying hundreds of foreign arrivals and departures for nearly four years since their airport has been closed. Everyone knows that it is a civilian airport and its civilian aircraft was not and will never be allowed to be part of the military encounter. According to all international statements and declarations, it is a humanitarian crime to close it. This closure is not a military advantage as the only victims are the Yemeni civilians, including the sick, the student, and the helpless aged people. International statistics indicate the horror of such a great crime committed against children and women, as a result of this closure, which amounts to death sentences for tens of thousands of them.
3. Despite all this, the political leadership continues to give opportunity to the international community many a time, providing evidences against them, in the hope that their efforts to remove this illegal, unethical and unjustified aggression will succeed. Still the political leadership, with more patience and tolerance, gives the opportunity despite the effective capability, as proved earlier, to do the same against the airports of the surrounding countries. It is an outcry through which we hope that all free voices will call the Saudi-Emirates money to stop messing with the children and women of Yemen. Hence, Yemeni people hope not to hear these voices arising only when the time for an appropriate and fair response comes, as what has happened with the Saudi Oil Complex (Aramco).

ECONOMIC SITUATION

4. Public sector employees are still suffering greatly due to the interruption of their salaries as a result of the relocation of CBY from Sana'a to Aden. This resulted in a negative impact on their lives and the lives of hundreds of their dependents, and other non-civil servants. It increased their suffering by the low level of their income, which greatly affected their low access to basic services needed for survival.
5. The poverty rate has risen to 85%, the unemployment rate has increased to more than 65%. This is mainly due to the ongoing war and blockade on Yemen, the failure of international organizations to manage humanitarian aids and the increased risks involved in various sectors.
6. According to a systematic strategy that intends to deprive the Yemenis of their right to live in safety, the Saudi-led war coalition against Yemen did not hesitate in committing any crime in targeting the agricultural sector, which promotes 70% of the Yemeni economy. The Ministry of Agriculture stated that the loss of this sector amounted to \$ 20 billion by the end of 2018.

Statistics of the economic and agricultural establishments targeted by the Saudi-led coalition air strikes in various governorates during the month of (November 2019)

Enterprise	Size of damage			Notes
	Destroyed	Damaged	Total	
Tank and Water Pumps	6	25	35	Including wells, pumps, reservoirs, water networks and irrigation projects
Factories	1		1	Including all types of factories and manufacturing centers
Agricultural Field	37	43	80	Including all types of farms as well as agricultural nurseries
Poultry Farms	5		5	Including chickens, sheep, cows, camels, donkeys and others
Animal Barns	214		214	Including sheep, cows, camels, donkeys and others
Shops & Businesses	4	46	50	Includes all commercial food and non-food stores
Airport	7		7	
Sea Ports		2	2	
Markets	2		2	

7. The ongoing siege and arbitrary restrictions of the countries of the Saudi-led war coalition against Yemen in the detention and prevention of entry of food ships and oil derivatives to the port of Hodeidah, despite inspection and UN permissions, has created a severe oil derivative crisis, which in turn affected the high cost of transporting goods and transportation and the low level of basic services delivery in general.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

8. The continuation of war and siege on the Yemenis by the Saudi-led war coalition against Yemen has resulted in many catastrophic and varied impacts in all situations related to the lives of civilians. The results of this so far are:

- From Hodeidah Governorate, the Minister of Health declared an internal emergency to combat dengue fever, malaria and its vector mosquitoes, especially within the rainy season in Hodeidah and the deterioration of its infrastructure as a result of targeting by the coalition countries.
- There are 116 thousand and 522 confirmed cases of malaria, 500 thousand suspected cases, and about 23 thousand cases of dengue fever.
- Confirmed deaths caused by dengue fever were 11 cases, and 51 deaths were reported.
- 5 million and 400 thousand children are malnourished, including 2 million and 900 thousand children under the age of five, i.e. 55% of the Yemeni children.
- 5 thousand Yemeni children get tumors annually as a result of the weapons of the War Coalition on Yemen, including internationally prohibited ones.
- 30% of the patients who need to travel for life-saving medical treatment are children, and dozens of them have died. Besides, 7,516 Yemeni children have been killed and injured by the direct bombing of the war coalition on Yemen.
- One child dies every 10 minutes due to malnutrition, and 6 newborns die due to outbreaks of war and the blockade that has been going on for 5 years.
- 2 million and 200 thousand children were infected with cholera during the war on Yemen, of whom 3,750 died.

9. The closure of Sana'a airport also resulted in the suffering of a large number of the Yemeni people and the failure to implement the Air Bridge Agreement to transport patients from Yemen to abroad for treatment resulted in the following consequences:

- More than 320,000 patients were unable to travel for life-saving treatment, which was sponsored by the United Nations because of the blockade and the closure of Sana'a airport by the coalition countries of war on Yemen.
- More than 43,000 deaths are people with chronic diseases to seek life-saving medical treatment outside the country.
- Thousands of people with disabilities and others with special needs could have been treated and their condition remedied, if they were able to travel outside Yemen for treatment.
- There are more than 28 thousand cancer deaths, as a result of the lack of necessary medical supplies due to the blockade and closure of Sana'a airport.

10. Durayhimi district in Hodeidah Governorate is still besieged, and gunmen affiliated with the coalition countries are still deliberately targeting children daily with various types of heavy weapons. They also intentionally prevented entry of humanitarian aid to the district, obstructing any attempts to save the lives of hundreds of children and women who desperately need the most basic materials for survival .

11. Since one year and a half, no humanitarian aid has been allowed to enter into Durayhimi district except for two aid convoys. The first convoy mainly carried cosmetics, whereas the second was targeted by the coalition gunmen immediately after its arrival, which led to its burning.

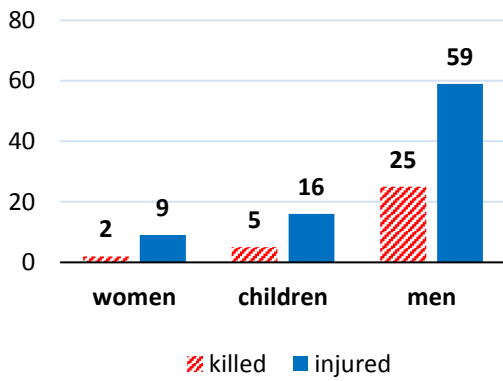
12. There is an urgent tendency by the authorities in Sana'a to solve the prisoners file by presenting proposals and appropriate remedies for this issue to the UN envoy to Yemen. However, the party affiliated with countries of war coalition against Yemen rejected it, dealing with it as a political, not a humanitarian issue. The release of hundreds of prisoners of war allied countries by Sana'a authority proves the goodwill of the de facto authority to push the agreement into effect. On the other hand, ICRC is unable to move ahead in this file, as they are not allowed to visit the prisons in the governorates under the control of the war coalition and their mercenaries.

13. Hundreds of citizens traveling across governorates controlled by coalition countries and their mercenaries have been kidnapped, detained, and arrested on territorial and sectarian grounds and placed in prisons run by the countries of war on Yemen and its mercenaries, including patients, students, pilgrims, merchants and others.

VIOLATIONS AND CRIMES

14. Throughout the month of November 2019, the Saudi-led coalition of war on Yemen continued to target citizens in their various communities and residences in different governorates of the Republic through their warplanes and the armed groups supported by them. This has led to many civilian casualties – killed and wounded – the majority of them are children and women. It has also led to the destruction of a number of houses and vital facilities that are indispensable for the survival of the Yemeni people .
15. The coalition countries, through the armed groups supported by them, continue to violate the Sweden agreement by targeting civilians in the various districts of Hodeidah Governorate. It also continues to besiege and target Duraihmi District with daily bombardment of the homes and properties of its inhabitants, a number of whom were killed and wounded.
16. The arbitrary restrictions imposed by the coalition countries to prevent the entry of ships and vessels loaded with oil and gas derivatives to the port of Hodeidah are still in place, and there are still 14 ships loaded with oil derivatives at sea. The countries of war coalition against Yemen did not allow them to enter during the month of November although they have got UN pass permit documents and had been also inspected by UN representatives.

Civilian Victims during the Month of November 2019

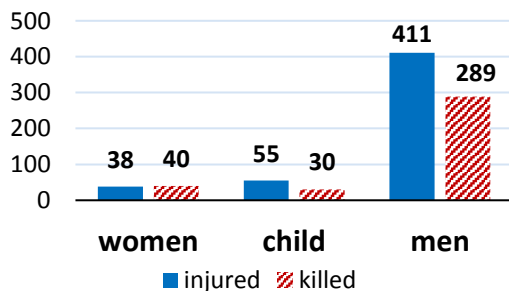


Statistics for Victims During the Month of November 2019

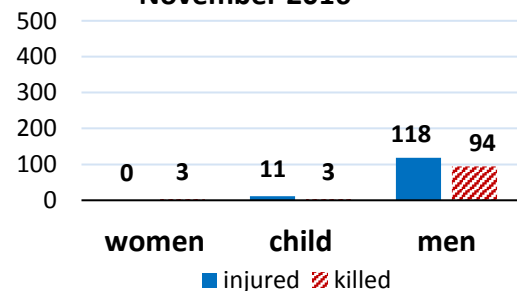
25	killed	5	killed	2	Killed
59	injured	16	injured	9	injured
Dead		Total Victims		Wounded	
32		116		84	

HAPPENED ON THIS MONTH (November of Previous Years)

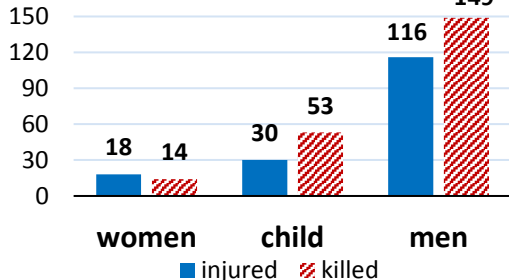
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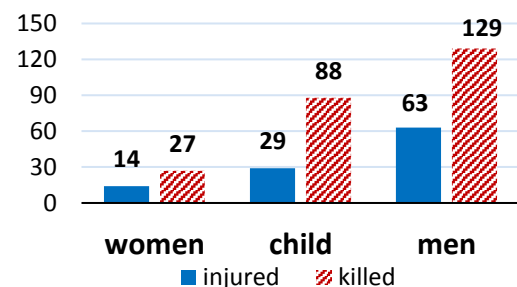
Victim Statistics in the Month of November 2016



Victim Statistics in the Month of November 2017



Victim Statistics in the Month of November 2018



Statistics of the number of air raids and missile and artillery bombing launched by the Saudi-led Coalition this month in various provinces (November 2019)

Governorate	Air Raid	Rocket Bombing	Artillery Bombing	Cluster Bombs	Sound Bombs	Light Bombs	Drone	Warships	Total Number
Hodeidah	26	1,620	2,827			5			4,478
al Dhale'e		25							25
Taiz		5							5
Hajjah	119								119
Saada	406	472	1,063	1					1,942
Sana'a	1								1
Amran	1								1
Marib	1		44						45
TOTAL	554	2,122	3,934	1	0	5	0	0	6,616

Statistics of Destroyed and Damaged Facilities During November 2019



STORY OF THE MONTH

(Sameera Marsh... The Kidnapped Mother!)

Sameera Marsh, from Al-Jawf governorate is the mother of three children who are crying day and night for the sake of their kidnapped mother by one of the armed groups affiliated with the Saudi-led war coalition countries on Yemen.

She was kidnapped and held in a prison in Marib Governorate. This was not the first case committed by these groups. Other women were kidnapped and raped by the groups and mercenaries of the war coalition countries. She was kidnapped without any cause or legal justification.

Such acts are done as a by the coalition countries as a means to pressurize on the authority in Sana'a.

Sameera's mother, with a heart full of sorrow and pain stated that:

"Since the day they kidnapped my daughter, the tears have not left my daughter's children. I called for help and appealed to all people but in vain. I am tired and I could not find any response to my cries."

The brother of the kidnapped adds:

"Sameera's children wish to hear their mother's voice. They prevented us from communicating with her over the phone, and the kidnappers have no mercy or humanity".

The kidnapping of women is a great shame in Yemeni society, and we have heard that the authorities in Sana'a made an offer to the kidnappers in Mareb to release her in exchange for any prisoners they wanted but they refused. We are experiencing the worst days in pain and anguish, especially when the kidnappers rejected the deal.