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The Monthly Report on the General Situation in the Republic of Yemen (April 2020)



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POLITICAL PREFACE

1. From the very first day of the war on Yemen, the reality of those who claim to fight terrorism is being exposed more and more. Observers are aware of the empowerment that the terrorists have reached in Yemen, until the Yemen-based Arab Peninsula Qaeda has become the most effective and widespread in the region, according to the observers. Their fortified cells were spread in every governorate and even within the neighborhoods of the Capital, Sana'a. Not even a single day passed without hearing about terrorist operations that hit innocent people in markets and mosques, as well as the symbols and castles of the Yemeni army and security, where dozens of them were harvested.
2. Then the real popular and national willpower emerged far away from the American-led pretenders of terrorism fighting. The sons of our homeland, the victims of this real terrorism, have drawn solidly the most wonderful examples of heroism. Those castles of terrorism were countered from the very moment of removing the Saudi agents and the American tools in Yemen from Sana'a and the rest of the provinces in most of the northern part of the country. The Yemeni army, backed by the popular committees with a true national leadership and sincere willpower led by Ansar Allah in Yemen, managed to defeat and clean up all Al-Qaeda pockets in those provinces. The US administration implied that such pockets had controlled the land and would take decades to be uprooted with the support and presence of the American military bases. It was only a justification for their presence under the pretext of fighting terrorism, which was created by them skillfully in Yemen as it was done outside. Within a few weeks, the name Al-Qaeda in the northern governorates (Ansar Allah's control areas) vanished and all the terrorist criminal operations against Yemen, land and people, ended forever in those areas.
3. However, unfortunately, it has not been finished yet in all Yemeni land, as it could find a safe haven and a comfortable harbor in the areas controlled by what the US and Saudi Arabia call as the 'legitimate government' in the southern and some eastern regions of the country. Western and independent media outlets have long documented the existence of these terrorist pockets and their participation with the Saudi-American-backed forces in confronting the army that had driven them out from the north. Obviously, the latest BBC report has documented this relationship with audio and video. In addition, there are recurrent and regular news from Al-Qaeda and Saudi mercenaries in this regard, expressing their sense of pride on the mutual cooperation between the two parties.
4. The great victories of the army and the popular committees in eastern Yemen, after the clearance of the second largest Yemeni governorate in the east at the border area of Saudi Arabia, have clearly showed the size of the extremist military and religious training camps and centers of Al-Qaeda. They were deployed in this governorate with protection from the neighboring Saudi army and the dominant US military air cover. The images circulated by the national media about the nests of the Takfiri terrorist groups in those areas before their liberation, particularly Khushf area of Al-Jawf governorate, stand as a clear evidence of the on-going strategic military relationship between these terrorist groups (Al-Qaeda and its sisters) and the so-called legitimacy backed by America and its tools in the region (Saudi Arabia and the UAE), who are jointly leading a war on Yemen.

ECONOMIC SITUATION

5. The Saudi-led war coalition against Yemen continue making Yemen a quagmire of war, starvation, killing and economic blockade through illegal and inhumane measures aimed at undermining the livelihood of Yemeni citizens. This includes the decision to transfer the Central Bank administration from Sana'a to Aden in August 2016, which led to the interruption of salary payments for approximately one million and 200 thousand public service employees, which in turn led to the largest humanitarian disaster in the world.
6. With the emergence of the deadly coronavirus pandemic, all countries of the world have taken preventive and economic measures for the sake of human life, providing all life-saving necessities. However, the countries of war coalition on Yemen did not care about this and continue to kill and destroy the Yemeni people by bombing and imposing unjust siege on Yemen.
7. The Saudi-led war coalition countries intransigently continue to impose blockade through piracy actions in seizing and restricting the movement of oil, food and pharmaceutical derivative ships to the port of Hodeidah, despite having the UN pass permit documents after inspection. The ships are carrying more than half a million tons of gasoline, diesel, flour, sugar, corn and soybeans to the port of Hodeidah to cover the needs of citizens for 80% of the Yemeni population.

8. The detention of oil derivative ships and food-laden ships to the port of Hodeidah has led to higher costs of shipments of imported food and medicine, creating stifling fuel crises, tightening the screws on citizens, increasing their suffering and consequently widening the circle of poverty. It has also led to a crisis in the operation of hospitals, factories and means of transportation, despite global warnings to confront the spread of the deadly Corona virus (COVID-19).
9. The countries of war coalition against Yemen sought to target the industrial and investment sectors, which led to great economic losses. The losses were distributed among 34 projects in the industrial sector, 4 in the agricultural and animal sectors, 14 in the service sector and 7 in the tourism sector. Moreover, the General Investment Authority (GIA) has lost a wide range of investment opportunities and agreements that could have accommodated thousands of workers. They also intended to turn some industrial areas into an arena of military confrontation, as they did in Hodeidah, which caused more than 27,000 workers to lose their jobs by demobilizing them after destroying and damaging investment projects.

Statistics of the economic and agricultural establishments targeted by the Saudi-led coalition air strikes in various governorates during the month of (April 2020)

Enterprise	Size of damage			Notes
	Destroyed	Damaged	Total	
Tank and Water Pumps	6	28	34	Including wells, pumps, reservoirs, water networks and irrigation projects
Factories	3		3	Including all types of factories and manufacturing centers
Agricultural Fields	34	46	80	Including all types of farms as well as agricultural nurseries and equipment
Cattle	44		44	Including sheep, cows, camels, donkeys and others
Poultry Farms	1	1	2	
Food Trucks	3		3	
Airports	1		1	

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

10. The tragedy of Yemen is exacerbated. The health sector is unable to cope with the potential outbreak of COVID-19.
11. The humanitarian crisis in Yemen is exacerbated after the arrival of COVID-19 to the country. The Yemenis found themselves facing a new tragedy that added to the tragedies of war, siege, famine and other diseases that kill millions of them.
12. What confirms these fears is the spread of COVID-19 in the vicinity of Yemen (i.e. Sultanate of Oman, Saudi Arabia, Djibouti and Somalia). The authorities in Yemen failed to implement the decision of closing the land, sea and air outlets. During the last few days, Yemen has witnessed active military and civilian air traffic for the "coalition", through Aden and Maharah airports. Besides, the flow of African migrants continues to Yemen. Moreover, Saudi Arabia has demobilized large numbers of Yemeni armed groups fighting for it in the south of the kingdom, areas where the epidemic is believed to be spreading, as well as deporting hundreds of Yemenis from Saudi Arabia through land ports.
13. Saudi Arabia deports hundreds of Africans to Yemen with the aim of spreading COVID-19 before taking the necessary health measures to ensure that the deportees are free from COVID-19 infection and without making quarantine for 14 days before deportation.
14. Despite international concerns related to the threat of a potential outbreak of COVID-19 in Yemen, the United States decided to reduce funding for international humanitarian aid to Yemen.
15. A spokesman for the US Agency for International Development (USAID) announced that the agency's "operations were partially suspended" in areas controlled by the National Salvation Government in Sana'a, where more than 80% of the citizens of the Republic of Yemen reside.
16. This matter comes at a time when international relief organizations fear that the emergence of the first case of "COVID-19" is the beginning of a catastrophic epidemic in Yemen, within a fragile health system largely destroyed by the bombing of Saudi Arabia and the UAE warplanes on health facilities over more than five Years. In addition, the coalition imposes a blockade that prevents the arrival of medicines and medical supplies.

17. This decision calls for the withdrawal of US funding from the UN-administered humanitarian support efforts in Yemen. This threatens to cause a budget deficit in dozens of humanitarian programs, including efforts to provide Yemeni civilians with hand-wash soap and the essential health care services.
18. Thus, Yemen is in a real confrontation with COVID-19, which exacerbates the tragedy of the Yemenis, especially when they are facing other diseases that kill hundreds of thousands of people, including "cholera", "diphtheria", "malaria" and "dengue fever".
19. On the other hand, the National Salvation Government in Sana'a held Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates responsible for the deteriorating health conditions in Yemen, stating that 93% of medical equipment and devices are out of service due to war and blockade, and calling the international organizations to provide artificial respirators to handle the supposed cases.
20. The spokesman for the Ministry of Health in Sana'a, Dr. Youssef Al-Hadhri, stated that "the danger of COVID-19 to Yemen lies in the fact that the health system is fundamentally fragile since the time of the previous regimes. The coalition countries have also destroyed the health sector and bombed more than 420 institutions and healthcare centers." "Nearly two thousand institutions have been disrupted by the blockade, and the salaries of 48,000 employees in the private sector have been suspended since mid-2016," he pointed out.
21. The National Salvation Government in Sana'a has announced the release of all child prisoners of war recruited by the coalition and captured by its forces during the fighting, in the presence of representatives of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The National Committee for Prisoners' Affairs (NCPA) in Sana'a had previously released a number of minors who had been exploited and recruited into the coalition countries' side in its war on Yemen. Last January, the committee handed over to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor 68 children who had been captured in "Nasrun min Allah" military operation, in preparation for their return to their families.
22. An agreement was signed in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor. This agreement came based on the leadership's commitment to "protect and promote the rights of children in Yemen" and that Sana'a treats child prisoners as "victims" and must be returned to their families after their rehabilitation. Accordingly, this agreement stipulates that, "the concerned authorities shall guarantee the treatment of child prisoners in accordance with International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law."

CRIMES AND VIOLATIONS

23. The countries of war coalition against Yemen continue to target civilian homes and enterprises, giving no attention to the provisions and rules of International Humanitarian Law.
24. The suffocating siege on Al-Durayhimi District of Hodeidah governorate, and the frequent breakthroughs of the Agreement in the absence of the United Nations envoy and his representatives in Hodeidah, is a flagrant violation of the rules and provisions of international humanitarian law. It is also a violation of the ethics of the United Nations, which has been watching with silence and complacency, seen regardless to the implementation of the principles, rules and provisions of international law. It is indeed a crime against the UN itself and its humanitarian and legal agreements that were created to protect human rights from any violations or crimes affecting them anywhere or anytime.
25. During the month of April 2020, the Saudi-led countries of war coalition against Yemen continued to use their aircrafts to launch a number of air strikes on vital civilian places and facilities in various governorates of the Republic. The war coalition countries and their mercenaries used various heavy and light weapons to target populated areas, despite repeated declarations made by the spokesperson for the war coalition countries against Yemen to cease-fire. It was merely fraud and misleading to the international opinion about the crimes and violations of the countries of war coalition on the Yemeni people who were victims of those crimes and violations, and most of those victims are children and women.
26. The arbitrary restrictions imposed by the coalition countries continue to prevent the entry of ships and vessels loaded with the basic materials for the lives of Yemenis including foodstuffs, medicine and oil and gas derivatives through Hodeidah seaport. There are still more than 18 ships loaded with oil derivatives and foodstuffs at sea, despite having the UN pass permit documents to enter Hodeidah seaport after inspection.

Civilian Victims during the Month of April 2020

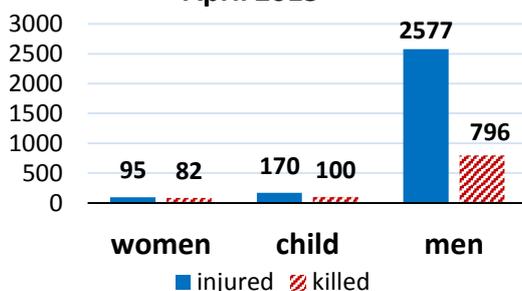


Statistics for Victims During the Month of April 2020

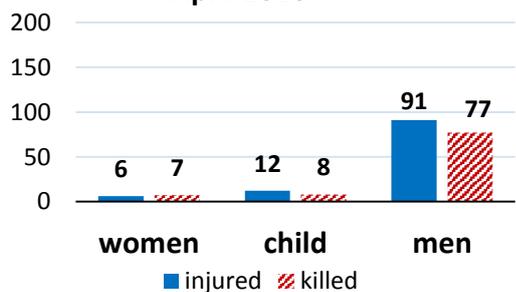
13	killed	9	killed	3	Killed
20	injured	15	injured	11	injured
Dead		Total Victims		Wounded	
25		70		45	

HAPPENED ON THIS MONTH (April of Previous Years)

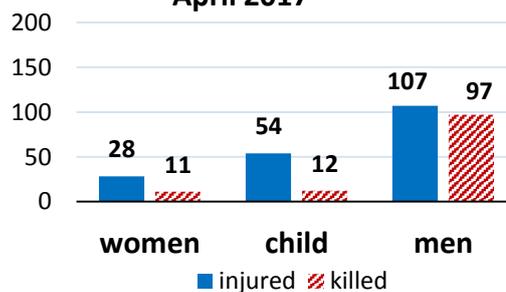
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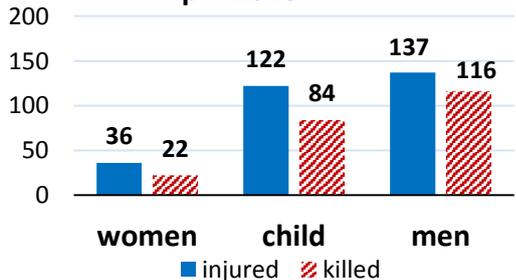
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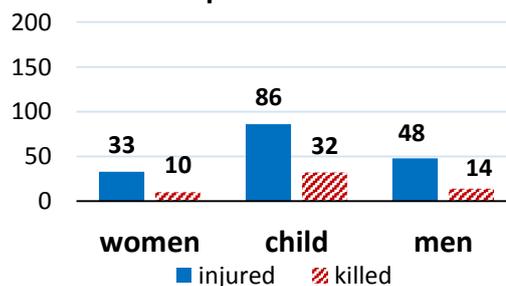
Victim Statistics in the Month of April 2017



Victim Statistics in the Month of April 2018



Victim Statistics in the Month of April 2019



Statistics of the number of air raids and missile and artillery bombing launched by the Saudi-led Coalition this month in various provinces (April 2020)

Governorate	Air Raid	Rocket Bombing	Artillery Bombing	Cluster Bombs	Sound Bombs	Light Bombs	Drone	Warships	Total Number
al Bayda	105								105
al Jawf	276								276
Hodeidah	2	1,389	3,823	1				14	5,229
al Dhale'e	4	66							70
Capital Secretariat	2								2
Taiz		100	106						206
Hajjah	53								53
Saada	165	1,244	720						2,129
Sana'a	29				3				32
Amran	9								9
Marib	459								459
TOTAL	1,104	2,799	4,649	1	3	0	0	14	8,570

Statistics of Destroyed and Damaged Facilities During April 2020



STORY OF THE MONTH

(The Press under Fire...!)

Journalist Abdullah Sabri lived in Al-Rabat neighborhood of the Capital, Sana'a, a densely populated residential neighborhood. The people of the neighborhood and the Capital, Sana'a, were horrified to hear the sound of a big explosion. The Saudi coalition aircraft bombed the house of the civilian and sincere scholar, Mr. Abdullah, killing his mother and two of his sons, and damaging the neighboring houses. Abdullah was seriously wounded, and was taken to the hospital. After he woke up, he was deeply grieved to hear from the people around that his mother and two sons had been killed. "They have horrified us; they have harmed us. Shame and disgrace to the murderers," Abdullah said painfully. "The ugliness of the American-Saudi aggression coalition has reached media professionals and journalists as they have become within the list of Saudi-led coalition's targeted objects," he stated in front of dozens of journalists around. This is not the first time that the pen and press are targeted. Nevertheless, this will not break their will or prevent their pens from expressing freely the truth to which they have been devoted. Their blood and the souls of their children and women are cheap for the sake of Yemen.

