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



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POLITICAL PREFACE

1. International voices, including countries and organizations, are still raising their voices in response to the voice of humanity and reason, calling for an end to the unjust and futile war against the aggrieved and steadfast Yemeni people. Despite their increasing number, these voices as usual collide with the desire, ambitions and agenda of the countries sponsoring this unjust war, especially the US, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, which have used their political influence and oil to buy the complicity and silence of many countries in the world. These countries have disregarded the impartial UN reports that confirm the brutality of this war on the Yemeni people and underscore their failure to achieve any political or field victory other than committing more bloodshed and massacres of children and women. They have also ignored the UN Charter and Security Council resolutions, which, in their entirety, emphasize the path of political dialogue to resolve problems and settle disputes. Again, they are unresponsive to the widespread popular outrage across Yemen, north and south, who have been affected by the air raids, blockade and practices of the war-countries mercenaries in Yemen.
2. The entire Yemeni people, including those who were misled at the beginning of the war on Yemen – six years ago – to be supporting the so-call “legitimacy,” have become today aware of the trick of this slogan. They realized closely that the agenda of the countries of War Coalition against Yemen is to kill the people, exhaust the state, destroy its capabilities and gains, and dismantle its unity and national cohesion. They have also disregard all the understandings that were made in order to reach a peaceful solution, the latest of which is the Stockholm Agreement, which resulted in finding solutions to some humanitarian issues, such as opening the airport, paying salaries and releasing all prisoners. Until this moment, the countries of War Coalition against Yemen have continued to evade the implementation of the obligations of these understandings. Is it high time for the free voices in the international community to say “enough” and put an end to this absurdity?

ECONOMIC SITUATION

3. The month of October 2020 did not witness any serious moves or new developments indicating a breakthrough in resolving the issue of public employees’ salaries, which have been suspended since the transfer of CBY administration from the capital, Sana'a, to the governorate of Aden in September 2016. As a result, more than 80% of Yemeni population, especially employees living in areas under the control of the National Salvation Government, suffer enormously due to salaries nonpayment. Only some civil servants living in the provinces occupied by Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and their mercenaries are being paid. This has led to the biggest humanitarian disaster in the world.
4. Yemeni riyal exchange rates continue to depreciate against foreign currencies in all governorates, especially in the occupied southern governorates controlled by Saudi Arabia and the UAE. This was rapidly reflected on food prices, as the exchange rate reached 850 Yemeni riyals against one US dollar. On the contrary, the National Salvation Government in Sana'a maintained the exchange rate at 600 riyals against the US dollar, by taking precautionary measures, the foremost of which was preventing the circulation of the recently printed currency in order to control the rate of inflation.
5. The US-KSA-led countries of War Coalition against Yemen continued to impose an unjust blockade through acts of piracy, detention and restriction of the movement of ships loaded with oil derivatives, foodstuffs and medicines that cover the needs of 80% of the Yemeni population, to the port of Hodeidah for several months, despite obtaining UN entry pass permits after being subjected to the procedures of verification and inspection. This has resulted in the collapse of sectors and operational capacities that provide basic services to citizens. In addition, the level of financial losses, estimated in millions of dollars, has increased because of detaining these ships and preventing their entry to the port of Hodeidah.

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

Enterprise	Size of damage			Notes
	Destroyed	Damaged	Total	
Tank and Water Pumps	9	22	31	Including wells, pumps, reservoirs, water networks and irrigation projects
Agricultural Fields	48	62	110	Including all types of farms as well as agricultural nurseries and equipment
Airports		1	1	
Markets	3		3	
Commercial Facilities	15	60	75	
Poultry Farms	1		1	
Food Trucks	5		5	
Food Stores	7		7	
Cattle	17		17	

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

6. The UN confirmed the continuous deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Yemen and the high risk of famine for millions of Yemenis, as foodstuffs prices rose by 140% of the average prices before the war on Yemen.
7. The UN indicated also that about 20 million people are food insecure, including nearly 10 million people facing severe acute food insecurity. Moreover, about two million children need treatment from acute malnutrition, of which 360,000 are at risk of death, if they do not receive treatment.
8. The UN asserts also that fifteen out of the forty-five major UN humanitarian programs in Yemen have been reduced or shut down due to severe damages. Besides, 30 humanitarian programs are at risk of the same fate in the coming weeks, if donors fail to fulfill their pledges to support this year's humanitarian response plan.
9. The Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen, Ms. Lise Grande, notes that the UN agencies were forced during the period between April and August to reduce the food distribution and cut off health services in more than 300 health facilities, and halt specialized services for hundreds of thousands of traumatized and highly vulnerable women and girls.
10. She also emphasized that about 9 million people have been impacted by reductions in food assistance since April. A further 1.37 million will be affected from December, unless additional funding for humanitarian aid is secured.
11. A reduction in nutrition services in July affected more than 334,000 pregnant or breastfeeding women. If adequate and additional funding is not received, lack of nutrition services for up to 530,000 children under age 2 may occur from December.
12. As of September, WHO has ended the Minimum Service Package (MSP) in 121 facilities, which has affected 1 million people. This is in addition to 1.3 million people deprived of access to life-saving health care services. The organization asserts also that if resources are not provided by the end of the year, a total of 9 million people will lose access to basic health care services.
13. WHO had stopped incentives payments to more than 1,800 medical staff delivering MSP in 135 health facilities.
14. In terms of outbreak control and response, WHO indicates that if funding is not received by October, preparedness, surveillance and pre-positioning of supplies for outbreak response including diphtheria and dengue will stop across 23 Governorates. Up to 60 % of the 174 existing cholera treatment facilities and all of the 300 existing preparedness and medical centers will close. All 333 district rapid response teams will cease to perform core functions, including case investigation and outbreak monitoring. As many as 18 million people will be impacted, including 6 million children urgently in need of vaccination against deadly diseases like measles and polio.
15. The Ministry of Transport in the National Salvation Government in Sana'a called on the UN, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the international community to pressure the countries of War Coalition against

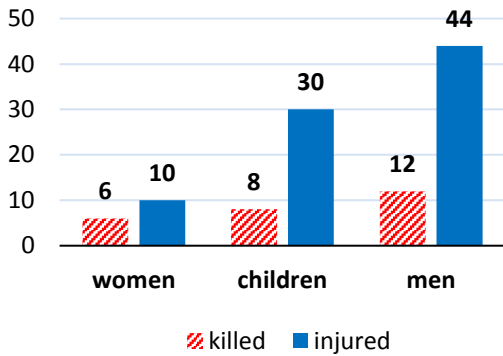
Yemen led by the US, KSA and the UAE, to lift the restrictions they have imposed on flights to and from Sana'a International Airport.

16. Since 9 August 2016, the countries of War Coalition against Yemen imposed a ban on air traffic at Sana'a International Airport, and stopped all civilian flights except for those of the United Nations and its humanitarian agencies. This has led to the following:
 - More than 42 thousand patients have died due to their inability to travel abroad for life-saving treatments.
 - Preventing more than 350 thousand patients, with various cancerous and other diseases, from traveling for life-saving treatment, in addition to those wounded by the aggression forces' strikes, including children, women and men.
 - The disappearance of a large number of important life-saving medicines, whether from the stores of Ministry of Public Health and Population, or the commercial market.
17. In October, fuel costs in the informal market in the northern governorates continued to rise to more than double the official rate in many regions due to the severe shortage of oil derivatives resulting from the blockade imposed by the countries of War Coalition against Yemen led by the US, KSA and the UAE. They have been preventing ships loaded with oil derivatives and foodstuffs from unloading at Hodeidah port, which led to an increase in the prices of basic commodities.
18. According to the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC), the fuel crisis continues to affect the monthly food basket. This is mainly due to the booming parallel fuel market, which has further affected the prices of perishable food items that are transported daily.
19. The prices of domestically produced goods and agricultural products increased dramatically due to the increase in irrigation costs by 40% to 80%, in addition to the higher costs of transporting the products to the market. Besides, prices of fresh fruits and vegetables have increased significantly by almost 125% for some locally produced products, while the prices of grains increased by almost 25 % in the Capital Secretariat, Sana'a.

CRIMES AND VIOLATIONS

20. During the month of October 2020, the countries of War Coalition against Yemen, led by the US, KSA and UAE, and their mercenaries continued deliberately to use their warplanes and artillery shells to target populated areas, vital civilian places, and facilities in various governorates of the Republic. This has resulted in the demolition of civilian homes over the heads of their residents, whose majority are children and women, and the destruction of various vital civil facilities.
21. The War Coalition countries and their mercenaries in Hodeidah Governorate keep on violating Stockholm Agreement through their indiscriminate attacks on citizens' homes in Hodeidah and its various districts, in the presence of the UN representatives who are responsible for monitoring the implementation of Stockholm Agreement.
22. The arbitrary restrictions imposed by the War Coalition countries continue to prevent the entry of ships loaded with the basic materials for the lives of Yemenis including foodstuffs, medicine and oil and gas derivatives to Hodeidah port. There are still more than 22 ships loaded with oil derivatives at sea. They are not allowed to dock in Hodeidah port, despite having the UN pass permit documents after verification and inspection.

Civilian Victims during the Month of October 2020

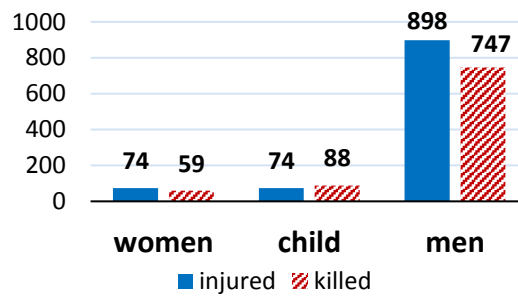


Statistics for Victims During the Month of October 2020

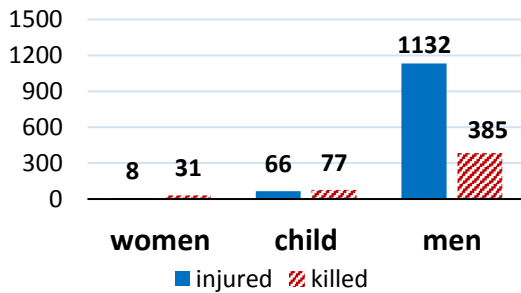
12	killed	8	killed	6	Killed
44	injured	30	injured	10	injured
Dead		Total Victims		Wounded	
26		110		84	

HAPPENED ON THIS MONTH (October of Previous Years)

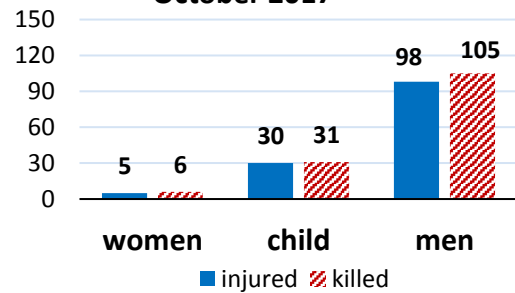
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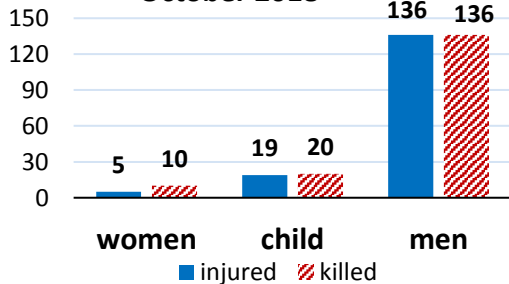
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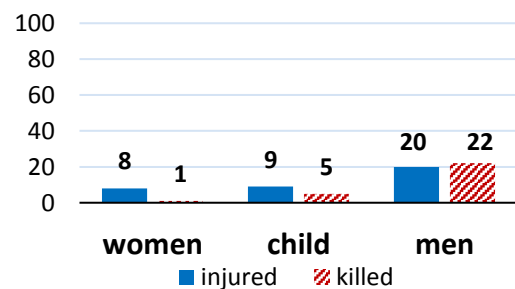
Victim Statistics in the Month of October 2017



Victim Statistics in the Month of October 2018



Victim Statistics in the Month of October 2019



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

Governorate	Air Raid	Rocket Bombing	Artillery Bombing	Cluster Bombs	Sound Bombs	Light Bombs	Drone	Warships	Total Number
al Bayda	2								2
al Jawf	262								262
Hodeidah	3	5,1931	6,850				81		12,127
Taiz			168						168
Hajjah	32								32
Saada	91	700	1,006						1,797
Sana'a	4								4
Amran	6								6
Marib	410			1					411
TOTAL	810	5,893	8,024	1	0	0	81	0	14,809

Statistics of Destroyed and Damaged Facilities During October 2020



STORY OF THE MONTH

(The Prisoner Mohammed Al-Sharafi... The Taste of Freedom!)

The prisoner Mohammed Al-Sharafi narrates his story of suffering in captivity and says, “There are tragic stories in the detention centers of the so-called legitimacy controlled by the militia of Islah party (Muslim Brotherhood) in Marib, which is under the control of the countries of aggression, such as those that occurred in Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.”

He further explains, “I was put in a small room full of prisoners; the temperature was very high; and the room was called ‘the pressure cooker’. I was insulted, beaten and exposed to various forms of torture. A group of masked men would come in and threaten to slaughter us with knives”.

“After that, I was transferred to Al-Saleh Institute Prison in Marib, where I did not know the sun for three years. The fourth floor was a special place for torture, which contained all torture tools and supplies. “I got infected with many diseases due to malnutrition,” he adds.

Then the captive, Al-Sharafi, burst into tears. Why do you cry, Mohammed? “I remembered the prisoners who died there due to severe torture,” he replies with grief and starts recounting some of these prisoners including Ammar Kabayal, Hadi Mubti, Khaled Quraysh, and Abdullah Al-Jaribi. “It is very difficult for me to tell you the tragedies I have experienced during the years I spent in prison,” he says.

Praise be to Allah, the Almighty, who brought me out of captivity, and I wish freedom to the other prisoners who are still in the detention centers of the countries of War Coalition against Yemen, which are run by Islah party militia supported by the coalition countries in Marib Governorate. They are tortured daily there. He concludes, saying, “Indeed, it is tragedy and war crimes against prisoners are committed by the War Coalition on Yemen and Islah Party in Marib.”