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for the month of July 2022 in Taiz – Yemen**



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Report on the human rights situation in Taiz

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General situation:

July was a bloody month, with hardly a day without new victims, most of whom were civilians, and children topped the list of victims.

Where the Houthi militia intensified its indiscriminate and direct artillery bombardment of residential neighborhoods, and the shelling reached the vicinity of Jabal Jarrah and the villages of the Al-Dhabab area, west of the city. The militia also bombed with heavy and anti-aircraft missiles densely populated civilian neighborhoods near Al-Shuhada Square, which is crowded with thousands of civilians during the Taiz Eid Festival from its locations in the Sofitel Tabbah.

On July 11, the authorities in Taiz Governorate were forced to stop the fifth Eid festival, after Houthi militias targeted a site near the festival venue with two mortar shells, which caused a great state of panic and panic among the participating women and children. The reports received did not confirm the occurrence of casualties or material losses as a result of the bombing.

The Houthi militia bombed the Zaid Al-Mushki neighborhood with a mortar, causing a bloody massacre, killing a child and wounding 10 other children. It also bombed the village of Al-Suwaihra in the Maqbna District with mortar shells, killing a civilian and wounding another and 3 children.

The intense Houthi militia bombardment extended to the old airport neighborhood in the west of the city, where five artillery shells were detected within a quarter of an hour, and on the last day of July, the militia bombed the Al-Saqr Club with an artillery shell, without causing any losses.

Citizens are suffering from the increasing financial extortion practiced by the Houthi militia against travelers at security points on the roads linking the governorates, which

intensified with religious occasions such as holidays, without any legal justification, which accompanied Eid Al-Adha this month.

The Houthi extortion of citizens is not limited to security points, but rather on more than one level, such as imposing financial royalties on shop owners and also on owners of construction work in areas controlled by the militia.

On the other hand, the collection operations by force of arms increased on an almost daily basis by armed men outside the framework of the state and armed men affiliated with various factions in the government army, as they threaten the workers and owners of shops and force them to pay financial levies illegally. If the shop owners and workers refuse to pay the levies, they break their stores.

Taiz and its surrounding areas are witnessing wide security disruptions, foremost of which is the kidnapping of merchants with the aim of blackmailing them or for refusing to pay taxes, amid the local authorities' ignoring of violations and looting of their money under several names and in illegal ways.

This prompted the Taiz merchants bloc to issue a statement warning of the continuation of what they described as hostilities towards merchants and shops, which will expel local capital and investors from the city, calling on the concerned authorities to play their role in imposing security and apprehending the aggressors.

On the other hand, the Republican Hospital, the largest hospital in Taiz Governorate, announced that it had stopped working due to the accumulation of its debt of fuel. This suspension included all vital departments, including dialysis, heart, intensive care and incubators, as a result of the accumulation of debt from diesel to one hundred and fifty million riyals.

The director of the hospital, Nashwan Al-Hussami, was forced to submit his resignation in protest, calling on the government to intervene urgently to save the lives of patients.

In his resignation note, he referred to the hospital's over-indebtedness and its inability to pay staff dues, explaining that the monthly fuel deficit amounted to more than eight thousand liters, while the hospital consumes more than twenty thousand to operate all its departments.

This budget approved by the state does not cover five percent of the needs of the hospital, which receives more than twenty thousand patients.



Tired after 12 hours of traveling in one city through the rugged mountains, he fell asleep on the side of the road to rest his body, which could no longer bear all this suffering. Photo on July 8 from Al-Aqrud, the only road to the city of Taiz, which is besieged by the Houthis. [By Ahmed Bahsha](#)

Taiz outside the framework of the truce

Despite the renewal of the truce for two more months, starting from the second of June, and under the auspices of the United Nations, Taiz continued to suffer from multiple

violations and Houthi attacks. It was remarkable that the most prominent Houthi attack affected residential neighborhoods, and resulted in civilian casualties, most of them children, which were carried out by the Houthi militia during the advisor's visit. The military office of the International Envoy, who visited the city of Taiz on July 22.

After the delegation's arrival, the Houthi militia bombed the city with a mortar, which is prohibited internationally, targeting urban areas and a gathering of children in the "Rawda neighborhood", which resulted in the injury of 12 children.

The matter pointed to the fragility of the truce that was clearly targeted by the Houthis, the day after the arrival of the military advisor to the UN envoy to Yemen and the head of the Coordination Committee for Military Affairs to establish the truce, General Anthony Hayward, to the city of Taiz to discuss the file of opening roads stumbling because of Houthi intransigence.

In addition, the month of July was marked by more than a systematic incident that was intended to destroy a fragile truce in its origin to keep Taiz as a city, outside the framework of the desired understanding, and confirm the failure of any international pressure that gives hope for peace.

According to official statistics, the Hritc team collected the total violations announced by the government army during the month of July in Taiz governorate, which amounted to 416 violations, distributed on the Taiz axis front with 164 violations, Al-Barah front with 101 violations, and 151 violations on the western coast.



Bloody massacres, the Houthi heroes and the victims are children

The month of July witnessed prominent instances of violations, and the destabilization of confidence in the truce initiatives, which was manifested in the systematic massacres of civilians carried out by the Houthi militias in a systematic manner.

It was remarkable that the Houthi militia carried out a public massacre against a gathering of children in the Rawda neighborhood of Taiz on July 23, the day after the arrival of a delegation representing the Office of the International Envoy to Yemen, headed by the office's military advisor.

A week later, the matter was repeated in another horrific massacre, where the field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) documented the occurrence of two bloody massacres, killing two civilians, including a child, and wounding 13 children and one civilian.

On July 23, the Houthi militia committed a bloody massacre as a result of its mortar shelling of Zaid Al-Mushki neighborhood, which resulted in the death of a child and the injury of 10 others, all of them children, some of them seriously:

Killed:

	Name	Age
1.	Al-Bara Murad Abdullah Al-Sharif	3 years old

Injured :

	Name	Age
1.	Rahaf Osama Abdel-Waseh Shaddad	3 years old

2.	Sondos Mohieldin Ali Hamid	7 years
3.	Ahmed Hamza Abdel-Waseh Shaddad	13 years
4.	Malak Anas Abdul Wasi Shaddad	8 years
5.	Youssef Tamim Ahmed Mohamed	9 years
6.	Turki Ammar Mohamed Abdullah	7 years
7.	Hoda Tamim Ahmed Mohamed	4 years
8.	Bushra Youssef Tamim Ahmed Mohamed	6 years
9.	Mohamed Anas Abd Al-Waseah Shaddad	3 years
10.	Lian Murad Abdullah Al-Sharif	10 years

On July 27, the Houthi militia committed another massacre, as a result of which a civilian was killed and 4 others were wounded, 3 of whom were children, by shrapnel of a mortar shell fired by the Houthi militia on the village of Al-Suwaihra in the Maqbna District.

They are:

Killed:

	Name	Age
1.	Maher Saeed Ghalib Hamid	18 years old

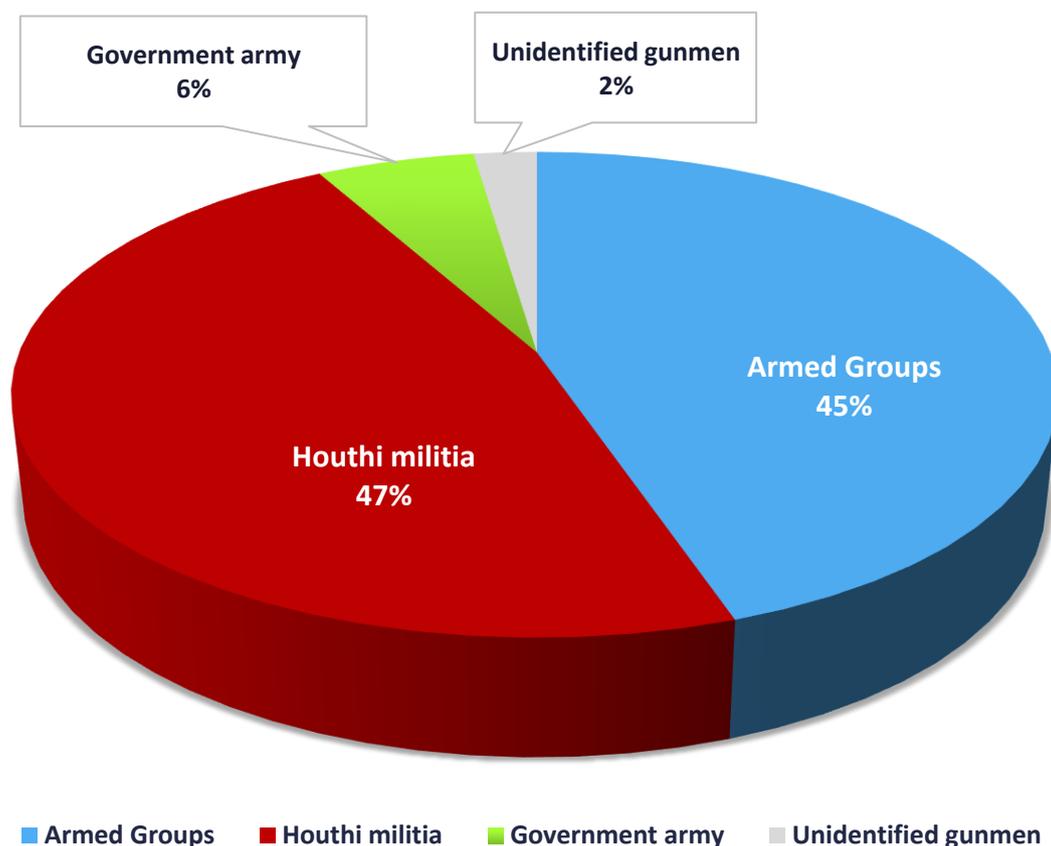
Injured :

	Name	Age
1.	Mohamed Najib Ali Sherian	20 years
2.	Nusaiba Ali Ghalib	12 years
3.	Ahllam Ali Ghalib	10 years
4.	Murad Ali Ghalib	9 years

Statistics:

The field team monitored **87 violations** during the month of July 2022 in Taiz governorate and their perpetrators:

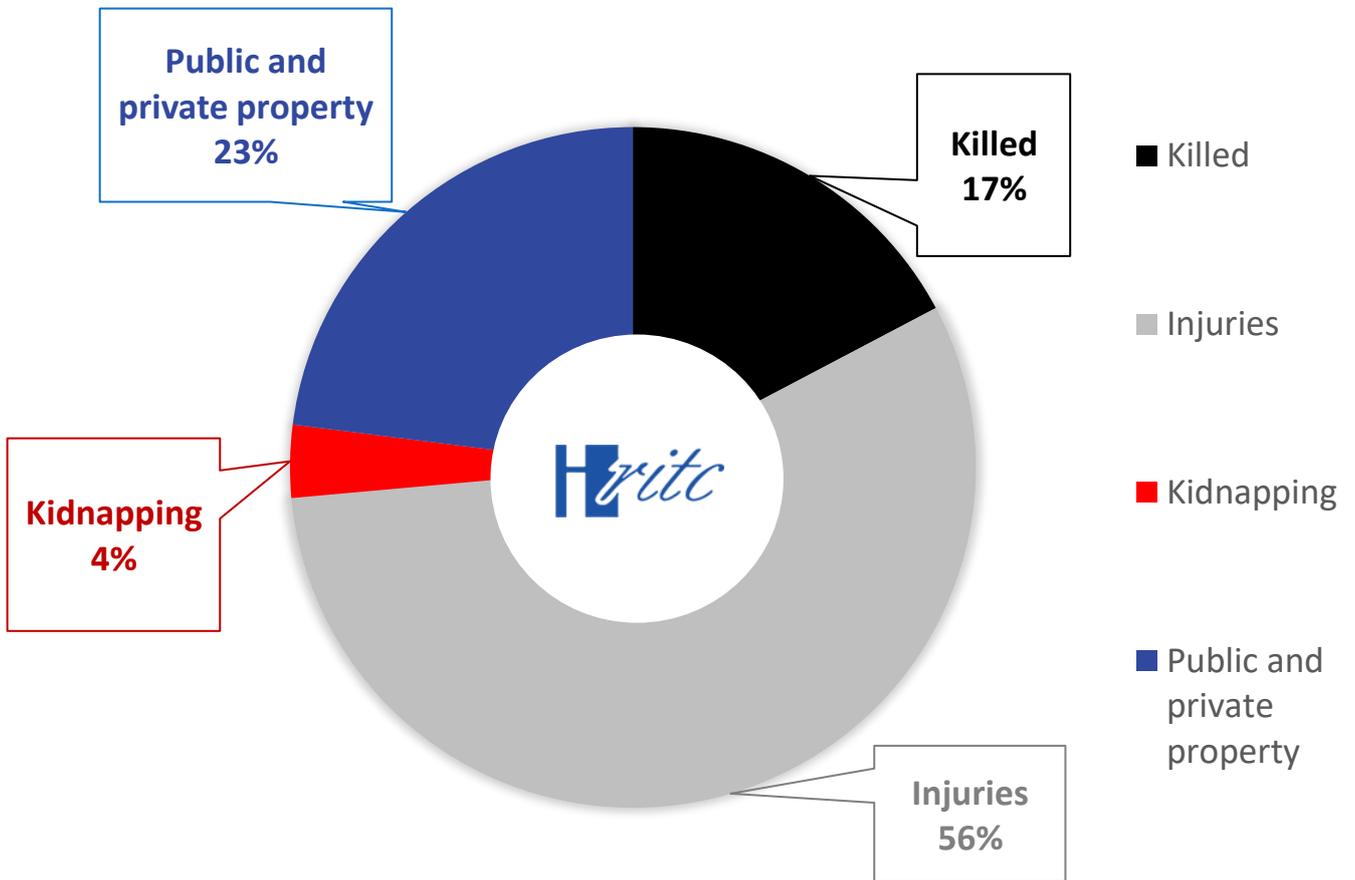
- 1- Houthi militia: 41 violations.
- 2- Armed men outside the framework of the state: 39 violations.
- 3- Members of the government army: 5 violations.
- 4- Unidentified gunmen: two violations.



87 violations These violations were distributed as follows:

	Type of violation	Total number
1.	Killed	15 Killed
2.	Injuries	49 Injured
3.	Kidnapping	3 Cases
4.	Public and private property	20 Cases

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Killed:



15 civilians killed

Men	Women	Children
12 Men	-	3 Child

Reason for killing:

- A Houthi shell: two civilians, one of them a child
- A landmine planted by the Houthis: one civilian
- A Houthi sniper: 3 civilians, including a child
- Armed gunmen outside the framework of the state: 8 civilians
- Hanging by unknown persons: one child

Injuries:



24 wounded civilians, including critical cases:

Men	Women	Children
21 Men	Two Women	21 Child

The cause of the injury:

- Sniper fire belonging to the Houthi militia: 3 civilians, a woman and two children.
- An explosive device planted by the Houthi militia: 4 civilians, including a woman.
- Houthi shells: 15 civilians, 14 of whom are children.
- Direct fire by gunmen outside the framework of the state: 12 civilians, including a child.

- A grenade for militants outside the framework of the state: 7 civilians, including two children.
- An explosive device for militants outside the framework of the state: two civilians.
- Direct bullets fired by government army gunmen: 5 civilians, including one child.
- Bullets belonging to unknown gunmen: one child.

Many of these injuries resulted in the amputation of some members, leaving a greater number of physical disabilities for the injured as a result of mines, shells, and others.

Kidnapping:



The field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) documented 3 cases of kidnapping committed by armed men outside the framework of the state. They were as follows:

- On July 3, Hamada Hazaa Al-Zuraiqi, 22, was kidnapped by armed men outside the framework of the state, and the 35-year-old merchant Hisham Al-Zariqi was kidnapped by gunmen outside the framework of the state in the wholesale market next to Al-Qurashi Mosque in the Mudhaffar District.
- On July 16, Assem Fayed Bajash, 22, was kidnapped by gunmen outside the framework of the state in Jamal Street in the Mudhaffar District.





Public and private property:

As a result of the intensification of battles and the intense daily bombardment by the militias, the field monitoring team is currently unable to monitor all public and private properties that have been subjected to total and partial damage.

20 cases of public and private property have been documented:

It was as follows:

Two cases of violating public property have been documented:

- Shelling the vicinity of Martyrs Square with artillery and anti-aircraft shells by the Houthi militia.
- Al-Saqr Club was bombed with artillery shells by the Houthi militia.

Eighteen cases of violations of private property were documented:

- Two houses were completely damaged, 3 others partially, and 6 vehicles were damaged as a result of the bombing by the Houthi militia.
- A commercial store was damaged by gunmen outside the framework of the state.
- Raiding two commercial stores and tampering with the contents of one of them by armed men outside the framework of the state.
- Burning of two private vehicles by armed men outside the framework of the state.
- A vehicle was completely damaged as a result of the explosion of an explosive device by militants outside the framework of the state
- A vehicle was partially damaged by gunmen outside the framework of the state.

Total violations in Taiz for the month of July 2022

87 violations these violations were distributed as follows:



Properties

20 حالة



Kidnapping

3 حالات



Injuries

49 مصاب



Killed

15 مدنيين



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