

# Taiz ... Between disease shelling, and siege

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**Violations  
monitoring report,  
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A report showing human rights violations in Taiz Governorate during the period April-June 2025 monitored by the field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC)

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# GENERAL SITUATION



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This report, issued by the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC), presents the humanitarian situation and the reality of human rights in Taiz governorate during the months of April, May, and June 2025, a period characterized by the escalation of civilian suffering as a result of the continuation of the siege imposed by the Houthi militias on the city for the tenth year in a row.

These months have witnessed complex challenges that have affected the basics of daily life for the residents of Taiz, represented by a severe water crisis, almost complete power cuts, and a suffocating shortage of domestic gas, in light of an accelerated economic deterioration as a result of the decline in the price of the national currency and an unprecedented rise in prices. 

This coincided with an increase in population density within the city center, due to the influx of tens of thousands of families and displaced people coming from Houthi-controlled areas in search of a measure of safety and services, which led to enormous pressure on the city's remaining infrastructure and capacity. The crisis was also accompanied by multiple security incidents that contributed to increasing the general anxiety among the population and exacerbated the dangers of daily life.

The governorate is witnessing a serious escalation in patterns of violence and violations related to the deterioration of living and security conditions, which poses a direct threat to the right to life and personal security.

There has been an alarming increase in murders, particularly within the family, with a young man slaughtering his mother and stabbing his father and brother in Sharab district in late May, in one of the most heinous crimes that reflects social disintegration & severe psychological pressure.

Suicides related to high prices and deteriorating living conditions have also increased, with the Al-Masrakh district recording the highest suicide rates during this period, an indication of the absence of social protection networks and psychological support. On the security front, a number of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) were found, some of which were camouflaged in the forms of objects that people used to, one of which was found in the Al-Mahsab area of Sina and other areas, exacerbating the state of fear and putting civilians, including women and children, in constant danger.

# ARTILLERY SHELLING



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The pace of indiscriminate shelling by the Houthi militia in Taiz governorate has increased after a period of relative decline in clashes, which resulted in direct targeting of residential areas and civilian sites in a number of neighborhoods and villages, which confirms its continued violations of international humanitarian law and the rights of civilians. Field observations indicate that the areas most hit during this period included:

- Al-Dhabab neighborhood in the west of the city, and the western residential neighborhoods of the city, where the shells targeted houses and densely populated neighborhoods.
- The Dhi al-Nureen neighborhood in the Al-Shamsi area, east of the city, which was subjected to repeated artillery shelling, which affected the physical safety of the residents and the structures of the underlying houses.
- The villages of the Kabir area in Sayyahi and the old airport front on the western front, which witnessed shells and cannons falling in agricultural and residential areas, forcing many residents to flee in search of safety.
- Al-Jahamliyah neighborhood and residential neighborhoods east of the city, which also recorded shelling within the range of civilian property, with local reports of children and women injured by shelling in several locations east of Taiz.

Human rights monitoring from our field team, local sources and observers on the ground has documented the continued repeated shelling of populated areas, including residential neighbourhoods, areas close to civilians, schools and public facilities, reflecting a clear violation of the rights of the civilian population and exacerbating their suffering in the context of the ongoing war. These artillery operations also underscore the continuing direct threat to civilian lives despite repeated calls for a ceasefire and respect for international humanitarian law.

This report also monitors the most prominent violations and human rights and humanitarian developments during the aforementioned quarter, relying on the methodology of field monitoring, direct testimonies and analysis of events, with the aim of providing an accurate and documented picture of the extent of the suffering and damage to civilians in Taiz, and clarifying the urgent need for effective international intervention to stop the continuation of this humanitarian tragedy.

# HEALTH STATUS



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In the context of the sharp deterioration of the health conditions in Taiz governorate, the health authorities recorded an alarming increase in the spread of epidemic diseases during the first half of this year, in a clear indication of the fragility of the health system and the decline in epidemic prevention and response services. The governorate's health office announced that 22,544 cases of fever and epidemics were recorded during the period from January 1 to May 31, including outbreaks of malaria, cholera, dengue fever, bending fever, Nile Valley fever, and measles.

According to the official in the health media in Taiz, Tayseer al-Samei, the infections were distributed among 18,832 cases of cholera, 1,460 cases of dengue fever, bending fever and Nile Valley fever, in addition to 992 cases of measles, with 9 deaths related to these diseases, including 5 deaths due to measles, 3 deaths due to cholera, and one death due to dengue fever. These figures reflect the scale of the threat to the right to health of Taiz residents, given weak preventive interventions, poor water and sanitation services, and the ongoing conflict that has exacerbated the susceptibility to epidemics.



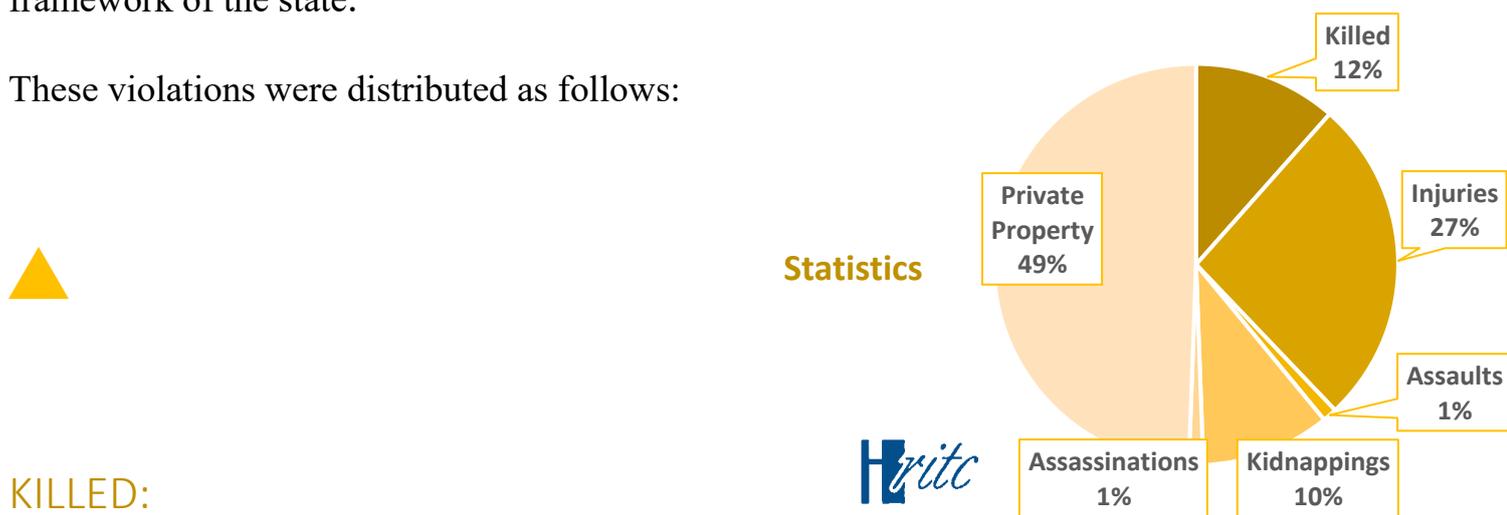
# STATISTICS



## STATISTICS:

The field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) was able **to commit 87** violations during April 1 – June 2025 in Taiz governorate, of which the Houthis militia committed 80 cases, 6 cases of unknown gunmen, and one case of a gunman outside the framework of the state.

These violations were distributed as follows:



## KILLED:

### 10 Civilians Killed

Children	Women	Men
Two Children	Two Women	6 Men

### Cause of Death:

- Houthi artillery shelling: one civilian
- Mine Explosion: One Civilian
- Direct Bullets of a Houthi Gunman: One Civilian
- Explosion of a Houthi weapons depot: two civilians, one of them a child
- Sniper by Houthi bullets: Woman
- Unknown gunfire: Two civilians
- Stabbed with a sharp bale by an unknown person: a woman
- Gunshot Outside the State Frame: A Child

## INJURIES:

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### **23 injured civilians, including serious cases:**

Children	Women	Men
10 Children	Two Women	11 Men

#### ■ Cause of Injury:

- Houthi sniper shot: 6 civilians, 3 of them children
- Explosive device for Houthi: two children.
- Artillery shelling by the Houthis: 5 civilians, including 3 children.
- Explosion of a Houthi weapons depot: 8 civilians, including two women
- Explosive device for unknown persons: 2 children

Many of these injuries resulted in amputation of some organs, leaving a greater number of physical disabilities for those injured by mines, missiles and others.



## ASSAULT:

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The field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) documented **a single case of mass attack** caused by the Houthi militia on June 24, where Houthi gunmen assaulted women and children in the house of Khaled Qaid al-Azab in the village of "Ajrak" in Mawiya district, east of the governorate, after a barbaric raid on the house.

The attack came in the context of a revenge campaign targeting the single citizen, who is known for his anti-Houthi stances and his writings critical of its violations against the population.

## KIDNAPPING:

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The field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) documented **9 Kidnapped** in three incidents of abduction committed by the Houthi militia, which are as follows:

- On April 28, the Houthi militia kidnapped 3 teachers from their homes in the village of Al-Jaadi in Al-Taiziya district after they refused to teach the Houthi curriculum in the summer centers, and they are:

- 1- Abdullah Mohammed Ghalib
- 2- Abdo Mohamed Saeed
- 3- Mohamed Ahmed Al-Salmi

- On June 24, armed elements affiliated with the Houthi militia kidnapped 3 of the sons of Khalid Qaid Al-Azab after storming his house in the village of "Akhraq" in Mawiya district, east of Taiz governorate, namely: Mohammed, Ibrahim, and Abdul Wahid.

- On June 27, the Houthi militia kidnapped 3 citizens from the village of "Erq al-Sharman" in Mawiya district, including two brothers and an elderly man, a week after a similar campaign in the nearby town of "Akhrak".

## ASSASSINATIONS:

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The field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) documented **the case of an assassination** attempt on April 30 of a member of the Control and Inspection Department of the Political Bureau of the Resistance, Sheikh Waddah Al-Wajih, by an unknown gunman on a motorcycle near the Al-Muzaffar Mosque.

## PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY:

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The field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) documented **43 cases of special violations**, some of which were collective cases that the field team could not monitor due to the inability to reach them, as they are still dangerous areas that are constantly affected by shelling and sniping, and they were as follows:

### Private Property: 43 Cases

- 28 houses were partially damaged, 5 houses were completely damaged, and 6 vehicles were bombarded by the Houthi militia.
- Storming a house and breaking its furniture by Houthi militia
- Bombing a house and a weapons store by the Houthi militia.
- A number of livestock died as a result of the bombing of the Houthi militia



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# TAIZ GOVERNATE VIOLATIONS

## SECOND QUARTER 2025



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