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**Report of Human Rights Violations in Taiz Governorate during May 2021**  
**Monitored by the field team of the**

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## General situation

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The suffering of the city of Taiz has doubled with the siege imposed by the Houthi militia on the city for more than seven years, with the increasing state of chaos and lack of services, and the spread of corruption in the joints of service institutions and various government, military and security sectors.

Citizens' complaints increased through various forms of popular protests, such as marches and media demonstrations. The city center of Taiz was subjected to several demonstrations that were stranded in protest against the city's state, which the Houthi militia's siege has greatly intensified its suffering.

Citizens' complaints began to rise widely due to the deterioration of electricity and hygiene services, the lack of confidence in the security services, the spread of epidemics, the rise in prices, the delay in salaries and their interruption in some sectors, and sectors such as health, water, environment, and electricity suffered from clear and announced collapses.

The governorate also suffers from burglaries and seizure of public and private property by influential people and military, security, and political leaders, and according to recent statistics, about 1,890 plots of land were stretched by the force of arms, building on them, assaulting their owners, and forging property documents for the benefit of the aggressors. Robbed and occupied them by force.

On the other hand, the Houthi militia intensified its bombardment of residential neighborhoods crowded with civilians since the early hours of dawn and the first morning of Eid al-Fitr, targeting the areas of Kilabah, Al-Safa', Al-Bararah, Al-Noor City, the vicinity of the old airport, Jabal Jarrah, and the densely populated neighborhoods behind Al-Barihi Hospital, Al-Dar and in the vicinity of the air defense.

In the Houthi-controlled areas, the militia deliberately carried out looting and fed and attacked and looted shops, homes. they companies, and they reached the point of launching an attack on police

stations, which happened recently on May 9 on 26th Street in an attempt to impose financial levies on merchants. One of the policemen was killed.

In addition to extorting capital owners and imposing levies on shops, businessmen, commercial companies, and various factories, forcing some to leave the governorate and stop their activities, which led to dozens of families losing their source of income and exacerbated the suffering of citizens.

In the areas that the Houthi militia recently left as a result of its defeat in front of the army and the resistance forces, about 56 anti-tank mines, 4 anti-personnel mines, one explosive ammunition, and 3 explosive devices were removed in the Al-Wazi'iyah district of Taiz governorate, according to the latest official reports of the “Masam” project for demining.

In addition, the engineering teams cleared two unexploded ordnance in Mokha district, 52 anti-tank mines in Mowza district, in addition to 349 anti-tank mines in Dhu Bab district.

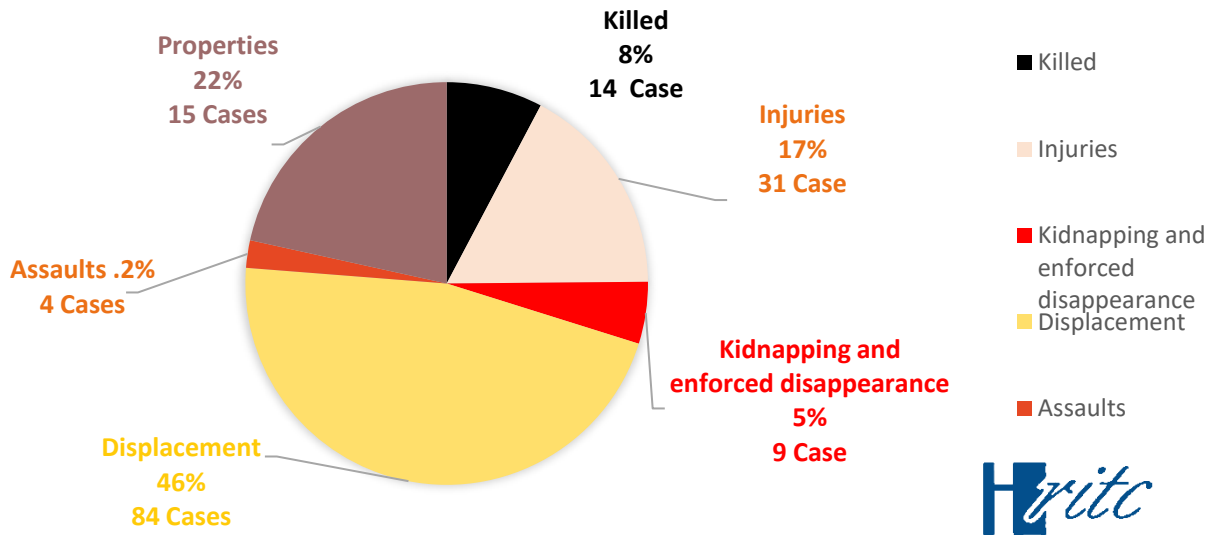








A girl from Al-Hajeb IDPs camp

## Statistics

The field team detected **157** violations during the month of May in Taiz Governorate, which were as follows:

### MONITORING STATISTICS FOR MAY 2021



Code	Type of Violation	Total of Cases of Violation
	Killed	14 civilians killed
	Injured	31 injured civilians
	Kidnappings & enforced disappearances	9 cases
	Assaults	4 cases of assault
	Displacement	84 cases
	Public property	-
	Private property	15 cases of violation of private property





## Killed:

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### **14 civilians killed**

Men	Women	Children
9 men	-	5 children

#### ■ Cause of murder:

Houthi militia shells: two children, Houthi militia sniper bullets: two civilians, one of whom is a child

Houthi militia direct bullets: 3 civilians

As a result of the explosion of a hand grenade thrown by a Houthi gunman: one child

Direct fire for gunmen outside the framework of the state: one civilian

As a result of the explosion of a grenade thrown by militants outside the framework of the state: 3 children

Government army sniper bullets: one civilian

Direct bullets to a member of the government army: one civilian

Unidentified gunmen direct fire: two civilians



## Injuries:

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### **31 wounded civilians, including serious cases:**

Men	Women	Children
21 Men	-	10 Children

#### ■ Cause of injury:

Sniper fire belonging to the Houthi militia: 3 children

Houthi militia shells: one child

Direct bullets to the Houthi militia: one child

As a result of the explosion of a bomb thrown by a Houthi gunman: 21 civilians

Government army shells: two children.

As a result of the explosion of a bomb thrown by a gunman outside the framework of the state: 3 children.

**Many of these injuries resulted in amputations of some of the organs, leaving more physical disabilities for those injured by mines, shells, and others.**



## Kidnappings enforced disappearances

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The field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) documented **9 cases** of kidnapping, where the Houthi militia kidnapped 8 civilians, while members of the government army affiliated with certain political factions carried out one of them, as follows:

- On May 5, the Houthi militia carried out a security campaign of 5 crews and stormed several houses in the villages of "Khadir al-Barihi" in Mawiyah district, kidnapped 8 civilians, and led them to the detention center of "Al-Saleh" city and terrified women and children under the pretext of searching for people returning from Ma'rib.

On May 10, members of the government army stormed a house in the 7 July neighborhood, Al-Rawda area, and kidnapped a 16-year-old girl named Yusra, and looted large amounts of gold.



## Assaults:

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The field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) documented **4 cases**, two of which were committed by armed men outside the framework of the state, and members of the government army committed two cases, including a woman, as follows:

- On May 30, Dr. Abd al-Salam al-Sharabi was beaten inside the Criminal Investigation Court by armed men outside the framework of the state who attacked him without any reason.

- Lawyer Noman Al-Mahya was also attacked by armed men outside the framework of the state in China.

- An elderly woman was also assaulted after the raid of her house in Jabal Habashi by members of the government army and handcuffed after raiding her house and searching for her son accused by them of committing a murder, but they did not find him in the house.

- The human rights activist Makram Al-Azab was attacked and assaulted by members of the government army while he was passing through the traffic tour, and he was released after being attacked in the same place.





## Displacement:

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The center's field team documented the forcible displacement of **84 civilians** by the Houthi militia on May 1, including 15 women from the Al-Quhaifa area, Moqbna district.



## Properties:

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As a result of the intensification of the fighting and the intense daily bombardment by the militias. The field monitoring team was currently unable to monitor all public and private properties that were subjected to total and partial damage, and what was monitored constitutes a very small part of what was affected, especially in the villages that are bombed intensively daily and displace their inhabitants.

### **15 cases of violations of private property were documented:**

- 3 houses were completely damaged, 4 houses partially, and 5 vehicles were damaged as a result of the bombing by the Houthi militia.
- Two houses were blown up by the Houthi militia.
- A large amount of gold was looted by members of the government army.



Elderly people from Al-Hajeb IDPs camp

## Statistics for monitoring human rights violations during May in Taiz Governorate

### 157 violations monitored by HRITC



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