

Taiz: Continuous Killing

Report on monitoring human rights violations for
2023 in the Yemeni governorate of Taiz August

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**Violations
monitoring report,
2023 August
in Taiz, Yemen**



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This report is part of an ongoing series of reports that monitors monthly and qualitative violations in Taiz Governorate, located in the Republic of Yemen. The objective of these reports is to provide a qualitative analysis of the situation and document any observed infringements.

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Report on the human rights situation in Taiz

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The general situation

The month of August was no different from its predecessors for the residents of Taiz, in terms of the injustice of the siege, the intensification of suffering, and the constant terror of bombing, snipers, direct bullets, and other forms of death and devastation.

Since the beginning of August, the Houthi militia has greatly intensified its bombardment with mortar shells on the village of Al-Anin in Jabal Habashi, and also bombed with drones the Aqqa area in the Sabr Al-Mawadim District.

Both districts (i.e. Jabal Habashi and Sabr al-Mawadim are located in the central part of Taiz Governorate, and are full of populated villages).

In mid-August, the Houthi militia bombed Al-Tawhid neighborhood in the Cairo District, causing significant damage to property. On August 18, it hysterically bombed the villages of the Al-Hawamra area and the Mawiyah District with about 40 mortar shells within 24 hours, which led to major damage to the property and homes of citizens, the burning of a number of farms, and the death of a number of people. Lots of livestock.

On August 23, the Houthi militia committed a horrific bloody massacre that led to the killing of five civilians, including 4 children, and the wounding of 10 other civilians, all of them from one family, with fragments of a mortar shell fired by the Houthi militia at their house, which was completely destroyed in the village of Al-Ghusha in Maqbana District.

Systematic siege and killing:

The complications of the siege continue, as the rough roads pose a deadly and constant danger, and the deterioration of services in various sectors, especially health, constitutes a disaster that causes certain death every day due to the lack of medicines and the decline of health care institutions, and the spread of epidemics has increased the risk of death among citizens, especially children.

The security situation, along with the spread of weapons and armed groups, constitutes a continuous challenge to the state's authority in Taiz, despite its significant decline and the significant decrease in security crimes. It is an issue that ends with strengthening the state apparatus and ending the siege, which constitutes a fundamental obstacle to the security and military force in the governorate.

Massacres:

The Houthi militia committed a horrific massacre on August 23, killing five people, including 4 children, and wounding 10 other civilians, all from one family, with fragments of a mortar shell fired by the Houthi militia at their house, which was completely demolished in the village of Al-Ghusha in Maqbana District. The dead were:

- 1 -Abdo Faisal Muhammad Muqbil Al-Zahari, 30 years old
- 2 -Montaser Abdo Faisal Muhammad Muqbil Al-Zahari, 4 years old
- 3 -Shajoun Al-Ezzi Faisal Muhammad, 6 years old
- 4 -Munser Al-Ezzi Faisal Muhammad, 4 years old
- 5 -Abdul Hay Saeed Muhammad Muqbel, 10 years

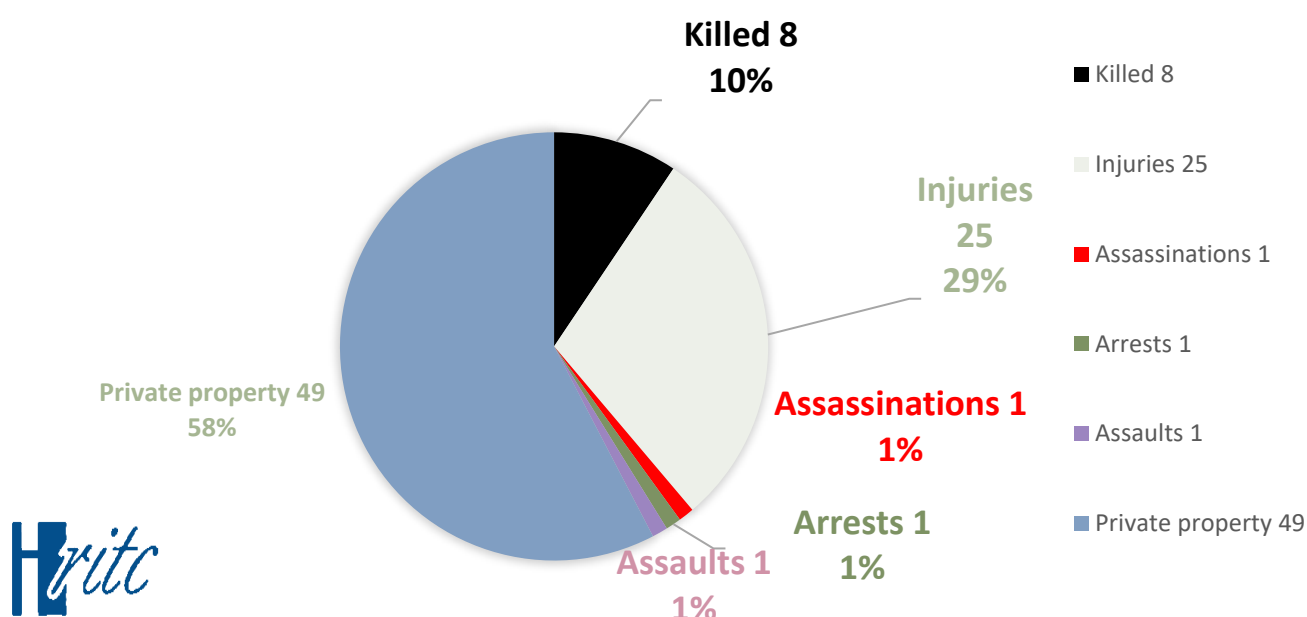
Wounded:

- 1 -Bashar Faisal Muhammad Muqbil, 21 years old
- 2 -The child Ammar Saeed Muhammad Muqbel, 6 years old.
- 3 -The child Fayza Faisal Muhammad Muqbil, 11 years old.
- 4 -The child, Majd al-Din Abdo Faisal, two years old.
- 5 -The child Nouria Hassan Saif, 13 years old.
- 6 -The child, Houria Hassan Farhan, 15 years old.
- 7 -Safia Hassan Farhan, 22 years old.
- 8 -Wahba Ali Muhammad Muqbil, 30 years old.
- 9 -Anis Hassan Saif, 22 years old.
- 10 -Maryam Khadem, 40 years old.
- 11 -Safiya Faisal Muhammad Muqbil, 17 years old.
- 12- Saada Sherian Naji, 40 years old.

Statistics:

The field team monitored **85 violations** during the month of August 2023 in the governorate, of which the Houthi militia committed 76 violations, gunmen outside the state committed 4 violations, while unknown gunmen committed 3 violations, and members of the government army committed only two violations. These violations were distributed as follows:

MONITORING STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 2023



Type of violation

Total cases of violation

	Killed	8 civilians killed
	Injury	25 wounded civilians
	Assassinations	One case
	Arrests	One case
	Assaults	One case
	Public property	-
	Private property	49 cases of violation of private property

Killed:



10 civilians killed

Men	Women	Children
2 Men	A woman	5 Children

Reason for killing:

- Houthi militia sniper bullets: Woman
- Houthi mortar shells: 5 civilians, 4 of whom were children
- Direct bullets from the Houthi militia: one civilian
- Direct bullets to an army member: one child

Injuries:



25 civilians were injured, including those in serious condition:

Men	Women	Children
14 men	-	11 children

Cause of injury:

- ☐ Landmine planted by the Houthis: 3 civilians, including two children
- ☐ Mortar shells by the Houthi militia: 14 civilians, 6 of them children
- ☐ Houthi drone bombing: one civilian
- ☐ Houthi sniper bullets: 3 civilians, including two children
- ☐ Direct bullets by gunmen outside the state: two civilians, one of whom is a child
- ☐ Bomb explosion by gunmen outside the state: two civilians

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

Assassinations:



The field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center documented **one case of assassination** caused by unknown gunmen on August 15, in which the Political Security officer Adnan Abdel Karim Mahmoud Al-Muhaya, a member of the joint committee to investigate the assassination of the UN official Muayyad Hamidi, was assassinated in the Al-Jumhuriyya neighborhood in Al-Jahmiliyah. The officer was assassinated. Al-Muhayya came two days after he received death threats due to his work in investigating the Hamidi murder case.

Arrests:



The field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center documented one **mass arrest case** on August 22, caused by a member of the government army, where the wife of citizen Fahmi Qasim Ahmed Numan and her children, Sabran, 10 years old, Muhammad, 12 years old, and Rafif, 14 years old, were arrested and placed hostage in the Shamatin district prison by a security force. The reason for the arrest was an attempt to force the husband to surrender himself under the pretext that he was wanted by security forces.

Assaults:



The field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center documented **one case of assault** committed by unidentified gunmen who fired a barrage of bullets at a point belonging to the military police in the Al-Wazi'iyah District.



Public and private property:

The field team of the Human Rights Information and Training Center documented **49 cases of specific violations**, some of which were mass cases that the field team could not monitor due to the inability to reach them, as they are still dangerous areas that are constantly bombarded and sniper-hit, and they were as follows:

- 18 houses were partially damaged, 7 others were completely damaged, and 16 vehicles were damaged by Houthi artillery shelling.
- 4 houses were completely destroyed by artillery shelling by the Houthi militia.
- A Tuktuk vehicle was completely damaged as a result of the explosion of a landmine belonging to the Houthi militia.
- Several farms were burned and a number of livestock were killed as a result of Houthi artillery shelling.
- A house was partially damaged by bullets from an unknown gunman.

Total violations in Taiz in August 2023

85 violations, distributed as follows:



Properties

49 cases



Assassinations

One case



Arrests

A case of
mass arrest



Assaults

One case



Injuries

25 Injured



Killed

8 Killed

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