

## **110 violations documented** by the Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) last April in Taiz

Taiz / Yemen:

The Human Rights Information and Training Center (**hritc**) announced its documentation of **110 violations** committed against civilians in the governorate of Taiz during the month of April 2020, committed by a number of parties in the various directorates of the province.

Among the most notable were the **killing** of 28 civilians, including **7 children and 9 women**, the Houthi militia caused the death of **22 civilians**, including **7 women and two children**, during the Houthi militia's bombardment of residential neighbourhoods with various shells, during which a bloody massacre **killed 6 women and two girls**, and wounded **7 women, 5 children and one man**.

**Five civilians** were **killed** by direct fire by the Houthi militia, and a militia **sniper killed 3 civilians**, including a **woman** and a **child**, and a demining worker was **killed** by a mine explosion planted by the Houthi militia, and the Houthi militia executed two civilians, and a child died as a result of torture by the militia.

Another massacre was committed by members of the Houthi militia, who **burnt** a civilian home in Hagda, **killing four** of its **sons**.

Gunmen outside the country **killed two** civilians, one with **direct** fire and the other with execution, while individuals belonging to the government army factions **killed** one civilian with **direct** fire.

HRITC field team documented the injury of **41 civilians**, including **10 children and 12 women**. The Houthi militia **injured 25** of them, including **8 children and 11 women**, **16 civilians**, including **5 children and 7 women**, were injured by the projectiles that the militia threw into residential neighborhoods, and **8 civilians**, including **3 children and 4 women**, were wounded By a **sniper** from the Houthi militia, **one** civilian was wounded by a live bullet by a militia member.

Armed gunmen outside the country injured **Five** civilians, including a **woman**, and **5** other civilians, including a child, were **injured** as a result of clashes between the **government** army and **gunmen** outside the country, and members of the government army **injured 3** civilians, including a **child**, as a result of severe beatings, while a member of the army wounded another civilian with direct fire, While two civilians were wounded by unidentified gunmen.

HRITC field team documented **six cases** of abuse, four of which were committed by gunmen outside the country, one by unknown persons, and another by members of the government army.

The field team also monitored four cases of kidnapping and forced disappearances, two of which were committed by unidentified gunmen, one for members of the government army, and one by armed men outside the country.

The field team observed 24 cases of private property violations between burning, looting, destruction and partial and total damage.

Where the Houthi militia **destroyed** three homes, six houses, 5 vehicles and the tanks of a private factory were damaged as a result of indiscriminate shelling. Three vehicles were damaged by bullets and shelling, and they burned one house.

Unidentified gunmen burned one vehicle and **damaged** another vehicle, a house was partially damaged by a shell fired by members of the government army, members of the army looted a vehicle, a sum of money, a phone in the army and several documents, and gunmen outside the country damaged a private hospital partly.

The monthly report touched on the intensification of the Houthi militia, with artillery and mortar bombardment, towards the western neighborhoods, Bir Pasha District, Gamal Street, Cairo district, and Tiba al-Sallal district in the Hall district, and bombed multiple areas in the departments of Haifan and Sabr al-Mawadim.

In addition, a new field of mines, explosive devices and various shells planted by the Houthi militia was found in Wadi Rasyan, in the Al-Barh area on the western coast, west of Taiz Governorate.

The report dealt with the conditions in the liberated areas, which are still experiencing security disturbances and imbalances as a result of the multiplicity of armed groups outside the framework of the state, which are practicing several of extra-legal acts, where assassinations of officers and soldiers in the government army, leaders and individuals in the resistance have returned.

HRITC documentation team monitored five assassination attempts, who survived with difficulty and some were seriously injured.

In April, the phenomenon of assaulting and threatening judges and attempting to assassinate some of them emerged, and some cases reached the point of attacking judges in their workplaces, in addition to launching campaigns to defame their images and question their rulings.

Human Rights Information and Training Center monitored a report by the network of "Lawyers Against Corruption" in which it was confirmed that 7 attacks against judges took place, during the first week of April, during which they were subjected during the first week of their work after the judicial holiday had ended for a number of violations, ranging from the threat of murder and kidnapping to an attempt Assassination, assault and shooting at a security point.

Clashes took place between armed groups belonging to partisan factions in Wadi al-Qadi that terrified civilians and besieged many of them in the mosque, and the militants spread in Freedom Square and rooftops. Some of those groups cut the Haja Al-Abd road linking Taiz Governorate with the city of Aden and prevented the passage of gas and goods to Taiz Governorate.

Other groups have closed the loan entrance at government army points due to disputes over financial royalties in new and previous points.

Whereas, since the beginning of April, the Houthi militia closed the roads of Qubaitah and Haifa to thousands of travelers from the temporary capital, Aden, towards Taiz governorate and the rest of the governorates in inhumane conditions under the pretext of quarantine, to ensure that they are free of the Coronavirus in areas under its control and imposed sectarian courses under the cultural name on everyone.

The Houthi militia also prevented more than two thousand passengers from entering Al-Hawban area after they came from the areas controlled by the legitimate government in the city, and detained more than 200 cars with passengers, including women and children, on the way to the Samea Directorate and did not allow them to enter Al-Hawban.