

2017 February 15/02/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At least eight women and a child killed in a raid on a funeral reception, hitting the women’s area of the reception, in Arhab near Sanaa<sup>1</sup></li></ul>
March 10/03/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 22 civilians killed and dozens wounded in coalition airstrike on market in western Yemen<sup>2</sup></li></ul>
16/03/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Migrant vessel carrying approximately 146 passengers sailing away from Yemen attacked with small arms fire from helicopter, killing 42 and injuring 34. The helicopter was likely dispatched from a large vessel. UN Panel of Experts identify Saudi-led coalition as the possible attacking force, given their capabilities and involvement in Yemen conflict,<sup>3</sup> and note that there are very strong indications that the attack violated IHL.<sup>4</sup></li></ul>
May 24/05/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attack on fuel station, possible coalition airstrike, kills 12 civilians including seven boys and injures two. UN Group of Eminent experts noted remote location of fuel station and raise concerns about a possible violation of IHL.<sup>5</sup></li></ul>
June 09/06/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Airstrike on home in Al-Qoubari neighbourhood, Sanaa, June 9, 2017 killed</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/02/air-raid-yemen-funeral-kills-women-170216093707979.html> and <https://www.mailonsunday.co.uk/news/article-4235596/Two-babies-badly-injured-Yemen-airstrike.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20170311-saudi-airstrike-kills-22-civilians-in-yemen/>

<sup>3</sup> By contrast the Houthi-Saleh forces do not have such capabilities.

<sup>4</sup> Appendix A to Annex 58 of January 2018 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen.

<sup>5</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §325-327

one adult and three children and wounded five adults and three children. A woman, eight-months pregnant, lost her child. Five homes were destroyed, five damaged. A low-ranking Houthi-Saleh soldier lived in the area. The UN Panel of Experts found that a Paveway laser guided bomb was almost certainly used.<sup>6</sup> HRW described the attack as ‘apparently unlawful’.<sup>7</sup> The attack supported the UN Panel of Experts’ conclusion that the evidence strongly demonstrates that these airstrikes constitute breaches of IHL on the part of members of the Saudi-led coalition.<sup>8</sup>

17/06/2017

- 25 civilian men killed at a farm during airstrikes targeting the village of Baqqa in Saada.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> January 2019 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, Appendix 33.G, paragraph 3.

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/12/yemen-coalition-airstrikes-deadly-children>

<sup>8</sup> Annex 58 of January 2018 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, paragraph 5.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-4615458/Airstrike-kills-25-qat-farm-say-Yemeni-medical-officials.html>

July

03/07/2017

- Airstrike on home in Taiz, killing eight members of one family, including five children under 10-years old. HRW described the attack as ‘apparently unlawful’.<sup>10</sup>

18/07/2017

An airstrike on civilians who had sought to flee the conflict in Al-Ua’shira, Taiz province kills between 14 and 20 including at least nine children, thought to all be from the one family.<sup>11</sup> UNHCR stated that there did not appear to be any military objectives anywhere in the immediate vicinity of the destroyed house.<sup>12</sup> HRW described the attack as ‘apparently unlawful’.<sup>13</sup>

- On the same date in Al-Hamli village, Taizz Province, an airstrike hit a local grocery store in al-Hamli village, Mawza district, Taizz governorate, killing four civilians, including two children, and wounding three. HRW described the attack as ‘apparently unlawful’.<sup>14</sup>

August

04/08/2017

- Airstrike on a family home in Mahda district outside Saada at dawn while the family were inside asleep. The house was completely destroyed, three women and six children from the same family were all killed. Most of the victims were under the age of 18. Another three people were also injured.<sup>15</sup> HRW described the attack as ‘apparently unlawful’.<sup>16</sup> The attack supported the UN Panel of Experts’ conclusion that the evidence strongly demonstrates

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/12/yemen-coalition-airstrikes-deadly-children>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-4710308/Yemen-civilian-death-toll-Saudi-led-airstrike-reaches-20.html> and <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/12/yemen-coalition-airstrikes-deadly-children> and <https://ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=21899&LangID=E>

<sup>12</sup> <https://ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=21899&LangID=E>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/12/yemen-coalition-airstrikes-deadly-children>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/12/yemen-coalition-airstrikes-deadly-children>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/saudi-attack-kills-three-women-and-six-children-yemeni-family>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/12/yemen-coalition-airstrikes-deadly-children>

that these airstrikes constitute breaches of IHL on the part of members of the Saudi-led coalition.<sup>17</sup>

22/08/2017

- Airstrike on a house in Talan village, Sanaa, killed a woman and two children and injured another two children.<sup>18</sup>

23/08/2017

- Airstrike on a hotel kills between 33-35 civilians in town of Arhab, near Sanaa.<sup>19</sup> UN figures put the number of wounded at 25.<sup>20</sup> The attack supported the UN Panel of Experts' conclusion that the evidence strongly demonstrates that these airstrikes constitute breaches of IHL on the part of members of the Saudi-led coalition.<sup>21</sup> The UN Group of Eminent experts also raised serious concerns about breaches of IHL and possible war crimes.<sup>22</sup>

25/08/2017

- Airstrike on or directly next to a residential apartment complex in Faj Attan area of Sanaa kills 16 civilians, including seven children.<sup>23</sup> Eight of those killed were members of the one family.<sup>24</sup> 17 were wounded including eight

<sup>17</sup> Annex 58 of January 2018 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, paragraph 5.

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/afp/article-4822690/Saudi-led-coalition-killed-42-civilians-Yemen-past-week-UN.html>

<sup>19</sup> <https://news.sky.com/story/yemen-saudi-led-airstrike-on-hotel-kills-35-11001925> and above

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=21996&LangID=E>

<sup>21</sup> Annex 58 of January 2018 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, paragraph 5.

<sup>22</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (August 2018) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014*, Annex IV

<sup>23</sup> <https://uk.news.yahoo.com/yemen-saudi-led-airstrike-apartment-block-kills-12-165700770.html?guccounter=1> and <https://news.sky.com/story/yemen-saudi-led-airstrike-on-apartment-block-kills-12-people-11005245> and updated causality figures in <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/08/yemen-hiding-behind-coalitions-unlawful-attacks>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.mailonsunday.co.uk/wires/ap/article-4827300/Saudi-coalition-Technical-mistake-deadly-Yemen-strike.html>

children. Amnesty International identified the weapon as a US-manufactured Raytheon Paveway laser-guided bomb.<sup>25</sup> The ICRC described the attack as outrageous, running counter to the basic tenets of the law of armed conflict and stated that it could identify no military target.<sup>26</sup> HRW described the attack as ‘apparently unlawful’ and called for a criminal investigation.<sup>27</sup> Saudi Arabia attributed the strike to a technical mistake. The attack was a case study used to support the UN Panel of Experts conclusions, *inter alia*, that even where there are legitimate military objective, it is highly unlikely that the IHL principles of proportionality and precautions in attack have been respected such that the evidence strongly demonstrates that the air strikes violated IHL.<sup>28</sup> The UN Group of Eminent experts also raised serious concerns about breaches of IHL and possible war crimes.<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2015/09/yemen-the-forgotten-war/>

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.icrc.org/en/document/yemen-airstrikes-residential-area-sanaa-are-outrageous>

<sup>27</sup> Human Rights Watch Report (August 2018) Hiding Behind the Coalition page 50.

<sup>28</sup> Appendix B to Annex 58 of January 2018 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen read with paragraphs 4-5 of Annex 58.

<sup>29</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (August 2018) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014*, Annex IV

September

02/09/2017

- Two explosives, at least one fitted with a Paveway guidance unit, dropped hitting residential buildings in Farah Village, Hajjah. The second explosion killed two women and one child and injured 13, including one woman and ten young children. Men and older children had escaped following the first explosion. The attack fell on the second day of Eid. The UN Panel of Experts received no explanation as to why the building was considered a legitimate military objective and, even if it were, found that there were: *'serious concerns whether it respected IHL principles of proportionality and precautions in attack given that 14 of the 16 affected were women and children.'* . The attack was a case study used to support the UN Panel of Experts conclusions, *inter alia*, that even where there are legitimate military objective, it is highly unlikely that the IHL principles of proportionality and precautions in attack have been respected such that the evidence strongly demonstrates that the air strikes violated IHL.<sup>30</sup>

16/09/2017

- 12 civilians killed in central Marib province when an airstrike hit a vehicle travelling along a route used by civilians to escape fighting.<sup>31</sup> The attack supported the UN Panel of Experts' conclusion that the evidence strongly demonstrates that these airstrikes constitute breaches of IHL on the part of members of the Saudi-led coalition.<sup>32</sup>

November

01/11/2017

- Coalition airstrike on a hotel and busy civilian night market in Sa'ada killed at least 26 people.<sup>33</sup> A further 31 were injured. Eight of those affected were

<sup>30</sup> Appendix C to Annex 58 of January 2018 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen read with paragraphs 4(e)(iii) of Annex 58.

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-4894938/Yemen-officials-Airstrike-Saudi-led-coalition-kills-12.html>

<sup>32</sup> Annex 58 of January 2018 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, paragraph 5.

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-41830119>

children. The Saudi Arabia-led coalition identified the target as a gathering point for some armed Houthi militants. The UN Panel of experts did not accept that the Saudi Arabia-led coalition respected the relevant principles of IHL, given the lack of evidence that there were Houthi-Saleh fighters in the market and the likelihood of excessive harm to civilians and civilian objects.<sup>34</sup> The UN Panel of Experts finds that the evidence strongly demonstrates that the Saudi Arabia-led coalition did not meet IHL requirements of proportionality and precautions in attack.<sup>35</sup> The UN Group of Eminent experts also raised serious concerns about breaches of IHL and possible war crimes.<sup>36</sup>

10/11/2017

- Four killed and four injured in residential airstrike on building in Sa'ada. The attack supported the UN Panel of Experts' conclusion that the evidence strongly demonstrates that these airstrikes constitute breaches of IHL on the part of members of the Saudi-led coalition.<sup>37</sup>

11/11/2017

- Airstrike on fishermen's boats, Island of Al Bodhi, kills 11 male civilians and injures one. The UN Group of Eminent experts raised serious concerns about breaches of IHL and possible war crimes.<sup>38</sup>

14/11/2017

- Airstrikes destroy the Yemeni airport navigation station, crucial for the delivery of humanitarian aid.<sup>39</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> Appendix D to Annex 58 of January 2018 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen read with paragraphs 4-5 of Annex 58.

<sup>35</sup> January 2018 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen paragraph 4(e)(iii).

<sup>36</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (August 2018) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014*, Annex IV

<sup>37</sup> Annex 58 of January 2018 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, paragraph 5.

<sup>38</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (August 2018) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014*, Annex IV

- Further strike against legitimate Government of Yemen in Ta'izz kills three and injures five. The attack supported the UN Panel of Experts' conclusion that the evidence strongly demonstrates that these airstrikes constitute breaches of IHL on the part of members of the Saudi-led coalition.<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>39</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5081539/Saudi-strike-destroys-navigation-station-Yemen-airport.html>

<sup>40</sup> Annex 58 of January 2018 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, paragraph 5.



December

6-16/12/2017

- 136 civilians and non-combatants, including women and children, killed and another 87 injured in airstrikes over an 11 day period in Sana'a, Sa'ada, Al Hudaydah and Taizz.<sup>41</sup>

13/12/2017

- Airstrike on police college used as a detention facility in Shaub area, killed 42 male detainees including eight boys. The UN Group of Eminent experts raised serious concerns about breaches of IHL and possible war crimes.<sup>42</sup>

16-26/12/2017<sup>43</sup>

- At least 109 civilians were killed in airstrikes carried out by the coalition. Including:
  - On 17 December, ten women taking part in a wedding procession were killed by an airstrike near a village in Maarib province.<sup>44</sup>
  - On 20 December 2017, 12 civilians were killed in a private house and former sports club, including three women and three children. Seven were injured. The UN Group of Eminent experts raised serious concerns about breaches of IHL and possible war crimes.<sup>45</sup>
  - On 26 December at least 36 civilians including children were killed in airstrikes on a market in Taizz. The UN Group of Eminent experts raised serious concerns about breaches of IHL and possible war crimes.<sup>46</sup>

<sup>41</sup> <https://news.un.org/en/story/2017/12/639842-over-130-civilians-killed-11-days-airstrikes-yemen-reports-un-rights-office>

<sup>42</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (August 2018) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014*, Annex IV

<sup>43</sup> Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect 'Atrocity Alert', Alert No. 86: <http://createsend.com/t/j-812B307A8086E90D2540EF23F30FEDED>

<sup>44</sup> <https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/saudi-led-coalition-airstrike-kills-100331113.html?guccounter=1>

<sup>45</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (August 2018) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014*, Annex IV

<sup>46</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (August 2018) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014*, Annex IV

*Yemen conflict/KSA – summary of incidences indicating a risk of IHL/IHRL breaches, February 2017 to present*

2018 January 01/01/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At least 23 people killed in coalition strikes on port city of Hodeidah.<sup>47</sup></li></ul>
10/01/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coalition airstrike on a market in northern Yemen killed 11 people, including an 11 year old boy.<sup>48</sup></li></ul>
February 28/02/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nine civilians, including five girls, killed and at least six wounded in two separate coalition airstrikes in Saada and Hodeidah.<sup>49</sup></li></ul>
March 21/03/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coalition airstrike on a home in Saada, killing ten civilians including women and children and destroying the house.<sup>50</sup></li></ul>
April 2-3/04/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coalition airstrike on civilian buildings in Al Hudaydah kills 14 including seven children and four women. UN Panel of Experts finds that, given the civilian casualties, even if Houthi forces were present, the attack was unlikely to conform with IHL principles of proportionality and precaution.<sup>51</sup> The</li></ul>

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2018/1/1/saudi-led-coalition-airstrikes-in-yemen-kill-23>

<sup>48</sup> <https://www.mailonsunday.co.uk/wires/ap/article-5255861/Yemeni-official-Saudi-led-airstrike-market-kills-11.html>

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.mailonsunday.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-5445847/Nine-killed-Saudi-led-air-strike-attacks-Yemen-residents-say.html>

<sup>50</sup> <https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2018/3/22/saudi-airstrike-kills-10-civilians-in-yemen>

<sup>51</sup> January 2019 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, Appendix 33.A paragraph 7.

UN Group of Eminent experts raised serious concerns about breaches of IHL and possible war crimes.<sup>52</sup>

09/04/2018

- Coalition airstrike on a house in Dimnat Khadir district, killing at least 15 people, including children.<sup>53</sup>

20/04/2018

- Coalition airstrike killed 21 passengers in a civilian vehicle returning to home on a small rural road. Five children died. UNHCR urged a full investigation.<sup>54</sup>

22/04/2018

- Coalition airstrike hits a wedding party, killing at least 20 people including the bride. Most of the dead were women and children. The groom and 45 other people, including 30 children, were injured, some in critical conditions suffering severed limbs. Ambulances were initially unable to reach the site of the bombing for a fear of subsequent airstrikes from jets that continued to fly overhead<sup>55</sup> UNHCR urged a full investigation.<sup>56</sup> Human Rights Watch (“HRW”) was unable to identify any military objective in the area.<sup>57</sup> Following a JIAT investigation, the Saudi-led coalition has admitted responsibility for the airstrike and non-respect of the procedures to minimise civilian collateral damages.<sup>58</sup> The UN Panel of Experts found that the

<sup>52</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (August 2018) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014*, Annex IV

<sup>53</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-5594575/Saudi-led-airstrike-kills-15-Yemen.html>

<sup>54</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=22980&LangID=E>

<sup>55</sup> <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/yemen-airstrike-wedding-party-killed-injured-bani-qayis-saudi-coalition-latest-updates-a8317826.html> and <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/apr/23/at-least-20-killed-as-airstrike-hits-yemen-wedding-officials-say>

<sup>56</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=22980&LangID=E>

<sup>57</sup> Human Rights Watch Report (August 2018) *Hiding Behind the Coalition* page 17.

<sup>58</sup> January 2019 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, Appendix 33.B, paragraphs 2 and 5; UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §890

coalition was responsible for an attack was highly unlikely to have respected the IHL principle of proportionality; the UN Group of Eminent experts identified a breach of the principle of the principle of precautions in attack.<sup>59</sup>

- Separately, in Midi district, Hajjah governorate, a Coalition airstrike hit a civilian house, killing all five members of a single family whilst having lunch, including three children and one woman. UNHCR urged a full investigation.<sup>60</sup>

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<sup>59</sup> January 2019 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, paragraph 136(c) and Appendix 33.B, paragraph 6.

<sup>60</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=22980&LangID=E>

May

10/05/2018

- Airstrike hits a house and nearby shop near Sanaa, killing six people including children, and injuring six more.<sup>61</sup>

15/05/2018

- Authorities inside KSA arrested prominent women’s rights activists and accused several of grave crimes like treason that appear to be directly related to their activism. By November 2018, at least nine remained detailed without charge, with anticipation that charges could carry prison terms of up to 20 years.<sup>62</sup>

22/05/2018

- Airstrike on fishing boat, Turfa island, kills four male civilians including one child. The UN Group of Eminent experts raised serious concerns about breaches of IHL and possible war crimes.<sup>63</sup>

June

11/06/2018

- MSF was forced to suspend operations in Abs following an airstrike on a newly-built cholera treatment centre set to provide vital services. No casualties were sustained.<sup>64</sup> The compound was clearly marked as a health facility and its coordinates had been shared with the Saudi-led coalition.<sup>65</sup>

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<sup>61</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-5713099/Yemeni-officials-say-Saudi-led-coalition-airstrike-kills-6.html>

<sup>62</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2019/country-chapters/saudi-arabia>

<sup>63</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (August 2018) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014*, Annex IV

<sup>64</sup> <https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/wires/afp/article-5830527/MSF-suspends-operations-area-Yemen-air-raid.html>

<sup>65</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/report/yemen/msf-cholera-treatment-centre-attacked-abs-yemen> and <https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/what-we-do/news-stories/story/yemen-airstrike-hits-msf-cholera-treatment-center-abs> and UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §518

The UN Group of Eminent Experts identified a possible war crime in breaching the specific protection of medical units.<sup>66</sup>

19/06/2018

- Six people, including four women, were killed when an airstrike hits a bus carrying civilians in al-Gharasi district on the outskirts of Hodeida.<sup>67</sup>

26/06/2018

- At least nine people, including two boys, were killed and 10 others including three boys and one woman wounded by an airstrike that hit a bus of people fleeing Hodeidah.<sup>68</sup> The bus had passed a military checkpoint shortly before the attack. The UN Group of Eminent Experts identified a possible serious violation of IHL.<sup>69</sup>

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<sup>66</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §450

<sup>67</sup> <https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/latest-health-official-says-6-114824378.html>

<sup>68</sup> <https://theasianindependent.co.uk/9-killed-in-saudi-led-coalition-strikes-in-yemen/>

<sup>69</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §§523-527

July

03/07/2018

- 11 people killed, including children, and a further 11 people were injured in an airstrike on a wedding party in Saada.<sup>70</sup>

10/07/2018

- Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz pardons all members of Saudi forces taking part in operations in Yemen in respect of military and disciplinary penalties.<sup>71</sup> The scope of the decree potentially amounts to a grant of immunity for actions in Yemen, including acts in violation of IHL.

11/07/2018

- An airstrike killed an entire eight-member family of Abdullah Kassem. They were driving south of al-Tuhyta and their car was hit.<sup>72</sup>

23/07/2018

- Airstrike on UNICEF-funded water borehole facility in Noshour, Sa'adah governorate. 10,500 people were deprived of access to safe drinking water. Coalition forces had been told to put the project on the 'no strike list'.<sup>73</sup> The UN Panel of Experts found no evidence of any military objective.<sup>74</sup>

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[https://twitter.com/AhmadAlghobary/status/1014144218460315648?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1014144218460315648&ref\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.antiwar.com%2Fblog%2F2018%2F07%2F03%2Fanother-saudi-coalition-wedding-massacre-in-yemen%2F](https://twitter.com/AhmadAlghobary/status/1014144218460315648?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1014144218460315648&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.antiwar.com%2Fblog%2F2018%2F07%2F03%2Fanother-saudi-coalition-wedding-massacre-in-yemen%2F)

*Note this is a Twitter source, however it is a verified account. The source is Ahmad Alghobary. He is a well known freelance journalist in Sana'a and has been very actively tweeting about the conflict throughout, including with on the ground first-hand evidence.*

<sup>71</sup> <https://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1783696>

<sup>72</sup> <http://www.irishnews.com/news/worldnews/2018/07/18/news/at-least-30-civilians-killed-in-fighting-on-yemen-s-western-coast-1384755/>

<sup>73</sup> January 2019 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, Appendix 33.D, paragraph 5.

<sup>74</sup> January 2018 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, paragraph 136(b).

26, 27, 28/07/2018

- Airstrikes took place near a reproductive health centre and public laboratory in Hodeidah, hit and damaged a sanitation facility in Zabid, and a water station supplying the majority of water to Hodeidah.<sup>75</sup>

August

02/08/2018

- Attack on Public al-Thawra Hospital and busy fishing post in Hodeidah killed at least 55 people and wounded at least 124 others. There are reports of civilians taking those who were injured in the first strike at the fishing market by the port to be treated at the nearby hospital, only to be killed in the second strike, which hit the gate of the hospital.<sup>76</sup> Bellingcat investigations suggest a likely mortar strike from the South, where coalition forces were advancing. They further noted that the munitions were apparently manufactured by Rheinmetall who are known to have supplied 120 mm mortars to the UAE, part of the Coalition.<sup>77</sup>

09/08/2018

- Coalition airstrike strike near a busy Dahyan market in Sa'adah. The UN Group of Eminent Experts verified the deaths of 11 children and two adults, but noted that the death toll may have been much higher.<sup>78</sup> According to media reports, at least 43 people were killed, at least 29 of them children under the age of 15. 48 to 63 people, including at least 30 children, were wounded.<sup>79</sup>

<sup>75</sup> [https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/HC%20\\_Press%20Statement\\_29July2018\\_Hodeidah\\_FINAL.pdf](https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/HC%20_Press%20Statement_29July2018_Hodeidah_FINAL.pdf)

<sup>76</sup> <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/08/casualties-saudi-led-coalition-air-raids-hit-yemen-hodeidah-180802163441327.html>

<sup>77</sup> <https://www.bellingcat.com/news/mena/2018/08/09/attacked-hodeidah-hospital-examining-allegations-saudi-coalition-bombed-hospital-yemen/>

<sup>78</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §436.

<sup>79</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/09/world/middleeast/yemen-airstrike-school-bus-children.html> and <https://www.mailonsunday.co.uk/news/article-6047581/29-children-killed-school-bus-hit-airstrike-Yemen-buried-side.html> and <https://news.sky.com/story/saudi-led-airstrike-on-yemen-bus-a-war-crime-say-human-rights-watch-11489134> and January 2019 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, Appendix 33.F, paragraph 6.



- Coalition forces have admitted responsibility for the airstrike and failure to minimise civilian collateral damages. Both the UN Panel of Experts and the UN Group of Eminent Experts found that, even if as claimed by the Coalition, the civilians had lost protection under IHL, it was highly unlikely that the IHL principles of proportionality and precaution had been respected, due to the high number of victims.<sup>80</sup> The Group of Eminent Experts further noted that even in acknowledging that the attack violated the principle of precaution, the JIAT failed to question the legality of targeting a bus carrying 50 children.<sup>81</sup> Amnesty International referred to the attack to support its conclusion that coalition forces had committed with impunity serious violations of IHL including attacks which were *'were indiscriminate, disproportionate or directed against civilians and civilian objects, including residential areas, buses and gatherings such as weddings'*.<sup>82</sup>

24/08/2018

- 22 children were killed in a coalition airstrike as their vehicle was fleeing fighting in al-Durayhimi district.<sup>83</sup>

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<sup>80</sup> January 2019 Report of UN Panel of Experts on Yemen, paragraph 136(c) and Appendix 33.F, paragraphs 23-24; UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §449.

<sup>81</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §896-897

<sup>82</sup> Amnesty International (26 February 2019), Human rights in the Middle East and North Africa, Review of 2018 <https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/MDE3198982019ENGLISH.pdf>

<sup>83</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-45299930>

September

16/09/2018

- At least seven civilians (one man, four women and two children) killed by an airstrike hitting a house in Huran district.<sup>84</sup>

October

02/10/2018

- Murder of Saudi journalist, Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Arabian embassy in Istanbul, Turkey. 15 high ranking officials, members of the Saudi military and members of the Royal Guard with close ties to the Crown Prince were involved in the brutal murder. Saudi Arabia initially denied any involvement in the murder, later putting out a statement that a fight had broken out in which Mr Khashoggi was killed, and later claiming it was a rogue operation. A subsequent UN investigation found no doubt that the officials acted in their capacity as State officials and that the murder constituted an extrajudicial killing for which State responsibility attaches. Saudi Arabia has further failed to investigate the execution in accordance with international standards. Five individuals were fired by the Crown Prince in the wake of the murder, two of whom were named for their involvement in the murder, one of whom was Ahmed Assiri, Deputy Director of General Intelligence, and formerly the person providing assurances to the UK in relation to KSA's compliance with IHL.<sup>85</sup>

13/10/2018

- At least 17 civilians on a bus fleeing fighting in the Hodeidah, were killed at a checkpoint, in apparent disregard for the duty of proportionality and taking all feasible precautions to avoid civilian casualties.<sup>86</sup> 34 civilians were injured including one woman and five children. The UN Country Team condemned the incident.<sup>87</sup> The UN Group of Eminent Experts identified a possible serious violation of IHL.<sup>88</sup>

<sup>84</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/afp/article-6175285/7-civilians-killed-Yemen-air-strike-official.html>

<sup>85</sup> <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/3809582> and <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jun/19/consulate-recordings-reveal-saudi-plan-for-jamal-khashoggi>

<sup>86</sup> <https://www.dw.com/en/new-saudi-airstrike-hits-bus-carrying-civilians-in-yemen/a-45877705>

<sup>87</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §520

24/10/2018

- Coalition airstrikes strike a vegetable packing factory in Hodeidah, killing at least 16 people<sup>89</sup> That toll was later believed to be 21 killed.<sup>90</sup> The UN Group of Eminent Experts received no reports of any military target.<sup>91</sup> It identified a possible serious violation of IHL.<sup>92</sup>

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<sup>88</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §§523-527

<sup>89</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-yemen-security-hodeidah/air-strikes-kill-at-least-16-civilians-in-yemens-hodeidah-medics-residents-idUSKCN1MY2HU>

<sup>90</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §521

<sup>91</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §521

<sup>92</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §§523-527

November 13/11/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An airstrike targeted a bus carrying civilians fleeing fighting in Hodeida, killing at least seven civilians and wounding another four.<sup>93</sup></li></ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Between January – December 2018 (according to Interior Ministry Statements), KSA executed 139 persons, 54 of which were convicted for non-violent drug crimes. Most executions are carried out by beheading, sometimes in public.<sup>94</sup></li></ul>
2019 January 19/01/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saudi-led coalition conducted a raid of airstrikes over Sanaa damaging homes and killing at least two civilians, while wounding others.<sup>95</sup></li></ul>
March 09/03/2019 <sup>96</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three coalition airstrikes on two civilian homes and farm in a remote village in Maghrabat Talan, Kushar, Hajjah. In the second strike, seven children and nine women were reportedly killed, and 13 people were injured, including three women and seven children. Five to ten minutes later, fleeing civilians were hit by the third strike, killing four women and four children. A ninth victim with severe physical disabilities was injured and died three days later. The UN Group of Eminent Experts confirmed 13 victims including 11 women and girls from at least two</li></ul>

<sup>93</sup> <https://www.mailonsunday.co.uk/wires/ap/article-6388025/Saudi-led-airstrike-kills-7-contested-Yemen-port-city.html>

<sup>94</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2019/country-chapters/saudi-arabia>

<sup>95</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-yemen-security/saudi-led-coalitions-planes-pound-yemens-capital-idUSKCN1PE04X>

<sup>96</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §440 suggests March, the subheading suggests April.

families. A young girl remained in critical condition at the time of their September 2019 report.<sup>97</sup> The UN Group of Eminent Experts could not identify any military target and identified multiple possible violations of IHL.<sup>98</sup>

11/03/2019

- Saudi-led coalition airstrikes in Yemen’s Hajjah province left 22 civilians dead and 30 injured.<sup>99</sup> Lise Grande, the UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Yemen, stated that she “condemn[s] these deaths and injuries unequivocally and we share our deep condolences with the families of the victims”. It is reported that the attacks took place in Kushar district and took the lives of ten women and 12 children. Among the 30 injured, at least 14 were under-18.<sup>100</sup>

26/03/2019

A hospital in Kitaf, Sa’dah, supported by Save the Children, was struck in an airstrike, killing at least eight people, including five children. A further nine people, including two children, were injured.<sup>101</sup> The attack damaged the waiting rooms and occurred at the busiest time of the morning for the hospital. According to Jason Lee, Save the Children’s deputy director in Yemen, the organization had lodged a

<sup>97</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §440

<sup>98</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §441 and 446-448

<sup>99</sup> <https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/03/1034491> and <https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2019-03-11/yemeni-tribesmen-22-civilians-killed-in-countrys-north>

<sup>100</sup> <https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/03/1034491> and <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-yemen-security/twenty-two-civilians-killed-including-children-in-north-yemen-un-idUSKBN1QS27W>

<sup>101</sup> See *New York Times*, 26 March 2019, *Saudi Airstrike Said to Hit Yemeni Hospital as War Enters Year 5*, available at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/26/world/middleeast/yemen-saudi-hospital-airstrike.html>. See also <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-47711413> and <https://www.savethechildren.org/us/about-us/media-and-news/2019-press-releases/yemen-bombing-five-children-killed> and updated causality figures in UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §437.

“strong protest over the airstrike with the Saudi-led authorities, who had the coordinates of the hospital and should have known to avoid the area”. It is noted that this attack, affecting a clearly marked medical facility, where the Coalition were in possession of the coordinates, is consistent with a pattern of similar attacks by the Coalition, in which the special protection afforded to such facilities appears not to have been respected, in violation of IHL. The UN Group of Eminent Experts could ascertain no military target, noted all the casualties were civilian and had been informed that the hospital co-ordinates were known to the coalition.<sup>102</sup> The UN Group of Eminent Experts identified potential breaches of the principle of distinction and proportionality and precautions in attack as well as violation of the specific protection of medical units.<sup>103</sup>

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<sup>102</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §439.

<sup>103</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §§446-447, 450.

May

- In May 2019 alone it was reported that 98 civilians were killed in violence in Yemen, 70 of whom were killed in air strikes by the Saudi-led Coalition.<sup>104</sup>

16/05/2019

- At least six civilians, including four children and two health workers, were killed and up to 60 injured by further airstrikes in residential neighbourhoods of Sana'a.<sup>105</sup> There were two functioning schools in front of the target building.<sup>106</sup> These attacks were condemned by the UN agencies.<sup>107</sup> The UN Group of Eminent Experts identified at least five deaths and eight injured, including two women, and three children. It confirmed that civilian casualties occurred during this airstrike, and did not identify any apparent military targets in the area.<sup>108</sup> The UN Group of Eminent identified multiple potential violations of IHL.<sup>109</sup>

28/06/2019

- Airstrike on house kills six people (including one woman and three children). Same property hit two further times (on same day and 2 July 2019). UN Group of Eminent raised concerns about possible violation of IHL.<sup>110</sup>

July

<sup>104</sup> Report by Action on Armed Violence available at: <https://aoav.org.uk/2019/explosive-violence-in-may-2019/>

<sup>105</sup> <https://news.sky.com/story/at-least-six-killed-in-saudi-led-coalition-airstrikes-on-yemeni-capital-11721278> and <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/22/world/middleeast/saudi-yemen-airstrikes-civilians.html>

<sup>106</sup> <https://yemen.bellingcat.com/investigations/san2005-sanaa-residential-house-strike>

<sup>107</sup> <https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/05/1038651>

<sup>108</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §§443-444.

<sup>109</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §§446 and 448

<sup>110</sup> UN Group of Eminent Experts (September 2019) *Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014* §326-327

29/07/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 14 civilians, including four children, were killed in an airstrike on a market in Saada. 26 more civilians were wounded.<sup>111</sup></li></ul>
August
11/08/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nine people from two families were killed, and 18 people wounded in an airstrike on a house in Hajjah on the first day of Eid.<sup>112</sup></li><li>• Since 2018, at least five deadly attacks have been carried out by the Saudi-led coalition naval forces, on Yemeni fishing boats, killing at least 47 Yemeni fishermen.<sup>113</sup></li></ul>
September
c.01/09/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coalition airstrike on a detention facility holding around 170 detainees. Details are still emerging. More than 100 detainees are feared dead, with dozens injured. ICRC describe the attack as a '<i>stark reminder that the rules of war require that only military persons and objects can be targeted by an attack.</i>'<sup>114</sup></li></ul>

<sup>111</sup> <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/07/30/middleeast/yemen-market-explosion-saada-intl/index.html>

<sup>112</sup> <https://twitter.com/AhmadAlgothbary/status/1162459566459752448/photo/1> and <https://news.antiwar.com/2019/08/11/saudi-airstrikes-kill-nine-civilians-mostly-children-in-northern-yemen/> and [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-08/11/c\\_138301381.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-08/11/c_138301381.htm)

<sup>113</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/08/21/yemen-coalition-warships-attack-fishing-boats>

<sup>114</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-49544559> and <https://www.icrc.org/en/document/yemen-scenes-devastation-every-single-detainee-either-killed-or-injured-attack>