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Your Excellency Mrs. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Southern Consultative Center for Rights and Freedoms presents its best regards to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

We seize this appropriate occasion in relation with your position to submit to you a report about grave violations that may be considered crimes against humanity committed by the Yemeni government military forces against the civilian citizens belonging to the Laqmoush tribe in Habban district of Shabwa governorate, south of Yemen.

Under the supervision of Governor Muhammad bin Adiyoo and the command of Brigadier Jahdal Hanash, Commander of the 21st Brigade, and with the participation of Brigadier General Abd Rabbuh Lakaab, Commander of the Special Forces, these forces conducted for three consecutive days from December 31, 2019 to January 2, 2020, an unjustified and excessive military campaign in which areas were besieged. The tribe of the Shabwani Qamosh in the Habban Directorate, in particular the cities of Hoda, Haboura, and Al-Aram as well as najd Lamsharaa, and we find that this military campaign committed against the civilians is considered as a horrible war crime, with the use of heavy weapons, including tank and artillery shells, targeting the populated neighbourhoods, and the homes of the civilian citizens and the popular market of the city of Houda, which resulted in losses of lives and public property, endangering the lives of the people, threatening the elders, women and children, and disturbing public peace and tranquillity.

The bombing operations resulted in the killing of Saeed Mohammed Lahjhar and the injury of Mohammed Mohsen Haidara and the citizen Saeed Awad Al-Mansouri, as well as the injury of five other citizens, including two women and one child, as well as a number of houses and civilian facilities were damaged, in addition to converting the areas of the tribe of Qamosh into military targets which caused fear and anxiety due to indiscriminate shelling.

We draw your attention to the fact that those government forces prevented the Red Crescent cars from transporting the wounded to the hospital, without paying attention to their fate or the sanctity and protection of the ambulances and medical workers.

In cases of extrajudicial killings, the governmental Special Forces killed a number of citizens by firing squad at separate times and places, and they are:

1- Citizen Mujahid Al-Buraq Al-Qumaishi.



- 3- Citizen Yasser Shamallak Al-Maqroumi.
- 4- Citizen Akram Bin Sarouf Al-Maqroumi.
- 5- Citizen Salem bin Koya Al-Kazmi.
- 6- We report that on October 3, the government forces assassinated Saeed bin Tajrah al-Qomishi, firing him.
- 7- These forces have previously subjected Yuslim Bin Habtoor to torture to death on December 23.
- 8- Citizen Ahmed Salem Baadlaa Al-Sulaimani was assassinated on 9 September.

Among the violations relating to the crime of arbitrary detention, the government forces have introduced military checkpoints on the roads, with the aim of arresting all the persons belonging to the Qamoush tribe according to their identity cards, during which a number of citizens were prevented from leaving or entering the areas of the Qamoush tribe, obstructing the movement of travellers and carrying out provocative searches for passers-by. A number of them were arrested.

The following names are arbitrary detainees:

- 1- Saleh Saeed Khalil
- 2- Ahmed Ali Bin Al-Marim
- 3- Ali Saleh Hawshab
- 4- Ali Ayoub
- 5- Abdel Nasser Al-Hasherah in Mosquito
- 6- Muhammad Yaslam al-Baraki
- 7- Munir Muhammad to Marat

The Special Forces in Ataq city arrested three minors, who are:

- 1- Sami Hassan Mansour Al-Khulaifi, 11 years old.
- 2- Abdul Aziz Ali Mohsen Al-Khulaifi, 14 years old.
- 3- Salih Ali Salem Buglida (Al-Aqili), 16 years old.

Your Excellency the High Commissioner for Human Rights,

These attacks come as a collective punishment against the members of the tribe of Qamoush al-Shabwania, as a reaction to the background of their rejection of the Yemeni government's policy towards their regions, depriving them of their political and civil rights and undermining their freedom and dignity. We see in this military campaign without any justification, in addition that this campaign does not comply with the basic human rights standards.

We note that these violations have gone beyond the characteristic of graveness to rise to the level of crimes against humanity, as they are directed against a specific societal group;



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this is in clear violation of the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and with the system of the International Criminal Court.

Therefore, we ask your office to intervene urgently with the Yemeni government to stop its attacks on civilian citizens, to conduct an international investigation of these crimes, to adopt their results and to prevent the perpetrators from impunity.

The Southern Consultative Center for Rights and Freedoms takes this opportunity to express to the High Commissioner the sincere appreciation and respect.

Geneva, January 6, 2020

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