

Saudi-US Aggression Targets and Destroys Yemen's Cultural Heritage

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The American-Saudi aggression targeted the culture and heritage sector in Yemen, causing huge and varied damages, including historic cities, monuments, property and cultural facilities within 1000 days of systematic targeting of identity, memory and Yemeni cultural heritage.

On the level of historic cities, recent data revealed the targeting of aggression to a number of historical cities, foremost of which are the three historical Yemeni cities listed in the World Heritage List, namely, historic Sana'a, Shibam Hadramout, Zabid, and other cities such as Shibam Kokban, Al Mahweet, Hajjah, Ibad, Monuments and historical value including the effects of the city of Barraksh, which was targeted by the aggression more than five successive raids and other cities and landmarks targeted by the aggression.

Historical Cities The deputy head of the General Commission for the Preservation of Historic Cities **Nabil Munasar** told Saba that the American-Saudi aggression has caused great and varied damage in historical cities throughout Yemen.

He pointed out that the last survey of damage to the historic city of Sana'a as a result of the aggression included (2542) houses, including (577) houses with no damage, and (1965) houses damaged by different (1460) houses suffered minor damage and 376 houses (86) houses were severely damaged and (43) houses were completely destroyed.

He pointed out that these houses need urgent intervention, of which 238 houses need urgent reinforcement, 166 houses need housing, 12 houses need to be reconstructed, 456 houses need renovation, and 1032 houses need maintenance, all of which require a budget of at least (2.5) billion riyals.

He added that

“the aggression severely damaged the city of Saada by targeting 150 houses and in the city of Shibam Kokban (180) homes and in the city of Shibam Hadramout (160) including the damage caused by al-Qaeda operations in Taiz, Three houses and four historic buildings were targeted. In Shabwa, two houses were targeted. In Yarm, Jabla and Ibb, 400 houses were targeted with varying damages. In Zabid, indirect damage was caused to 40 houses. In Sana'a governorate, Atan and in the province of Aden targeted aggression (32) a historic building and a museum and in the province of Dhamar was targeted museum Regional R including the relics. ”

He pointed out that this statistic is still incomplete, because the possibilities were not

available and facilitate the implementation of descent and comprehensive monitoring of all historical cities, but it is discretionary according to available resources.

Archaeology

The head of the General Authority for Antiquities and Museums **Muhannad al-Sayani** explained to the Yemeni News Agency (Saba) what was exposed to the Yemeni archaeological sites during the 1000 days of the Saudi-American systematic aggression since the first Yemeni teacher in the mosque of Imam Abdul Razzaq al-Sannani in red boxes on April 16 .

Al-Siyani pointed to the targeting of the aggression of 62 archaeological teachers, while targeting Al-Qaeda groups and 22 archaeological teachers in an initial outcome.

And archaeological sites that were subjected to acts of destruction by aggression and terrorism within 1000 days ... The following sites:

Al-Hassan Mosque, Dar al-Hasan, Dalea, Madinat al-Hassan, Madinat al-Hassan, Madinat al-Hasan Sana'a, the National Museum - Sana'a, the Heritage Museum - Sana'a, Jarf As'ad al-Kamil - Ibb, al-Qafla - Saada, Qalqat Nqm - Sana'a, Dhamar Museum.

Al-Hodeida Castle, North Bank - Marib Dam, Al-Hajar Palace - Sana'a, Old Marib City, Al-Azari Complex - Sana'a, Dome of the Mahdi - Sana'a, Atq-Shabwa Museum The ruins of Djebel Harad, the dome of Sheikh Yaqoub - Mukalla, Jamea Habor Al-Soudi - Taiz, Dome of Sheikh Imam Al-Saqqaf - Lahj, Al-Falhi Mosque - Sana'a, Dome of the Habib Hamad bin Saleh Al-Shahr, Sheikh Hamdan, Al-Imam Al-Badr Mosque, Imran, Qabab and Ohelhah Ghayl Bawazeer - Al-Muhawwet Mosque, Hadramout, the fortress of Najd al-Mizar-Shabwa, al-Turb-al-Shabwa ... and other sites in the preliminary statistics.

Al-Siyani pointed to the dangers of the Yemeni non-Yemeni heritage as a result of the aggression by stopping a number of traditional celebrations which are an important part of Yemen's non-religious heritage.

Museums and cultural property

At the level of museums, Al-Siyani pointed out that the inventory of the Taiz Museum is still unknown, while 7300 artifacts were collected from the ruins of the Dhamar Museum, which was destroyed by the aggression. It included 12,500 archaeological artifacts, which meant the loss of more than 5,000 artifacts.

On the level of cultural property and facilities, the aggression targeted about 25 cultural properties, including a number of cultural centers in a number of governorates. It also looted two audio libraries in the Aden and Mukalla radios. In addition, the Yemeni factory was destroyed on the first day of the brutal Saudi aggression in 2015.

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