

Factsheet

Not a single body in one piece

How civilian harm from explosive weapons in Yemen calls for immediate action

- ◆ The armed conflict in Yemen began in September 2014. As a result, civilians have suffered from the world's worst humanitarian crisis that is still lasting Today.
- ◆ Between September 2014 and 31 August 2022, Mwatana documented 1,044 airstrikes in which civilians or civilian objects were hit. 3,618 civilians were killed, including 459 women and 1,207 children. 3,973 civilians were injured, including 464 women and 1,013 children. Also, hundreds of civilian objects, such as homes, schools, hospitals and other service facilities, were damaged or destroyed.
- ◆ In the same period, Mwatana documented 805 incidents of ground-launched attacks. These attacks killed 751 civilians, including 122 women and 310 children. Another 1,885 civilians were injured, including 288 women and 785 children. In addition, hundreds of civilian objects, such as houses, schools and hospitals, were damaged or destroyed.
- ◆ Yemen has no independent mechanism to document and investigate violations and abuses of international law by all parties to the conflict.
- ◆ When explosive weapons are used in populated areas 9 out of 10 casualties, wounded and killed, are civilians. Besides the direct impact, these attacks cause damage and destruction to civilian objects such as homes, hospitals, factories and water and electricity infrastructure, and create a long term pattern of harm.
- ◆ The report Not a Single Body in one piece is written from the perspective of those affected by attacks from several conflicting parties in Yemen. Eye witness testimonies of civilians guide the reader to understand the toll the conflict has on Yemenite civilians, and challenges the world's acceptance of the status quo.
- ◆ The authors call for respect of international humanitarian law and greater protection of civilians in Yemen by all conflicting parties. Furthermore, an independent mechanism should be established to guarantee accountability and justice.
- ◆ The report Not a single body in one piece is a collaboration between the Yemenite organization Mwatana for Human rights and the Dutch peace organization PAX.