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VIDEO

NIGHT VIEW SANA'A
NAJEEB POINTING TO SKY

AUDIO

NATSOT – BOMBING – AIR STRIKES
CHILD SCREAMS FOR HER FATHER

NARRATION

ARCHIVES ARAB SPRING

In early 2011, popular uprisings swept through the Arab World and spread to Yemen, triggering a change in leadership when citizens called for President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down after more than 30 years of rule. (15)

POLITICAL EVENTS ARCHIVES

Later that year, the United Nations facilitated a peaceful transfer of power to a government of national unity. But that transition was undermined on all sides and late in 2014 Houthi rebels seized Sana'a, the capital. (16)

ARCHIVES

The conflict escalated again in March 2015 when Yemen's current President, Mansour Hadi, requested military support from a Saudi Arabia-led Coalition, unleashing airstrikes against Houthi targets in Yemen, plunging the country into a multi-layered civil war. (18)

NAJEEB WITH FAMILY

Forty-five year old Najeeb Hassan and his family felt the impact first hand. (6)

NAJEEB ON-CAMERA

NAJEEB HASSAN: (In Arabic) M

“Truthfully, it has been a total humiliation.

Besides the constant fear of rockets, we live in the midst of a major crisis. I can’t even get in touch with my extended family. It is a life of total misery.” (19)

FAMILY

IN STREETS

COLLECTING CANS/BOTTLES

NARRATION

BASMA WITH OTHER CHILDREN
MOTHER AND CHILD

Originally from Taiz Province, Najeeb struggles to maintain four children, a wife, and two members of her family. (9)

Dodging air strikes and gun power, he collects and sells empty bottles and cans to feed them. Before the Arab Spring, life was much easier for Najeeb. (12)

NAJEEB ON-CAMERA

NAJEEB HASSAN: (In Arabic) M

“In 2011, I started collecting empty bottles. I used to sell 1 kilogram of them for 100 Yemeni Riyal, and used to make 2000 or 3000 Riyal daily. That used to be enough to get us through the day.” (15)

NARRATION

His wife, Fatima and her 4-month old baby are in dire need of medical attention. (6)

FATIMA ON-CAMERA

FATIMA: (In Arabic) F

“I suffer from Cholecystitis, a liver disease and interstitial cystitis. I can't get medications.

They said I need a surgery, but I can't afford it.” (6)

STUDENTS GOING TO SCHOOL
NAJEEB’S FAMILY

NARRATION

With no extra money left after purchasing basic necessities, Najeeb can’t afford to pay school fees for his children or the monthly rent for his apartment. // Now the landlord has kicked him out, forcing the family to live on the streets. (15)

FATIMA ON-CAMERA

FATIMA: (In Arabic) F

“We keep moving from one house to another, and it has been total humiliation. Landlords had thrown out our clothes to the street, and had humiliated us and our children. Only God knows what we have been through.” (18)

EMAD ALOBADY ON-CAMERA
NAJEEB’S LANDLORD

EMAD ALOBADY: (In Arabic) M

“I kicked him out due to the harsh circumstances we are facing. The house is the only source of income for my family and some orphans and he couldn't pay the rent.” (8)

NEIGHBOURS AND THE FAMILY
AID DELIVERY

NARRATION

Sometimes the family receives a little help from friendly neighbours. But no official aid is coming in because of difficulties gaining access to families in Najeeb’s hometown. (11)

JAMIE MCGOLDRICK ON-CAMERA
UN HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR

JAMIE MCGOLDRICK: (In English) M

“The numbers who require assistance are quite staggering. If you look at the number of people who need food assistance – over 40 million

people – if you look at the statistics in terms of the nutritional status of some people in this country who are severely malnourished, over seven million which is a quarter of the population – it makes it very difficult for us to be able to respond to all those needs.” (20)

NARRATION

THE FAMILY AND OTHER DISPLACED
PEOPLE

The Hassan family is one example of thousands of displaced people struggling to survive in the middle of a deadly conflict. They long for some semblance of normality so that they can lead productive lives once more. (15)

EXPLOSIONS

NAJEEB ON-CAMERA

NAJEEB: (In Arabic)

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“I call upon the authorities to find a solution for me and my family, to save us from this misery and humiliation.” (14)

UN LOGO

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