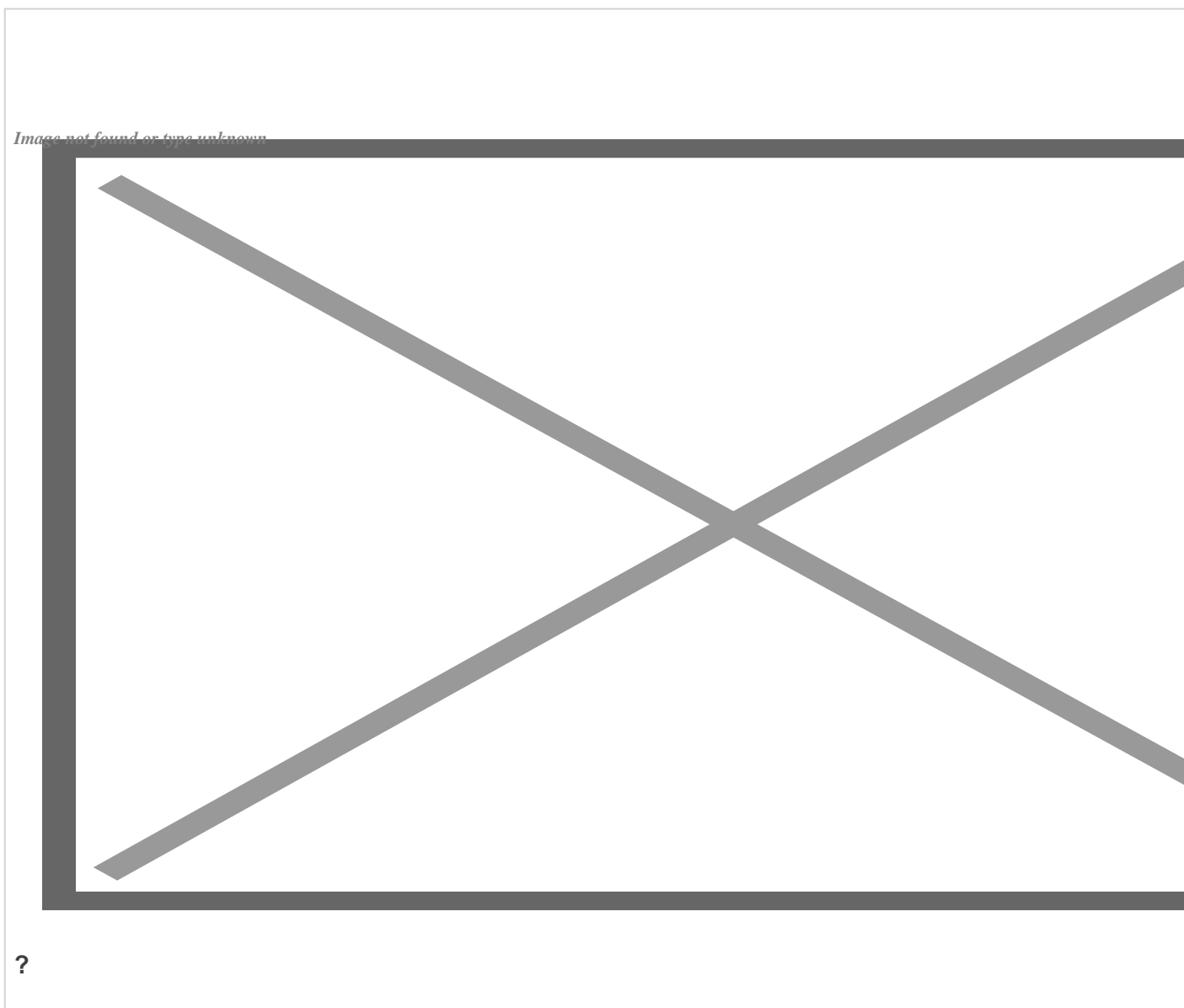


Heavy bombing of Yemen by Saudi forces



Sanaa, January 21 (RHC)-- Saudi warplanes have bombed homes in Yemen's western city of Hudaydah and a detention center in northern Sa'ada, with initial reports putting casualties above 180 people. In Sa'ada, Saudi warplanes attacked a temporary detention center, leaving at least 180 people - including African migrants - dead or injured, al-Masirah reported. It showed footage of the wounded at al-Jamhuri hospital in Sa'ada.

A correspondent of Lebanon's al-Mayadeen television in Yemen said 62 bodies had been pulled out from under the rubble.

"The hospitals are full of martyrs and the wounded, and we desperately need medicine and medical equipment," Sa'ada Governor Mohammed Jaber Awad said. "Many international organizations had previously visited the prison."

In Hodaydah, at least six civilians were killed and 18 others injured after Saudi jets heavily bombed residential areas early Friday, al-Mayadeen reported.

They struck a communications center in the city some 145 km southwest of the capital Sana'a, provincial health office director Ali al-Ahdal told Yemen's al-Masirah television. As a result, a three-story building was leveled to the ground.

The news agency released chaotic footage of people digging through rubble for a body as gunshots could be heard. Aid workers assisted bloodied survivors.

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