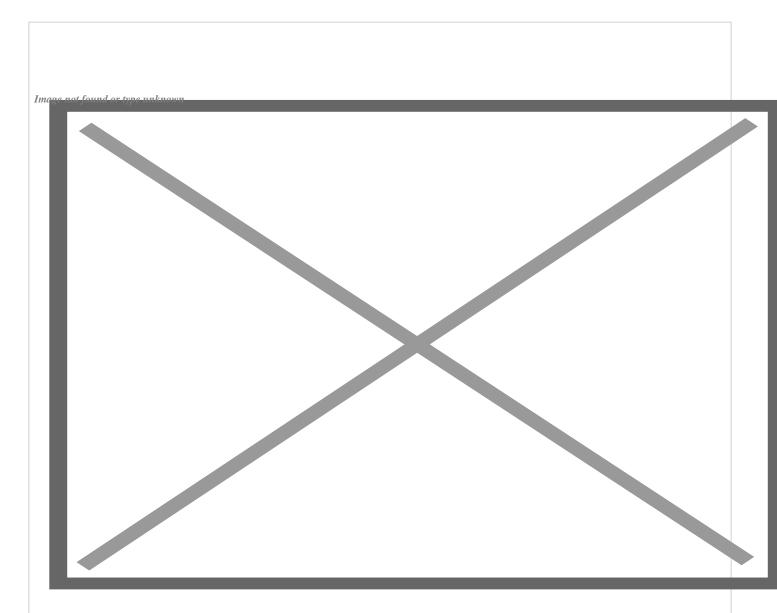
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backed, Saudi-led war in Yemen.

The report was written by the Government Accountability Office but remains classified. The Saudi-led air campaign has killed nearly 15,000 people in Yemen, striking homes, hospitals and other civilian targets.

This comes as President Biden is facing mounting questions over his plans to travel to Saudi Arabia next month to meet with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. On Tuesday, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre defended Biden's planned trip.

Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre: "So, Saudi Arabia has been a strategic partner of the United States for eight decades. Every president since FDR has met with Saudi leaders. ... As I've said, the president will meet with any leader if it serves the interests of the American people.

That's what he puts first. He believes engagement with Saudi leaders clearly meets that test, as has every president before him."

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