

Cuban foreign minister says U.S. and British missile strikes on Yemen encouraging genocide in Gaza



Havana, January 13 (RHC)-- Cuba has vehemently condemned recent missile strikes carried out by the United States and its allies on Yemen, saying Washington's move encourages the Israeli regime to press ahead with its genocidal war against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said the airstrikes came "in violation of international law." "Acts of this nature encourage genocide in Gaza," the Cuban diplomat wrote on X.

On Friday, the U.S. and British warplanes targeted five regions of Yemen with 73 missiles, including the capital Sana'a, killing at least five people and wounding six others. The U.S. military claimed on Saturday that it conducted a new attack against a radar site that belonged to the Ansarollah resistance movement in Yemen's capital.

Rodriguez also expressed Havana's support for South Africa's genocide case against Israel at the International Criminal Court of Justice. "We will never be among the indifferent," he said, calling for an immediate halt to Israel's bombardment of the Gaza Strip.

South Africa presented the case in front of the UN court – based in The Hague – on Thursday, saying Israel has shown "chilling" and "incontrovertible" intent to commit genocide in Gaza, with full knowledge of how many civilians it is killing.

The Israeli devastating onslaught on the besieged Palestinian territory has so far killed more than 23,800 people, including 10,000 children, according to the Gaza Health Ministry.

President Joe Biden of the United States said he ordered the strikes in response to "unprecedented" attacks against vessels heading to Israeli ports.

Yemen's Armed Forces have recently been staging missile and drone strikes against vessels heading to Israeli ports in support of the Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip.

Yemen has vowed to continue to prevent the passage through the Red Sea of all ships owned by Israel or heading to Israeli ports as long as the regime's genocidal campaign in Gaza goes on.

The United States recently announced the establishment of a multi-national naval force in the Red Sea. According to the announcement, so far NATO states such as Britain, Canada, Norway, and the Netherlands have pledged support for "Operation Prosperity Guardian" led by the United States.

Military and naval experts warn such a move runs the risk of making matters worse in the volatile region.

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