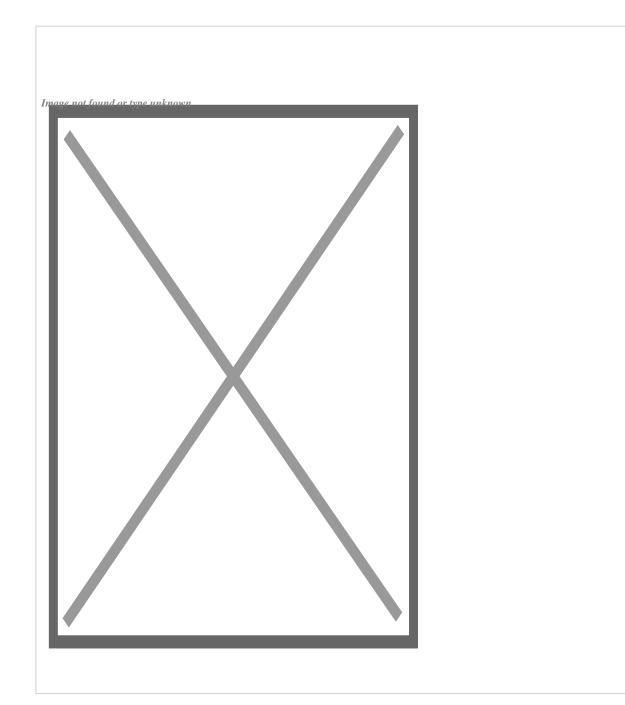
Hezbollah affirms U.S. claims to oppose widening Gaza war, but attacks pro-Palestine states



Beirut, January 25 (RHC)-- The head of the religious council of Hezbollah resistance movement has soundly refuted Washington's allegations that it is opposed to the spillover of the Israeli war on Gaza

Strip, stressing that the latest US military strikes across Yemen dispute the claims.

Sheikh Mohammad Yazbek denounced the hypocrisy and false claims of the United States as to its alleged attempts to prevent regional spillover from Gaza war, stressing that US statesmen are telling flatout lies and dishonestly pretending to be pursuing such an objective.

"They (Americans) claim to be opposed to the expansion of war. The United States gives a message to Lebanon and other major playmakers that it is against the spread of Gaza Strip, at the same time as it strikes Yemen and other countries that hold pro-Palestine positions," the top Hezbollah official said.

The Yemeni prime minister has described support for Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip as a "religious" duty. Sheikh Yazbek also condemned the silence of Arab countries in the face of Israeli atrocities in Gaza.

"The Zionist enemy is perpetrating murders and crimes against women and children in Gaz. Whilst Arab countries do not support the oppressed Palestinian nation, African and other states are defending Gaza and its residents in international courts of law," he said.

On Monday, U.S. and British forces launched strikes at eight different locations in Yemen, with support from Australia, Bahrain, Canada and the Netherlands, according to a joint statement signed by the six countries.

A senior U.S. military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said roughly 25 to 30 munitions were fired, including from warplanes launched from a US aircraft carrier.

Yemenis have declared their open support for Palestine's struggle against the Israeli occupation since the regime launched a devastating war on Gaza on October 7 after the territory's Palestinian resistance movements carried out a surprise retaliatory attack, dubbed Operation Al-Aqsa Storm, against the occupying entity.

The relentless Israeli military campaign against Gaza has killed at least 25,490 people, around 70 percent of them women and children. Nearly 62,000 individuals have been wounded as well.

Reports revealed that Israeli shipping companies have already decided to reroute their vessels in fear of attacks by Yemeni forces.

Yemeni forces have also launched missile and drone attacks on targets in the Israeli-occupied territories after the regime's aggression on Gaza.

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