

Yemen strikes British merchant ship in support of Gaza

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File photo of a missile launch by Yemen's Armed Forces

Sanaa, February 2 ((RHC))-- Yemen's Armed Forces say they have targeted a British merchant vessel heading towards the occupied territories in continued support for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, who are enduring a genocidal Israeli war.

"The naval forces in the Yemeni Armed Forces targeted a British commercial ship in the Red Sea that was headed to the ports of occupied Palestine with appropriate naval missiles," the forces announced on Thursday. The forces have been conducting many such operations against Israeli vessels or those heading towards the occupied Palestinian territories' ports.

The operations have been described as a response to an October 7, 2023-present war and siege that the Israeli regime has been waging against Gaza following an operation carried out by the Palestinian territory's resistance movements.

Nearly 27,000 Palestinians, mostly women, children, and adolescents, have died in the war so far.

The United States and the UK have also conducted several missile attacks against Yemeni targets in response to the Yemeni operations.

The Yemeni forces said the strike targeting the British ship was also carried out "as part of the response to the American-British aggression against our country." The forces said they would keep up their operations "until the cessation of [the Israeli war of] aggression and the lifting of the siege on the Gaza Strip."

Also on Thursday, Mohammad Ali al-Houthi, who is a member of Yemen's Supreme Political Council, refuted allegations by the American and British officials, who have claimed that the Yemeni operations had "endangered" maritime navigation.

"Passage of 4,874 ships through the Red Sea without any objection confirms that American and British claims are false," he said. "The U.S.'s problems stem from its desire to maintain hegemony over the region," he added, noting that Washington was rather seeking "to contain any reaction against the genocidal crimes they (the Israelis) are committing in Gaza."

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