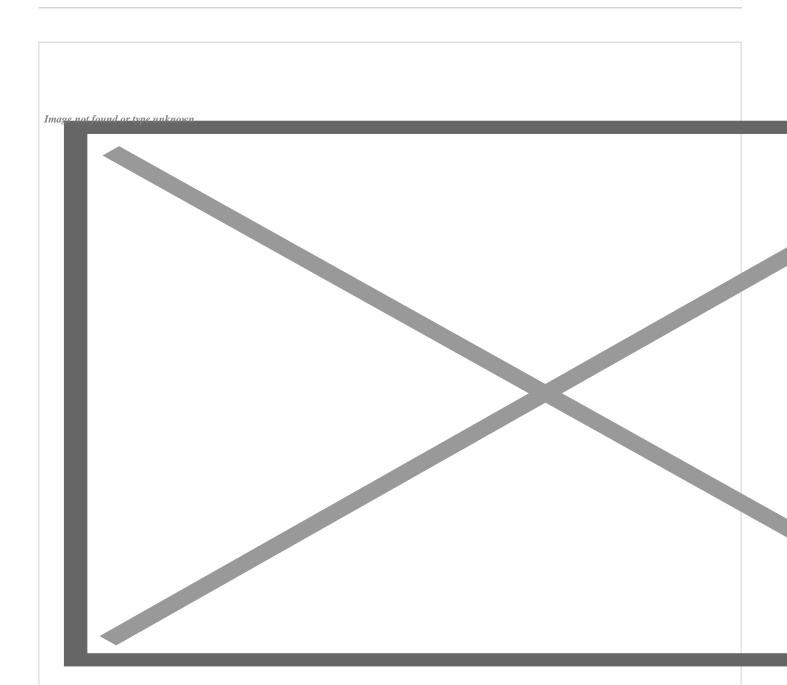
Yemeni armed forces say they hit American warships in Arabian Sea



In this photo released by the US Navy, the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and Kearsarge

Amphibious Ready Group conduct joint operations in the US 5th Fleet area of operations. (File photo)

Sanaa, March 6 (RHC)-- Yemeni armed forces say they have launched a military operation against American warships sailing in the Arabian Sea as part of their campaign to force the Israeli regime to end its aggression against the people of Gaza.

Spokesman of Yemeni Armed Forces Brigadier General Yahya Saree said on Tuesday that the Yemeni forces carried out "a qualitative military operation targeting two American warships in the Red Sea through our naval forces, missile force, and drone air force." "The operation was executed with many naval missiles and drones," he added.

The spokesman said the operation was carried out "in support of the oppressed Palestinian people and as part of the response to the American-British aggression against our country." "The Yemeni Armed Forces will not hesitate to expand their operations against all hostile targets in response to the calls of the free from our great people and our Islamic nation in providing support and assistance to the Palestinian people who are still under aggression and siege to this moment," Saree said. He added that the operations of the "Yemeni Armed Forces will not stop until the aggression ceases and the siege on the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip is lifted."

In solidarity with the people of Gaza, Yemeni military has in recent months taken several daring measures against the Israeli-Anglo-American coalition by targeting their interests.

In his Monday statement to the media, Saree reiterated that Yemen will continue preventing ships linked to Israel from sailing in regional waters until the regime stops its aggression on Palestinians in Gaza and lifts its siege on the territory. He said Yemen will not hesitate to carry out more military operations in the Red Sea and in the Arabian Sea to defend Yemen against US and British attacks on the country and to support Palestine.

Yemen's Armed Forces have been striking Israeli-linked ships since November last year in solidarity with the Palestinians in Gaza, where more than five months of Israeli war has killed some 30,631 people, mostly women and children, and injured more than 72,000 others.

Targeting Israel-linked vessels in the Red Sea and in the Gulf of Aden is part of Yemen's push to force the Israeli regime to end its brutal aggression against the Palestinians in Gaza.

Yemen's telecoms minister Misfer Al-Numair told Yemen's al-Masirah television network on Monday all ships have to obtain a permit from the Yemeni government based in the capital Sana'a before entering the country's territorial waters. "Yemen's telecoms ministry is ready to assist processing requests for permits and identification by ships from the Yemeni Navy, and we insist on the issue of obtaining permits because of our concern for the safety of these ships," Al-Numair told Yemen's al-Masirah television network.

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