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Tel Aviv, December 19 (RHC)-- More than one million illegal settlers have rushed into shelters after a missile fired from the direction of Yemen struck the largest metropolitan area in the occupied Palestinian territories, reports say.

The projectile landed in the Gush Dan or Tel Aviv metropolitan area, the largest conurbation area in the territories and the center of the Israeli regime's financial and high technology sector, on Thursday, Israeli media outlets reported.

The outlets reported severe damage to vehicles in the Ramat Aviv neighborhood in northwestern Tel Aviv following the development. The regime's ambulance service, meanwhile, reported affliction of injuries among those rushing towards shelters in various areas.

The projectile reportedly resulted in violent explosions in the central part of the occupied territories. According to The Jerusalem Post, several blasts also rang out throughout the holy occupied city of al-Quds.

The Israeli army said the development that featured launch of a "ballistic missile" from Yemen was preceded by activation of missile sirens across several areas in the central districts, including extensive areas throughout Tel Aviv. Missile interception systems were also reportedly activated in the port city of Eilat.

The Yemeni Armed Forces' spokesman Brigadier General Yahya Saree said he would deliver an "important statement" in the coming hours, apparently addressing the development and the circumstances surrounding it.

The forces have been conducting hundreds of such strikes since October 7, 2023, when the Israeli regime began taking the Gaza Strip under a United States-backed genocidal war that has so far claimed the lives of more than 45,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children.

The operations have seen the forces targeting strategic and sensitive targets across the occupied territories as well as Israeli ships and the vessels heading towards the territories.

The strikes have mounted enormous pressure on the Israeli regime by forcing the vessels trying to ship military hardware and other commodities to the territories to take the longer route around Africa.

The operations have, among other things, effectively shut down Eilat, which is located in the southernmost tip of the occupied territories.

Yemen's al-Masirah television network said the Thursday launch was followed by a series of aggressive airstrikes against the capital Sana'a, including against two power plants in the city, and as many as six attacks against the western Yemeni port city of al-Hudaydah and the Marib-Ras Isa oil pipeline, Yemen's main oil pipeline that is located in the country's southwest.

Citing an Israeli official, American website Axios said the Israeli regime had attacked the Yemeni capital.

The U.S., the Israeli regime's biggest ally, and the UK have also been conducting aerial assaults against the country as a means of trying to stop its anti-Israeli operations.

Earlier this week, it was reported that the U.S. had sent a new aircraft carrier strike group into the Red Sea after pulling the U.S. Navy's USS Abraham Lincoln out of the waters following its coming under

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According to the US Central Command (CENTCOM), the strike group consists of the flagship Nimitz-class carrier USS Harry S. Truman, Carrier Air Wing 1, an aircraft carrier air wing with nine aviation squadrons, a destroyer squadron, guided-missile cruiser USS Gettysburg (CG 64), and two Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers.

Previously, U.S. aircraft carriers Eisenhower and Roosevelt have also been forced to retreat from the Red Sea amid Yemeni strikes.

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