

U.S. intensifies bombing Yemen amid reports of planned ground invasion



A fighter jet takes off for an offensive against the positions of Yemen's Ansarullah resistance

movement at an unidentified location in this screen grab taken from a handout video released on March 18, 2025. (Photo via Reuters)

Sanaa, April 16 (RHC)-- The United States has carried out a fresh wave of airstrikes across multiple regions in Yemen, targeting various sites and infrastructure in the Arab country in the latest acts of aggression.

Yemen's official Saba news agency, citing local sources speaking on condition of anonymity, reported that a US airstrike hit Mayfa'at 'Anss district in the southwestern province of Dhamar early on Wednesday. No casualties were reported.

Earlier, American fighter jets carried out a series of airstrikes on Harf Sufyan district in the northwestern province of 'Amran, with no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

Al Salem district in the northwestern province of Sa'ada was also hit by six airstrikes, while Kitaf wa al-Boqe'e district underwent four aerial raids. At least three airstrikes were also reported east of Sa'ada city. No immediate reports about possible casualties and the extent of the destruction have been released.

An airstrike hit the Az Zahir district of the central province of al-Bayda as well. Kamaran Island in the Red Sea saw the heaviest bombardment, with at least 15 airstrikes reported by Yemeni media outlets.

The reports did not specify casualties or the extent of infrastructure damage resulting from the bombardments.

US strikes lay groundwork for 'ground invasion' of Yemen by UAE-backed militants

Meanwhile, militants backed by the United Arab Emirates are reportedly planning a ground offensive to take the strategic port city of Hudaydah from Yemeni Armed Forces and fighters from the Ansarullah resistance movement.

"Private American security contractors provided advice to the Yemeni factions on a potential ground operation, people involved in the planning said. The United Arab Emirates, which supports these factions, raised the plan with American officials in recent weeks," the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reported on Tuesday.

The ground offensive seeks to take advantage of the recent US bombing campaign targeting military sites and infrastructure of the Yemeni Armed Forces (YAF).

U.S. officials speaking with the newspaper said Washington has launched more than 350 strikes during its current campaign against Yemen and claimed that the YAF has been weakened as a result.

Under the plan being discussed, factions of the UAE-backed Southern Transitional Council (STC) would deploy their forces north to the western Yemeni coast and try to seize the Red Sea port of Hudaydah, pro-UAE Yemeni sources said. If successful, the ground offensive would push the YAF back from large parts of the coast from where they have launched attacks on Israeli-linked ships transiting the Red Sea.

The WSJ warned that the move would exacerbate Yemeni conflict, during which Yemeni Armed Forces and their allies fought against Saudi- and UAE-backed militant groups.

"A major ground offensive risks reigniting a Yemeni civil war that has been dormant for years and that spurred a humanitarian crisis when a Saudi-Emirati coalition supported local ground forces with a bombing campaign," the newspaper pointed out.

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