

Saudi airstrikes leave five more civilians dead in southern Yemen



Sanaa, October 9 (RHC)-- At least five civilians have been killed when Saudi military aircraft carried out airstrikes against a residential area in Yemen's strategic western province of Hudaydah as the Riyadh regime presses ahead with its atrocious bombardment campaign against its southern neighbor.

Saudi fighter jets conducted aerial assaults against bee farms in Jobaneh area of the al-Hali district on Monday morning, an unnamed local source told Yemen's Arabic-language al-Masirah television network.

Later in the day, Yemeni army soldiers and allied fighters from Popular Committees targeted and destroyed a military vehicle belonging to Saudi troops in the Hawamra area of Yemen's southwestern province of Lahij, leaving a number of them dead and injured.

Elsewhere in the northern Yemeni province of Jawf, army soldiers and their allies lobbed a salvo of artillery rounds at the positions of Saudi-backed militiamen loyal to Yemen's former president Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi in the al-Ghayl district, killing and injured some of them. In addition, a civilian suffered injuries and a car went up in flames when Saudi border guards fired shots at al-Raqou area in the Monabbih district of Yemen's mountainous northwestern province of Sa'ada.

Meanwhile, scores of activists have staged a demonstration in New York City to express their resentment against the Saudi-led military aggression on Yemen, and the crippling blockade against the conflict-

plagued Arab country.

The demonstrators carried the pictures of the victims of the Saudi-led war during a protest rally, organized by the United Yemeni American Organization in addition to a number of U.S. civil and human rights organizations, in downtown Manhattan, shouting: "Stop Killing Children of Yemen." The participants also held up signs in condemnation of crimes being committed by the Saudi-led alliance against the Yemeni nation, calling on the United Nations and the international community to intervene immediately and stop such atrocities.

The protesters urged the UN Security Council and the Human Rights Council to shoulder their responsibilities, and bring those responsible for war crimes and human rights violations in Yemen to account.

Saudi Arabia and a number of its regional allies launched a devastating military campaign against Yemen in March 2015, with the aim of bringing the government of Hadi back to power and crushing the country's popular Ansarullah movement.

Some 15,000 Yemenis have been killed and thousands more injured since the onset of the Saudi-led aggression. More than 2,200 others have died of cholera, and the crisis has triggered what the United Nations has described as the world's worst humanitarian disaster.

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