

Saudi warplanes heavily bomb Yemeni cities amid internet blackout

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File photo shows a Saudi airstrike on the Yemeni capital of Sana'a

Sanna, January 25 (RHC)-- The Saudi-led coalition's fighter jets have launched new airstrikes on the Yemeni capital of Sana'a and nearby cities, as Riyadh escalates its aggression against the war-ravaged country.

Yemen's al-Masirah television reported the fresh air raids on the impoverished country, saying the warplanes repeatedly pounded different areas in Sana'a and its neighboring cities in the early hours of

Tuesday.

The television network said the Saudi-led coalition's fighter jets launched five rounds of airstrikes on al-Nahdin and al-Hafa areas in the al-Sabeen district of Sana'a, and a raid on the the Faj Attan district in the mountainous outskirts of the capital.

Saudi warplanes also launched three raids on the Jarban area in the Sanhan district of the capital, two raids on the Arhab district, in addition to destroying the telecommunications network with two raids on the district of al-Hosn in Khawlan.

There is still no report of possible casualties in the Tuesday's aggression. The airstrikes continue amid a nationwide internet blackout since the Saudi-led coalition bombed a telecommunications hub in Yemen's port city of Hudaydah last week.

The incident has severely limited independent media and human rights monitoring efforts. Observers say the attack appears a deliberate move by the Saudi-led coalition to keep the world in the dark about the extent of death and destruction resulting from its airstrikes in Yemen.

Yemen's northwestern provinces of Hajjah and Sa'ada were targeted earlier on Monday as the coalition stepped up its airstrikes on Yemen over the past week, leaving more than 100 people killed and many more injured.

Saudi Arabia, backed by the United States and regional allies, launched the war on Yemen in March 2015, with the goal of bringing the government of former Yemeni president Abd Rabbuh Mansour Hadi back to power and crushing the Ansarullah movement.

The war has left hundreds of thousands of Yemenis dead and displaced millions more. It has also destroyed Yemen's infrastructure and spread famine and infectious diseases there.

Despite heavily-armed Saudi Arabia's incessant bombardment of the impoverished country, the Yemeni armed forces and the Popular Committees have grown steadily in strength against the Saudi-led invaders and left Riyadh and its allies bogged down in the country.

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