Yemen hits cargo vessels and warships in Red Sea and Indian Ocean
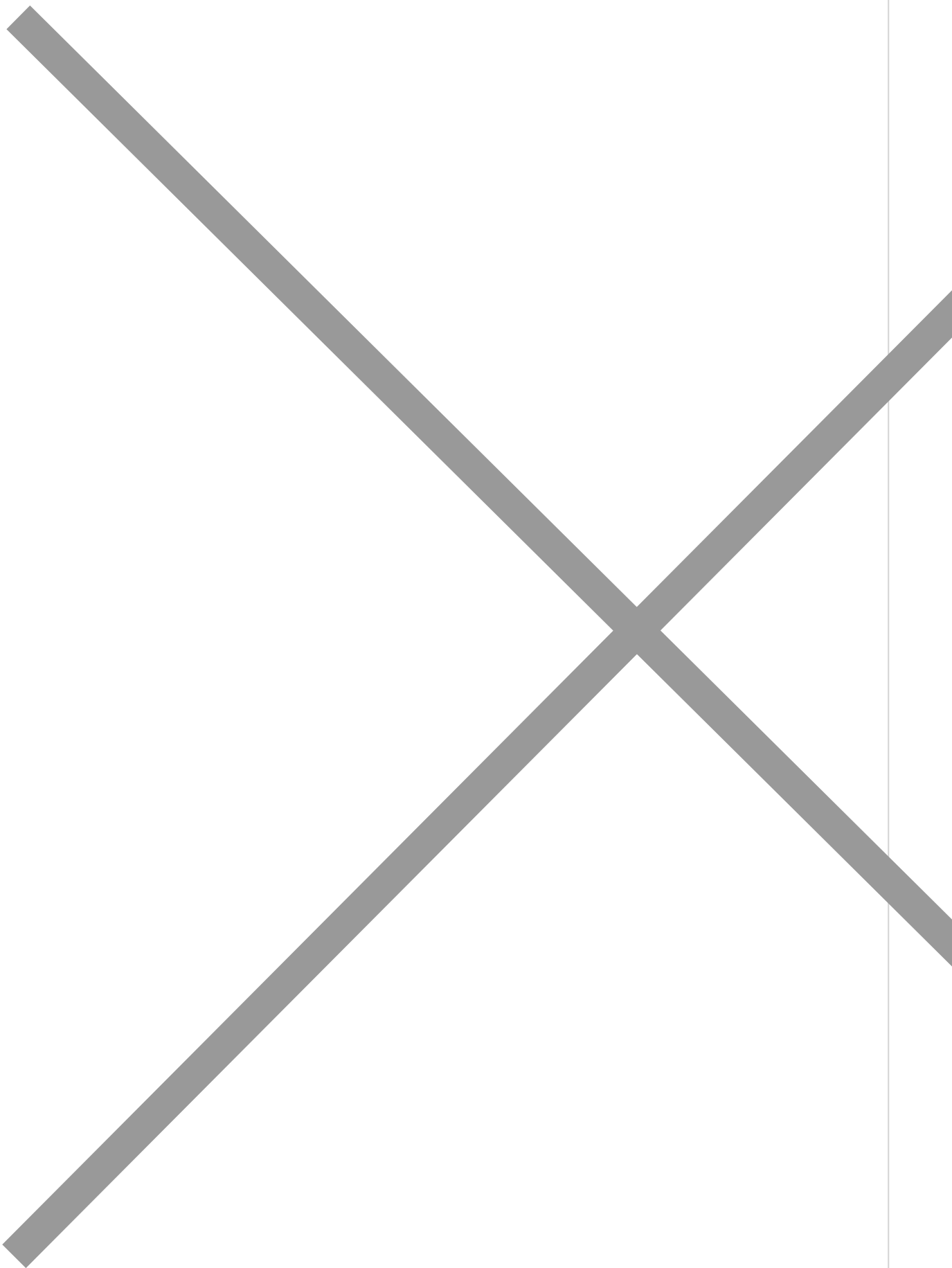
Sanaa, May 28 (RHC)-- Yemen has launched fresh attacks on Israeli and US-linked ships sailing in regional waters as part of a campaign to support Palestinians in their struggle against Israel's aggression on Gaza.

Spokesman of Yemen's armed forces General Yahya Saree said on Monday that five ships, including two U.S. destoyers, had been targeted in the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean earlier in the day. Two U.S. and Israeli cargo ships, respectively identified as Larego Desert and the MSC Mechela, were hit in the Indian Ocean, said Saree.

The Yemeni general added that another Israeli ship, identified as the Minerva Lisa, had come under attack in the Red Sea because it violated a ban issued by the country on shipping to and from the Israeli-occupied ports.

The military spokesman added that Yemeni forces had also launched attacks on two US warships sailing in the Red Sea.

"... the Air Force carried out two specific operations (and) targeted two American military destroyers in the Red Sea, and the operations have successfully achieved their goals," said the spokesman in a statement, but did not name the destroyers.   Yemen started targeting Israeli-linked ships in November last year, a month after the regime launched a brutal invasion on Gaza.

More than 36,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have been killed in Israel's aerial and ground bombardments on the Palestinian territory. Attacks by Yemen later expanded to cover ships linked to the United States and Britain after the two launched airstrikes on the Arab country to force it to halt its anti-Israeli operations.

Yemenis have insisted that maritime operations and drone and missile attacks on Israeli-occupied ports will continue until the regime completely stops its attacks on Gaza. Yemeni attacks are part of a larger campaign by resistance groups in Arab countries to attack the interests of Israel and the US in the region to force an end to the invasion of Gaza.

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