

Yemen strikes sensitive Israeli targets; hits U.S. aircraft carrier, forcing it to flee

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Frame grab from an undated video shows the movement of the Yemeni Armed Forces' firing of a

ballistic missile towards an Israeli target.

Sanaa, January 19 (RHC)-- Yemen's Armed Forces have successfully targeted two sensitive and strategic Israeli targets as well as the American aircraft carrier deployed off Yemen's shores, forcing the latter to flee the region.

Spokesman Brigadier General Yahya Saree made the announcement on Saturday after the Israeli regime's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu alleged that Tel Aviv reserved the so-called "right" to resume its already-15-month-long genocidal war against the Gaza Strip any time it saw fit.

Netanyahu alleged that the regime could resort to fresh military aggression against the coastal sliver, despite likely implementation of a ceasefire deal between the regime and the territory's resistance movements.

"The Missile Force of the Yemeni Armed Forces conducted two military operations targeting two strategic sites belonging to the Israeli enemy in the Umm Al-Rashrash region of southern occupied Palestine," Saree said, referring to the vital port of Eilat and its surroundings that sit on the southernmost tip of the occupied territories.

"The first operation was carried out using a ballistic missile of the Thulfiqar type," the spokesman said, adding, "The second operation utilized a cruise missile."

"Both operations successfully hit their targets," Saree noted.

The spokesman noted that the forces' Air Force, Missile Force, and Naval Force had also conducted a joint military operation targeting the American aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman and several accompanying warships in the northern part of the Red Sea.

"This operation utilized several drones and cruise missiles and marks the eighth attack on the carrier since its arrival in the Red Sea," he asserted.

The operation successfully achieved its objectives, forcing the American vessel to leave the theater of operation.

"The Yemeni Armed Forces warn all hostile forces in the Red Sea against committing any aggression against our country during the Gaza ceasefire period. Any such aggression will be met with decisive and unprecedented military operations against these forces without limits or red lines."

According to the official, the series of strikes were carried out in support of the oppressed Palestinian people and their fighters, and in response to the recent massacres committed against Palestinians in Gaza, he said.

He was pointing to the regime's stopping short of ceasing its deadly aggression, despite its full cabinet's recent approval of the deal. The operations, Saree added, also came as part of the fifth phase of support in the battle of "the Promised Conquest and Holy Jihad (Struggle)."

He also underlined the forces' commitment to sustaining their strikes as long as the regime kept up the war and a suffocating siege that it has been deploying against the Palestinian territory simultaneously.

The Yemeni troops began launching their operations against Israeli targets in October 2023 in support of Gaza and Lebanon, which have respectively come under the genocidal war and escalated deadly assaults by the Israeli regime.

Yemeni Armed Forces have targeted the premises of the Israeli ministry of military affairs deep inside the Israeli-occupied territories for the second time in less than a week.

The successful strikes were both preceded and followed by intensified deadly aggression by the regime, the United States, its biggest ally, and the United Kingdom against the Yemeni territory.

The forces have been responding by ramping up their strikes against Israeli and American assets, including the US warships and aircraft carriers that are deployed off Yemen's coastline.

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