

New Saudi Airstrikes Kill 30 in Yemen



Sanaa, September 2 (RHC)-- Saudi Arabia's fresh airstrikes have claimed the lives of at least 30 people in Yemen amid the silence of the international community. According to reports on Tuesday, Saudi fighter jets pounded an area between the Yemeni provinces of Shabwa and Ma'rib, leaving 17 people dead.

Nearly a dozen more people lost their lives following Saudi strikes on Abyan and Bayda provinces in the south of the violence-wracked Arab state. Saudi airborne assaults further targeted several positions in the provinces of Ta'izz and Amran.

Meanwhile, the Yemeni army, backed by the Ansarullah fighters of the Houthi movement, carried out retaliatory rocket attacks against Saudi military bases along the border.

Earlier in the day, the United Nations voiced concern over the rising number of civilian casualties in the southwestern Yemeni province of Ta'izz. "We are alarmed by the steep increase in the number of civilian casualties in Ta'izz in recent weeks, as well as the untenable humanitarian situation," said the spokesperson for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Cécile Pouilly.

In the past two weeks, according to information gathered by the UN Human Rights Office, an estimated 95 civilians have been killed and 129 injured in Ta'izz. She added that fifty-three of these civilian deaths occurred on 20 August, following Saudi airstrikes on 20 homes.

Pouilly also lashed out at the Riyadh regime for targeting the strategic port city of Hudaydah, saying it is "a key entry point for humanitarian supplies and commercial imports into Yemen."

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