

Saudi Jets Target Yemeni Capital, Nine Killed



Sanaa, September 7 (RHC)-- Saudi Arabia's fresh airstrikes have pounded several positions, including an orphanage and a university, in the Yemeni capital city of Sanaa, leaving at least nine people dead.

According to reports over the weekend, Saudi fighter jets targeted an orphanage in the Sofan neighborhood of Sana'a, killing at least eight people and injuring four others. At least one civilian was also killed in another attack by Saudi warplanes on the Hamdan district of the capital.

Saudi airstrikes also struck the Iman University and several residential areas in Sanaa. The Saudi military launched eight attacks against the central Yemeni province of Ma'rib. There is still no word on possible casualties from the raid.

The United Nations has voiced rising concern over the worsening humanitarian crisis in Yemen, saying it will release USD 15 million in funds to address the "almost incomprehensible" scale of civilians' suffering in the impoverished Arab country.

"The civilian population is bearing the brunt of the conflict: a shocking four out of five Yemenis require humanitarian assistance and nearly 1.5 million people are internally displaced," said Stephen O'Brien, the UN's under-secretary-general for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator.

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