

In support of Palestine

Yemen bears standard of war against Israel



A Yemeni military helicopter flies over the Galaxy Leader cargo ship in the Red Sea in this photo released November 20, 2023.
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On March 25, 2015, the forces of the Arab coalition started a brutal war against Yemen, which continued for about eight years and, according to the United Nations, over 377,000 people were killed as a result of this war. Economic statistics also indicate that the Yemeni economy has been damaged by about \$200 billion, all this without mentioning the crises of internal displacement, disease outbreaks, and the complete destruction of Yemen's infrastructure.

But these circumstances did not prevent this authentic Arab country from standing by the Palestinian people; the people of Yemen and their brave leadership have taken the most concrete actions in defense of the oppressed Palestinian people against injustice, destruction and genocide.

Three weeks ago, the government of Yemen, through the military spokesman of the armed forces, announced the official involvement in the war with the Zionist enemy. From a military and geopolitical point of view, Yemen's intervention in the war is seen as an important turning point, because this intervention shows the Arab countries' inability or unwillingness to help the Palestinian people in practice.

At a time when rich Arab and Islamic countries are not sanctioning Israel, or putting more pressure on their ally, the United States, to approve a ceasefire, or even open the Rafah crossing to deliver humanitarian aid, the poor and war-torn country of Yemen has opened a new resistance front against Israel.

Since then, Yahya Sare'e, the spokesperson of the Yemeni Army, has become another Abu Obaida, while the world is waiting for his statements and monitoring his accounts in social networks because he can artfully change the rules of the game in favor of the axis of resistance. Despite the superficial analysis of some analysts, who considered Yemen's involvement in the war as only a symbolic gesture, as well as those who doubted the ability of Yemeni missiles to reach Israel, the Yemeni Army has been equipped with a comprehensive and gradual strategic plan to perform counteractions.

Yemen started its war against Israel by launching ballistic missiles and precision-guided drones. Ansarullah's missiles had to travel more than 1,600 kilometers to reach the occupied territories. The Yemeni Army is also trying to evade the air defenses of Egypt and Saudi Arabia by crossing the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba. In fact, these attacks have caused huge human and material losses in the city of Eilat, Israel, but the Israeli censorship machine does not allow truth to be broadcast.

In continuation of Yemen's military plan to confront Israel, the Yemeni Navy seized the Israeli ship "Galaxy

Leader," belonging to an Israeli businessman and a relative of one of the key elements of Mossad, Rami Onger. This ship was taken to the coast of Yemen and all its crew were arrested.

What the Houthis did is not considered piracy or terrorism according to international maritime laws, as Sare'e had announced a few days before the ship's seizure that the Yemeni Army would target Israeli ships in its territorial waters, he also advised other countries who are present in the Red Sea to stay away from Israeli ships. Therefore, the seizure of this ship is done in a purely military context, and Israel cannot raise the theory of disrupting international trade, or threatening maritime navigation in the Red Sea.

Israel, as usual, denied the ownership of this commercial ship and the presence of Israelis on it. This incident reminds us of the incident of targeting an

Israeli ship by a suicide drone off the coast of Oman in July 2021, which killed two people. The crew of the Israeli ship was captured. The irony regarding the statements of Israeli spokespersons is that if this ship did not belong to Israel, then why all the threats and statements of Israel against Yemen?

Israel's continued denial of ownership of vessels attacked in the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, or Bab al-Mandeb appears to provide it with a safe haven to evade a military response. In any case, it seems that Ansarullah is aware of all the detailed information of this and other Israeli ships that pass through the Red Sea and the Bab al-Mandeb Strait, which was stated in the statement of the Minister of Information of the National Salvation Government.

Zaifullah al-Shami confirmed that Sanaa has information about all Israeli ships that pass through the Red Sea.

Based on the above, Ansarullah knows very well that most of the Israeli ship workers have dual citizenships and other foreign nationalities.

In the above lines, Ansarullah's strategic and integrated plan and their intervention in the war against the Zionist enemy were mentioned, which started by targeting the port of Eilat with missiles and drones, and seizing the ship to complete the disruption in the port of Eilat and the sea lanes leading to it.

The whole world, especially the United States, is aware of the importance of the Bab al-Mandab strait and the waters of the Red Sea for global trade, because about 6.2 million barrels of crude oil pass through this waterway every day. About 30 percent of the world's natural gas trade passes through this strait. For these reasons, the Ansarullah movement is a challenge for America because the Yemeni Armed Forces

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