

# Yemen vows response after US, UK attacks



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Yemen said Sunday US and British air strikes "will not deter us," and vowed a response after the two countries launched new joint air raids on the Arab country late Saturday. It was the third time that British and American forces have jointly targeted Yemen, which has launched several attacks on Israel-bound ships in solidarity with Palestinians in the war-stricken Gaza Strip. The United States has also carried out a series of air raids on Yemen on its own. Yemen spokesman for the country's armed forces, Yahya Saree, said the cap-

ital Sana'a and other areas were targeted.

Saree reported a total of 48 air strikes, and said on social media platform X, "These attacks will not deter us from our... stance in support of the steadfast Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip," where Israel's onslaught has claimed the lives of more than 26,000 Palestinians since October 7.

The latest strikes "will not pass without response and punishment," said Saree. Iran denounced the Saturday strikes on Yemen, saying they "contradict" declared intentions by Washington and London to avoid a "wider conflict"

in the Middle East. These attacks are "in clear contradiction with the repeated claims of Washington and London that they do not want the expansion of war and conflict in the region," Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nassar Kanaani said in a statement.

## 'Fueling insecurity'

He accused the United States and Britain of "fueling chaos, disorder, insecurity and instability" by supporting Israel in its war on Gaza.

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, in a meeting with UN Special Envoy of the UN

Secretary-General for Yemen Hans Grundberg in Tehran on Saturday, said the US military approach has complicated the situation in the region and created obstacles in the path toward a political solution to regional conflicts. Amir-Abdollahian also slammed military attacks of the US and Britain against Yemen.

The United States, Britain and other countries that provided support for the operation claimed in a statement that the Saturday strikes hit 36 Ansarallah targets across 13 locations.

US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said the

strikes are intended to further disrupt and degrade the capabilities of the Ansarallah resistance movement to conduct their attacks.

Britain's Defence Ministry said the Royal Air Force Typhoon warplanes struck two ground control stations used to operate attack and reconnaissance drones.

Austin said targets included "locations associated with the Houthis' (Ansarallah) deeply buried weapons storage facilities, missile systems and launchers, air defense systems, and radars."

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

## Supporting Palestinians

Yemen's armed forces began targeting Red Sea shipping in November, saying they were hitting Israel-linked vessels in support of Palestinians in Gaza.

US and UK forces responded with strikes against Yemen, which has since declared US and UK interests to be legitimate targets as well. Anger over Israel's devastating campaign in Gaza has grown across the Middle East, sparking attacks on US and Israeli positions by resistance groups in Lebanon, Iraq, Syria and Yemen.

## Warmonger PM under fire Israelis protest Netanyahu's Gaza policies

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Thousands of people took to the streets across Israel on Saturday night to show their anger at the warmongering policies of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Holding placards reading, "Revenge is not victory," and placards that showed the number of Palestinians killed in Israel's onslaught

on the Gaza Strip, the protesters expressed their opposition to the continuation of the war on the Palestinian territory.

The Israeli protesters also called on their officials to bring back the remaining captives held by the Hamas resistance group in Gaza.

Israel's attacks on Gaza have killed more than 27,000 Palestinians and

wounded over 66,000 people since the regime began its aggression against the Palestinian territory in response to Hamas's October 7 attack on the occupied territories.

Hamas took 240 people captive during the attack. Around 100 captives have been released under a deal brokered by Qatar.

The protesters who gathered in the Israeli cities of



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Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Beer Sheva, among others, also demanded the end of Netanyahu's mandate.

In Tel Aviv, demonstrators called for the dissolution of the cabinet, general elections and the immediate return of the captives.

Many held up signs with images of their loved ones, calling on the cabinet to "bring them home."

A new organization for mothers whose children were drafted into the war on Gaza called for elections and hung banners

on bridges that read: "Netanyahu is killing us."

In occupied Al-Quds, Israeli protesters took to the streets for the fourth consecutive week demanding immediate elections.

The rally was held under the banner of "120 days underground," a reference to the days since the Oct. 7 attack and the Hamas tunnels in the Palestinian territory where the captives are believed to be held.

Demonstrators also demanded the resignation of Netanyahu, whom they accuse of mismanagement and blame for the Oct. 7 attack that caught Israel by surprise with deadly consequences.

## Desperate effort in ...

In recent months, the US has attempted to maintain

Page 1 > Riyadh as a key player in its regional policy by seeking to normalize Israel-Saudi relations and making concessions to Riyadh. However, Washington has faced numerous obstacles and challenges, posed by both Operation Al-Aqsa Storm and Riyadh's political and security demands. Consequently, Israel currently stands as

the sole reliable pillar of American policy in West Asia.

Hence, the recent US attacks on Iraq, Syria, and Yemen, while seeking revenge, aim to revive defensive deterrence for Israel in the region. Rather than initiating a new war, America's objective is to dissuade the Axis of Resistance and other potential actors from launching further attacks on Israel's interests.

Israel's security doctrine rests on defensive deterrence, offensive strategies, and transregional alliances. The way Operation Al-Aqsa Storm was carried out on October 7 and its surprise for the Israelis undermined Tel Aviv's defensive deterrence. As a result, Israel has focused on enhancing its offensive capabilities and requesting increased military-political support from the United States to restore

its defensive deterrence. American involvement in the Gaza war has intensified and legitimized resistance groups' attacks against US interests in the region, expanding the scope of the conflict. These conditions are seen as tragic for a power like the United States, which has maintained global dominance for nearly eight decades. The current public perception is that a global power is engaged

in a direct and ongoing campaign against militia groups with unique characteristics, which not only remain resilient but also have the potential to grow stronger.

Perhaps the only solution for the US is to further encourage Saudi Arabia to implement the normalization of relations with Israel. Such normalization could potentially mitigate the extent of the American-Israeli setback in Gaza.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Raisi: Elites should play 'effective role' in Iran's development



#### National Desk

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi said that the country's elites should play an effective role in Iran's development by identifying and solving problems.

Addressing a group of elites in Tehran on Sunday, Raisi said that the Islamic Revolution has always emphasized the importance of learning and promoting science within the country. He stressed that significant promotion of Iran's scientific ranking in the world is a sign of the revolution's attention to science.

However, the president said, "Neither you, elites, nor we in the government should be confined to these achievements"; we should try hard to maintain and promote the process of development in the country.

Meanwhile, 28 medalists of the International Science Olympiads in the fields of biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, computer, astronomy and astrophysics were praised during the Sunday ceremony.

### Hamas deploys police, distributes funds in Gaza

Hamas has begun deploying police forces and making partial salary payments to some of its civil servants in Gaza City in recent days in areas from which Israel had withdrawn the bulk of its troops a month ago, four residents and a senior official in the resistance group said Saturday.

Four Gaza City residents told The Associated Press that in recent days, uniformed and plainclothes police officers deployed near police headquarters and other government offices, including near Shifa Hospital, the territory's largest.

The return of police marks an attempt to reinstate order in the devastated city, a Hamas official told AP, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

Saeed Abdel-Bar, a resident of Gaza City, said a cousin received funds from a makeshift Hamas office near the hospital that was set up to distribute \$200 payouts to government employees, including police officers and municipal workers. Israel's war on Gaza has killed more than 27,360 people so far.