



Houthi fighters fire anti-tank grenades during a military maneuver near Sanaa, Yemen, October 30, 2023.

A few months ago, an image of the seizure of the second Zionist ship by Ansarallah in the Red Sea was published and quickly spread on social media. This picture showed that the Yemeni forces are smoking hookah on the ship's deck after taking possession of it. This image shows well the lack of fear of the Yemeni forces from their enemy. What is the reason for the exemplary courage of Yemenis?

This was an operation carried out by the people and the Yemeni army. Regarding the pictures that were broadcast about the ship, it can be said that as [Ayatullah] Khamenei said, those who fear God, do not fear anyone other than God.

Yemen's naval capability is one of the points that have been discussed a lot in the past few months. Al-Akhbar newspaper has written in a report quoting informed military sources that in response to the request of the then government of Yemen in 2014 to equip the country's navy in an efficient manner, Chinese experts said that it is impossible to implement this request. How did the Yemeni army achieve this capability?

The Yemeni army is more than a hundred years old. The navy of this country was one of the strongest naval forces in the region during the 20th century, especially in the 1970s and 1980s. During that period, the Yemeniarmy was supported by Soviettechnology and weapons. The military force of this country is trained and efficient, and it is connected with the army of different countries in the region and the world.

The Yemeni people and armed forces faced Saudi-American aggression for more than eight years and have gained a lot of experience. In addition, Yemen is primarily a maritime country and the length of its coast reaches more than 2,500 kilometers, which makes it strong in terms of naval power.

Westerners are bending over backward to attribute the actions of Ansarallah and the Yemeni resistance, both during the conflict with Saudi Arabia and presently, to direct instructions from Iran. What are your thoughts on the Iran-Yemen relationship, and why are Westerners attempting to implicate Iran in these activities? Also, there are claims that Iran is the source of Yemeni missiles and other armaments like drones. Given the existing naval blockade, how plausible is this assertion? If these armaments are not originating from Iran, where are they getting them from, and is there any significant military capability they are planning to reveal

The Western propaganda machine incessantly brings up this ludicrous and baseless issue. They habitually point fingers at other parties in every situation. The West accused the resistance during Operation Al-Agsa Storm, carried out by the Palestinian people as if the Palestinians were devoid of issues and oppression. We consider these accusations to be unfounded and absurd, aiming to divert attention from the atrocities committed by the Zionists in Palestine. Iran has repeatedly refuted these allegations through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Americans claim the formation of an international coalition against the Yemeni resistance, can you elaborate on this?

The coalition orchestrated by the American and British administrations raises suspicions. This coalition is primarily established to shield Israel and hinder the Yemeni armed forces from executing their responsibilities in the Red Sea. Notably, countries bordering the Red Sea like Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Djibouti, and Eritrea, wary of the sea's insecurity, have refrained from joining this

questionable alliance. I believe that the reluctance of these nations to engage in a coalition that seeks to militarize the Red Sea and safeguard Israel can be attributed to their understanding of the American intentions.

As the Yemeni government, we have invited all Red Sea-bordering countries to convene conferences and committees to ensure the security and navigation of this vital sea for them. The involvement or non-involvement of European countries or others in this coalition holds little significance for us; our priority is to counter this aggression.

European countries have shown limited interest in joining this coalition; what could be the rationale behind this decision?

The militarization of the Red Sea by the US and the UK does not align with the interests of European nations. Many countries do not adhere to the American storyline. Moreover, numerous shipping companies operating in the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, and the Arabian Sea recognize that only Israeli vessels, or those bound for occupied Palestine, are targeted. Hence, they are skeptical of the claims made by the US and UK and do not perceive them as significant, as other ships unrelated to Israel traverse the Red Sea without incident.

The naval actions of the Yemeni resistance have significantly impacted Israel's economy. How long do you believe they can withstand these circumstances?

We believe that the Zionist regime cannot endure further losses. The economic, military, and moral setbacks have rendered this regime vulnerable globally. However, Yemen has obligations, and our duty is to persist in supporting the Palestinian people until the cessation of aggression and the lifting of the block-

We will escalate anti-Israel operations in Yemen to exert more effective pressure on halting the Zionist aggression machinery.

The Zionist regime's Transportation Minister tweeted about pushing forward with a plan to establish a hub for goods transfer from India to the occupied territories via the UAE, aiming to sidestep Yemeni army attacks in the Red Sea. The notion that Arab countries might transport goods needed by Israel by land raises questions. Are these claims accurate?

The actions taken by the Zionist regime are futile, unable to conceal its incapacity to allow Israeli-related ships into Palestine.

We strongly believe that Arab nations, particularly Saudi Arabia and the UAE, should refrain from engaging in such disgraceful endeavors. These countries must not remain silent in the face of Zionist aggression; they need to take a stance. We caution the world against ties with the Zionist regime, emphasizing its aggressiveness and oppression against the entire Arab and Islamic world.

Is this news true?

I don't confirm or deny it. The responsibility lies with the UAE and Saudi Arabia to address such claims and clarify their veracity.

If this claim proves true, do you have a plan to prevent it?

We'll do our utmost, but remember, this isn't solely Yemen's responsibility; it's a duty for all Muslims and Arabs.

It is said that the US airstrikes are carried out in uninhabited areas and are mostly for show. Is this claim true? Why doesn't the US get seriously involved in the war with Yemen?

This claim is not true. The US is resolute in its aggression against Yemen, not a symbol of peace, but a clear enemy. While in a full-scale war with the US, we find strength in God's support.

About a month ago, Politico magazine cited US intelligence sources mentioning Yemen's plans to ramp up their attacks. Given the recent "promised conquest and holy jihad" drill aimed at seizing Israeli settlements, how viable is this assertion?

Our prime objective in Yemen and within the axis of resistance is to eradicate the cancerous tumor of Israel from the Arab and Islamic world.

Brigadier Yahya Sare'e, the spokesman of the Yemeni armed forces, has declared that US assaults will not go unchallenged. What are Yemen's avenues to retaliate against the US?

In light of the US and UK's recent aggression in Yemen, we are locked in an ongoing struggle with them. It's not the right time to discuss responses to these aggressions, as our ongoing operations with full force against the US and UK's interests in the Red Sea and the Arab Sea are part and parcel of these responses. We are currently in full conflict with them and hit any target in our crosshairs.

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