

Ansarallah claim attack on UK ship in Gulf of Aden, say it could sink

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The Yemeni military said on Monday they struck a British ship in the Gulf of Aden, after a maritime security firm reported overnight an attack on a UK-registered ship. The military said they had attacked the Rubymar cargo ship in the Gulf of Aden and the vessel was now at risk of sinking. Since mid-November in solidarity with Palestinians in the Gaza war, the Ansarallah movement (Houthis) launches military attacks on Israeli ships and its supporters until they achieve their goals: halting attacks on the blockaded enclave. The military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said in a statement that the crew of the British cargo ship are safe. The Houthis had also shot down a US drone in the port city of Hodeidah, Reuters quoted him as saying. "The ship was seriously hit which caused it to stop completely. As a result of the extensive damage the ship suffered, it is now at risk of sinking in the Gulf of Aden," Sarea said. The Rubymar sustained damage after two missiles were fired at the vessel from Yemen although the crew were able to evacuate, the vessel's maritime security company LSS-SAPU told Reuters on Monday. "We know she was taking in water,"

LSS-SAPU said when asked about the vessel's condition. "There is nobody on board now," LSS-SAPU said. "The owners and managers are considering options for towage." So far, no ships attacked have been sunk or any crew killed but there are growing safety fears. The Belize-flagged, British-registered and Lebanese-operated general cargo ship came under attack in the Bab el-Mandab Strait off Yemen on Sunday, British maritime security firm Ambrey said. The UK Maritime Trade Operations agency reported on Sunday that the crew had abandoned a ship off Yemen after an explosion – apparently the same incident.

US-owned ship attacked

In a second incident in hours, a Greece-flagged, US-owned bulk carrier was attacked on Monday by missiles in two separate attempts, with no injuries to the crew although one window onboard was damaged, Greek shipping ministry sources told Reuters. The vessel was sailing from Argentina to Aden with grain with 23 crew members onboard including 5 Greek nationals, the ministry source said. The Yemeni military has vowed to continue their attacks as long as Israel continues to commit "crimes"



against Palestinians. The attacks have prompted several companies to halt Red Sea voyages and take a longer and more expensive route around Africa. US and British warplanes have carried out retaliatory strikes across Yemen.

Root of problem is Israeli invasion

Qatar's Energy Minister

Saad al-Kaabi on Monday called for a cease-fire in Gaza to end insecurity in the Red Sea which has disrupted hydrocarbon deliveries in the vital shipping route.

The minister, who is also the chief executive of state-owned hydrocarbon giant QatarEnergy, said the "root of the problem" in the Red Sea "is the Israeli invasion of

Gaza". "Hopefully there is a cease-fire soon that will stop that so that the economic impact on the entire world stops," he said.

US Navy's largest battle

Meanwhile, a US Navy admiral said the conflict against the Houthis in the Red Sea is one of the largest naval battles the US has fought in decades.

"I think you'd have to go back to World War II where you have ships who are engaged in combat," Vice Adm. Brad Cooper told the "60 Minutes" host Norah O'Donnell in an interview that aired Sunday. "When I say engaged in combat, where they're getting shot at, we're getting shot at, and we're shooting back," he continued.

Cooper, the deputy commander of the US Central Command, told CBS's "60 Minutes" that the Navy had committed about 7,000 sailors to the Red Sea. CBS reported that the Navy had fired about 100 standard surface-to-air missiles against Houthi missiles and drones. AFP, REUTERS, and Business Insider contributed to this report.



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INTERVIEW

A political analyst and presenter on the Yemeni TV channel Almasirah said that he believes that the military dynamics in the Red Sea have shifted, and Yemenis will continue to launch military attacks on ships of Israel and its supporters until they achieve their goals. Almasirah is a Yemeni television channel associated with the Ansarallah movement (Houthis). Throughout the Saudi-led military intervention in Yemen, this TV channel played a crucial role in reporting on the conflicts, with several of its journalists killed during coalition attacks. Following the Gaza war and subsequent clashes between Yemeni forces and the US-led coalition in the Red Sea, the TV channel has focused on covering military events as a primary aspect of its news reporting. The Yemeni TV network is currently participating as a foreign guest in the media exhibition held in Tehran. Iran Daily conducted an interview on the sidelines of the exhibition with Mohammed Abdulhameed Mohammed al-Zabidi, the political analyst and presenter of the political section on the Almasirah Yemen TV channel. Here is a summary of the interview:

Yemeni TV presenter:

Yemen to keep up assaults on Israeli bound ships until achieving its goals



Can you briefly explain the Almasirah network and its activities regarding the Gaza war?

Almasirah network in Yemen strives to express the truth and convey accurate information about the political currents in the region. As you may know, Palestine has been a primary issue for the Islamic world for many years, and

we, as a media outlet, have prioritized addressing this issue as a significant focus in our agenda. This is because Palestine is the frontline barrier of Islamic countries and, if it falls, the enemy will infiltrate into other regions and Islamic lands, boldly continuing its military aggression. I believe that the Gaza war boils down to a battle of

narratives. The accounts and news stories shaping the narrative of this war wield substantial influence over its outcome and associated matters. Hence, triumph in this conflict rests with those who craft superior and concurrently more precise narratives of the battlefield and war events.

How do you evaluate the media battle in the Gaza war with these interpretations?

Truth and justice always prevail. Based on this belief, our narratives about the Gaza war and its developments are accurate and true. However, major news agencies and media outlets supporting the Zionist regime have exerted all their efforts to spread false and fabricated news and reports. While it is true that media outlets supporting the Zionist regime have substantial resources for winning this media war, media outlets aligned with the resistance can counteract them by creating a media atmosphere. For instance, producing a visual clip of

Zionist atrocities in Gaza can dispel all the media lies of the Zionists. This underscores the influence that the resistance media outlets can leverage. On the other hand, if the media of Islamic nations and resistance groups join forces and synchronize their efforts, portraying Zionist regime atrocities more compellingly, we could completely turn the tide of the war in favor of the resistance front and uphold truth and justice.

As a political analyst on Almasirah network, I would like to express our perspective on Yemen's attacks on ships supporting Israel in the Red Sea. Some media outlets attempt to attribute these attacks to the Islamic Republic. What is your opinion?

Our attacks on ships supporting the Zionist regime in the Red Sea are, in our belief, related to our commitment to supporting the Palestinian people. The decision for these military actions by Yemen is entirely independent, with consensus from the

government, parliament, military, and the Yemeni people. These attacks convey a clear and explicit message from the Yemeni government and people to the Zionists: either end the Gaza war sooner or your ships in the Red Sea will not be safe, becoming targets for Yemen.

After Yemen's attacks on ships in the Red Sea, we witnessed a military coalition response by the United States and the UK in the Red Sea against Yemen. However, these attacks did not deter Yemen from continuing its assaults on ships. Could you elaborate on this?

As a result of our attacks, the Americans entered the Red Sea, claiming their military presence is for security in the region. However, in reality, they entered the Red Sea to support the Zionist regime in the Gaza war, accompanied by the UK and some other countries. In response to them, I have to emphasize that nothing can deter our backing of the Palestinian people and the ongoing Yemeni

assaults on ships. They believed that launching military operations against Yemen would put a stop to our attacks, but we continue with full confidence in our path. As the Yemeni government and spokesperson have declared, our attacks will not cease.

So, will Yemen's attacks continue until a complete halt to the Gaza war?

After the military coalition, led by the US, entered the Red Sea, the military equations in the region shifted. Their military presence in the Red Sea and their attacks on Yemeni targets, resulting in the death of some Yemenis, essentially means they have engaged in war with us. Previously, the equation was that if the Gaza war stopped, our attacks on ships would cease. Now, even if the Zionists stop their attacks on Gaza, we will not be satisfied, and since the American coalition has attacked Yemen, they must completely withdraw their military threats against Yemen.