

# Bab al-Mandab Strait key to dignity of Gazans



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## OPINION

The scope of the attacks of Ansarullah (the Houthis), alongside the Yemeni army and armed forces, demonstrates that they are not only steadfast in their resolve to prohibit the passage of targeted ships but are also emerging more powerfully than before in this arena. According to Ansarullah, what the US and Britain witnessed in the naval and missile warfare in the Red Sea was only a fraction of Yemen's capabilities — with greater and more significant surprises yet to come. They, for example, targeted the aircraft carrier Harry S. Truman with a long-range precision ballistic missile, which American and British forces failed to intercept. The statement of this Yemeni group reads as follows: "Despite all pressures, Yemen continues to stand up for the Palestinian cause, making it a target for powers seeking dominance and reshaping the region according to their interests." The people of Yemen today serve as a moral and humanitarian model in supporting Gaza, playing an active and significant role despite limited resources. This has prompted aggressors to seek its suppression to prevent the spread of this Arab and Islamic model. Yemen's effective attacks on Israeli ports and strikes on Zionist commercial fleets are the main reason behind US assaults on Yemen.

A question arises here: Why does Yemen support Gaza? The answer is clear, though some fail to see the truth. This is a matter of upholding ethics, values, principles, and, above all, Palestine, which stands as a symbol of patience, heroism, and resistance. Yemen, like Hezbollah in Lebanon and others, has supported Gaza and stood firm against the aggression of the Zionist regime and the US. In fact, by resisting genocidal wars and ethnic cleansing waged against defenseless people, Yemen backs the enduring resistance in Gaza. More importantly, Yemen has



Protesters, mainly Ansarullah (Houthi) supporters, rally to mark the International Quds Day on the last Friday of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, in Sana'a, Yemen, on March 28, 2025.

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demonstrated that, in addition to being able to prevent the passage of Israeli, British, and American ships bound for occupied territories, it also controls the strategic Bab al-Mandab Strait and the Red Sea — and will not relinquish this control to any country. This shift in power dynamics will transform the global balance. The situation has now reached a point where the Zionist newspaper The Jerusalem Post recently wrote that the US-led Prosperity Guardian naval coalition and the EU's Aspidos operation in the Red Sea have failed to deter the Houthis (a.k.a. Yemeni forces). The newspaper further admitted in its report: "THIS FAILURE of the world's leading military powers to deter the Houthis still lacks a convincing explanation." Notably, these attacks have not only paralyzed the apartheid regime's maritime-dependent economy but have also over-

shadowed more than half of Britain's economy. The war with Yemen is entirely different from any other war. The Zionist regime is now engaged in a real war of attrition with Yemen. Yemen's complex geography has left the Zionist regime helpless. The regime cannot grasp how determined Yemenis are to resist. In fact, the Zionist regime is now in a critical state, having suffered heavy losses in its war with Yemen. The residents of the occupied territories should expect a life filled with fear, as all the regime's deterrence theories have failed in its wars with Hamas and Hezbollah — and these failures are far from over. Yemen, like Hezbollah, will be remembered for its stances. On the day the world fell silent and turned away from Palestine, Yemen became the voice of resistance. Since then, Yemen has proven that threats will never frighten

it, and its support for Gaza will continue — because this support is not a choice but a duty. In the meantime, the ongoing battle to shatter the prestige of the Zionist regime and the US will persist. It is worth noting that the Yemeni front remains impenetrable to the Zionist regime. The intelligence and espionage training of US and Zionist mercenaries in various countries to infiltrate and strike Yemen has flopped. While the Zionists may test different methods against Yemen's government and people, Yemen's Islamic resistance remains vigilant — as evidenced by its recent capture of enemy infiltrators. The escalating and consistent attacks by Yemen's army on occupied territories, warships, and aircraft carriers show that Yemen is not bargaining over its support for Gaza and the Palestinian cause. Rather, the Yemeni front's presence in any future confron-

tation will bring many new surprises. The continuous military parades of Yemen's Islamic resistance forces send a clear message of support to Hamas, proving that Yemen has never forgotten Gaza and Palestine. It must be emphasized that issuing statements and condemnations by Islamic leaders does nothing to help the oppressed people of Gaza and Yemen or stop the bloody attacks by the Zionist regime and the US-UK coalition on the Gaza Strip and Yemen. The method of support must change — Islamic nations must step up in new and effective ways to aid their Muslim brethren. This shift could involve raising awareness, documenting Zionist crimes against the people of Gaza (especially women and children), and providing military support, among other measures.

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A ship fires missiles at an undisclosed location after US President Donald Trump launched military strikes against Yemen's Ansarullah (Houthis) in this screengrab obtained from a handout video released on March 15, 2025.

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Ansarullah (Houthi) soldiers raise weapons and flags of Palestine to show solidarity with the people of Gaza.

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