

Saudi warplanes target Yemeni hospital amid increased airstrikes

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Yemenis inspect damage following an overnight airstrike by the Saudi-led coalition targeting the capital, Sana'a, on December 24, 2021. (Photo by AFP)

Sanaa, January 13 (RHC)-- Fighter jets of the war coalition, led by Saudi Arabia, have carried out new aerial assaults on residential areas in the Yemeni provinces of Sana'a and Hudaydah, killing at least two civilians.

Early on Thursday, Yemen's al-Masirah TV channel reported that Saudi-led warplanes had targeted areas in Sana'a's Sanhan district and inflicted damage to a hospital there. Four hospital staffers were injured, two of them critically.

Similar airstrikes on Hudaydah's al-Garrahi district also claimed the lives of two Yemenis, according to a separate al-Masirah report.

Saudi Arabia launched the devastating military aggression against its southern neighbor in March 2015 in collaboration with a number of its allied states and with arms and logistics support from the U.S. and several Western states.

The aim was to return to power the former Riyadh-backed regime and crush the popular Ansarullah movement which has been running state affairs in the absence of an effective government in Yemen. The war has stopped well shy of all of its goals, despite killing tens of thousands of Yemenis and turning entire Yemen into the scene of the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

On Wednesday, a top UN humanitarian official said the world body will require about \$3.9 billion this year to help 16 million Yemenis. Acting Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator Ramesh Rajasingham told the UN Security Council that "the biggest constraint right now is funding."

"Last year's response plan was 58 per cent funded, making it the lowest funded appeal for Yemen since 2015," he added, reminding that the lack of financial support had forced the World Food Program (WFP) to announce food cuts for eight million people in Yemen.

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