

Saudi-led warplanes intensify airstrikes against Yemeni capital



People inspect the wreckage of buildings that were damaged by Saudi airstrikes, in Sana'a, Yemen, on January 18, 2022. (Photo by AP)

Sanaa, January 19 (RHC)-- The Saudi-led war coalition has sharply intensified its airstrikes against residential areas across Sana'a following the Yemeni army's decisive retaliatory raids on the United Arab Emirates (UAE)'s soil.

Yemen's Arabic-language al-Masirah television network reported that Saudi warplanes conducted three air raids against Sana'a International Airport and its surroundings early on Wednesday, adding that the military aircraft launched a number of sorties over the airport for a long time.

Saudi jets also struck 'Attan village in the Bani Matar district of Sana'a. Moreover, Saudi aircraft bombarded Jarban area in the Sanhan district of the capital. There have been no immediate reports of casualties.

In the early hours of Tuesday, air strikes by the Saudi-led coalition warplanes on Sana'a killed at least 20 people. Saudi warplanes have bombed Sana'a and other cities after Yemeni forces carried out unprecedented airstrikes against strategic targets deep inside the UAE.

Around 14 people were killed when the fighter jets struck the home of a high-ranking military official from the popular Ansarullah resistance movement, including his wife and son, according to neighbors and a medic.

The airstrikes followed Monday's drone and missile attack by Yemeni armed forces on strategic targets deep inside the UAE in retaliation for its role in the Saudi-led war on the impoverished country.

According to a report published by American business-focused daily newspaper The Wall Street Journal, the recent Yemeni military operation against Abu Dhabi demonstrated the military advances that Yemeni armed forces have made in recent years. The Yemeni forces "have hit the UAE before, but this was the first time the Emiratis acknowledged it," wrote the newspaper.

Saudi Arabia, backed by the United States and regional allies, launched the war on Yemen in March 2015, with the goal of bringing the government of former Yemeni president Abd Rabbuh Mansour Hadi back to power and crushing the Ansarullah movement.

The war has left hundreds of thousands of Yemenis dead and displaced millions more. It has also destroyed Yemen's infrastructure and spread famine and infectious diseases there.

Despite heavily-armed Saudi Arabia's incessant bombardment of the impoverished country, the Yemeni armed forces and the Popular Committees have grown steadily in strength against the Saudi-led invaders and left Riyadh and its allies bogged down in the country.

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