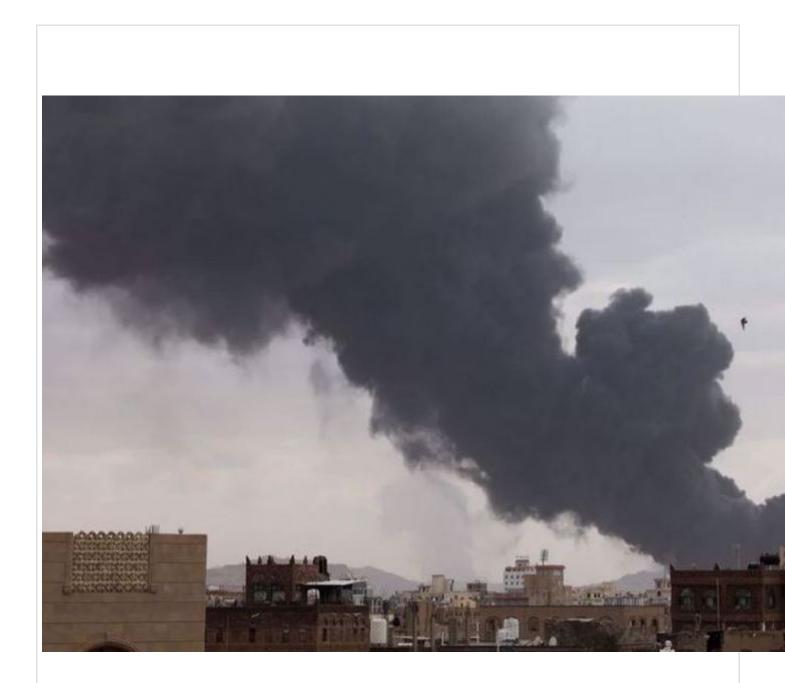
Iran affirms Israel's airstrikes on Yemen's infrastructure constitute blatant war crime



Smoke rises over the Yemeni capital of Sana'a on May 6, 2025 following an Israeli air strike

Tehran, May 18 (RHC)-- The spokesman for Iran's Foreign Ministry says the Israeli regime's airstrikes on Yemen's economic infrastructure and public facilities constitute a "blatant war crime and crime against humanity."

In a statement on Saturday, Esmaeil Baghaei strongly condemned the Israeli regime's airstrikes on important Yemeni ports. He added that the attacks on the Yemeni ports of Hudaydah, Ras Isa, and Salif are a gross violation of international law and the United Nations Charter.

At least one person was killed and nine others were injured in a series of Israeli airstrikes against positions in Yemen's strategic western province of Hudaydah.

Yemeni health authorities indicated that all casualties were port workers and cautioned that the death toll could rise.

Baghaei said the strikes indicate Israel's warmongering and criminal nature and a new wave of the regime's endless crimes against the Muslim nations in the region. He noted that the Israeli regime carries out such attacks at a time when the Yemeni people are under siege and suffering from compounded humanitarian distress.

Targeting vital infrastructure is a brutal act aimed at depriving the Yemeni people of access to basic necessities of life, he emphasized.

The spokesman emphasized that the United States, Britain, and some other Western countries are complicit in the continuation of the Israeli regime's crimes in Gaza and its acts of aggression against Muslim countries in the region.

He pointed out that the unconditional support of the West for Israel has emboldened the regime in its unlawful acts, aggression, and the massacre of defenseless Palestinian women and children, and now the oppressed people of Yemen.

Baghaei also lashed out at the United Nations Security Council for maintaining silence in the face of the Israeli regime's attacks, saying it shows a decline in the legal and moral authority of this international body.

"The Muslim world must realize its moral and legal responsibility and rise against the Zionist regime's expansionism and warmongering and confront the regime's tyranny with unity and solidarity," he added.

He warned that the continuation of the Israeli regime's attacks would not only spread insecurity across the region but would also pose a serious threat to global peace.

Yemen's Foreign Ministry, in a statement on Friday, condemned the Israeli regime's repeated attacks against the country's ports, saying those attacks will be met with a painful response. It added that the repeated targeting of Yemeni ports is evidence of the Zionist entity's abject failure to achieve its goals.

As the genocidal war on Gaza escalated, the Yemenis enacted a strategic blockade on essential maritime routes, intending to obstruct the delivery of military supplies to Israel and urge the international community to take action regarding the ongoing humanitarian emergency in Gaza.

The Yemeni Armed Forces have declared they will continue their assaults until Israel ceases its ground and aerial offensives in Gaza.

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