

Saudi-led airstrikes kill three people, including child, in Yemen



Sanaa, September 26 (RHC)-- At least three people, including a young child, have been killed after Saudi-led warplanes hit localities in Yemen's Hudaydah and Sa'ada provinces, three and a half years after the so-called military coalition began a full-scale war against the impoverished nation.

The Arabic-language al-Masirah television network reports that Saudi-led fighter jets launched an airstrike on the residential area of Ghaferah of Dhahir district in the northern province of Sa'ada that resulted in the killing of a child and wounding of several others. It also said that a separate aerial aggression against a civilian vehicle, traveling from Jarrahi to Zabid cities in the western province of Hudaydah.

Saudi Arabia and some of its allies, including the United Arab Emirates, Morocco and Sudan, launched a brutal war, code-named Operation Decisive Storm, against Yemen in March 2015 in an attempt to reinstall former president Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi and crush the Houthi Ansarullah movement, which plays a significant role in aiding the Yemeni army in defending the country against the invading coalition.

The humanitarian group Save the Children says civilian casualties have seen a 164-percent rise in Hudaydah since June, when the Saudi-led coalition began an offensive on the Yemeni port city. Since the onset of imposed war, the Yemeni army troops, backed by fighters from the Ansarullah movement, have launched numerous retaliatory attacks against Saudi-led forces and its mercenaries inside Yemen and through ballistic missile strikes deep inside Saudi Arabia.

The imposed war initially consisted of a bombing campaign, but was later coupled with a naval blockade and the deployment of ground forces to Yemen. Some 15,000 Yemenis have been killed and thousands more injured since the onset of the Saudi-led aggression.

Save the Children raises alarm at the humanitarian repercussions of renewed Saudi attacks on Hudaydah, saying a total of 5.2 million Yemeni children are at risk of famine. The Saudi-led war has also taken a heavy toll on the country's infrastructure, destroying many hospitals, schools, and factories. The United Nations has said that a record 22.2 million Yemenis are in dire need of food, including 8.4 million threatened by severe hunger.

Several Western countries, the U.S. and Britain in particular, are also accused of being complicit in the ongoing aggression as they supply the Riyadh regime with advanced weapons and military equipment as well as logistical and intelligence assistance.

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