Half of Saudi Arabia's oil facilities knocked out by drone attacks

Abu Dhabi, September 14 (RHC)-- Yemeni drones have hit two oil facilities of Saudi Arabia's state oil giant Aramco in the country's east, causing huge fires before dawn on Saturday. A spokesman for Saudi Arabia's interior ministry said in a statement that the attacks targeted two Aramco factories in Abqaiq and Khurais.

Fires resulting from the drone strikes have disrupted about half of the kingdom's oil capacity, or 5% of the daily global oil supply, according to reports. A total of five million barrels per day of crude production have been impacted. One of the facilities hit is considered to be one of the world's largest oil production facilities.

A statement issued in Abu Dhabi said Yemen's Houthi movement later claimed responsibility in an announcement on Al Masirah TV. The movement's military spokesman General Yahya Sare'e said 10 drones were deployed against the sites in Abqaiq and Khurais, and pledged to widen the range of attacks on Saudi Arabia.

"This was one of the largest operations which our forces have carried out deep inside Saudi Arabia. It came after careful intelligence and cooperation with honorable and free people inside Saudi Arabia."

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