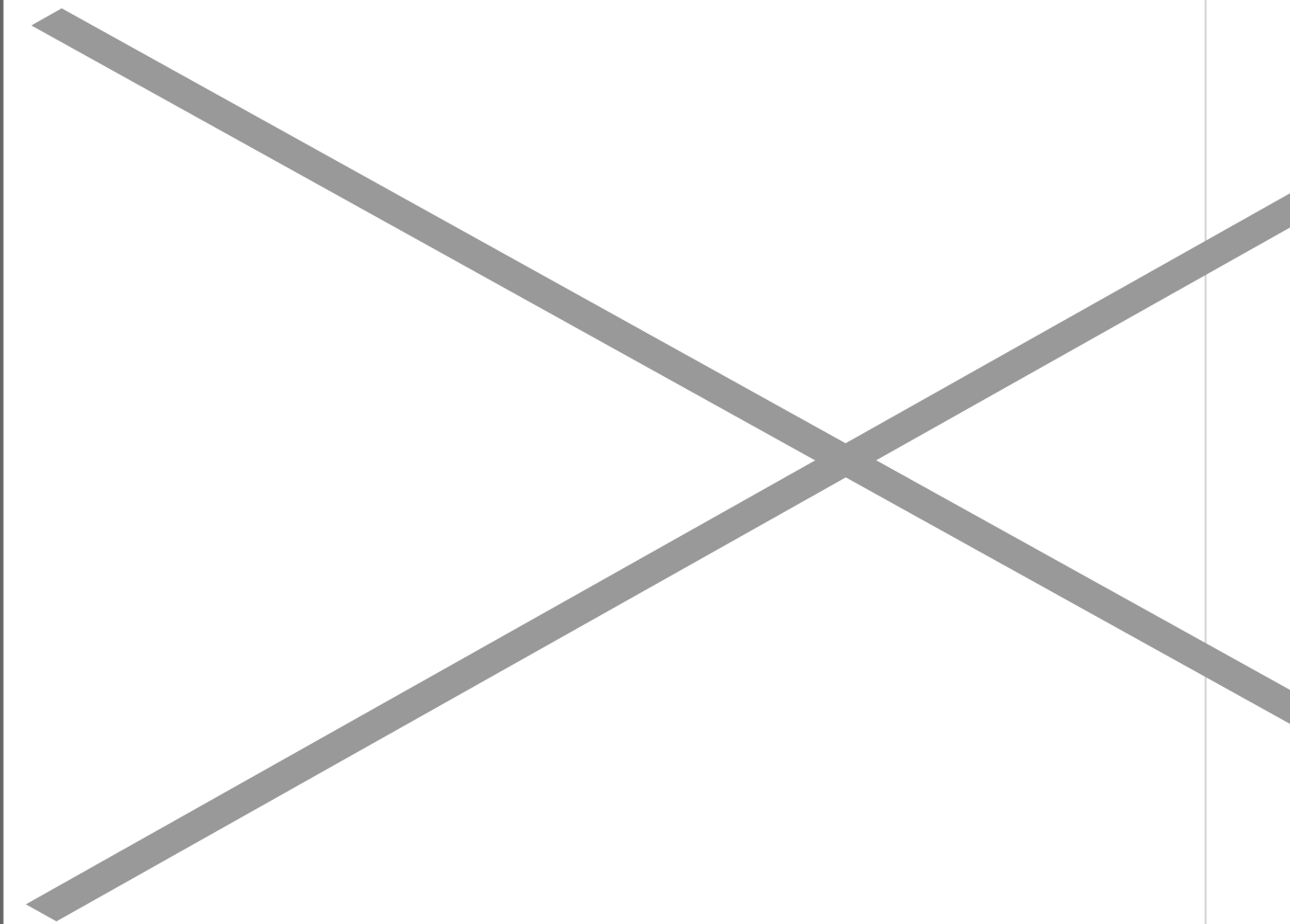


# *Yemeni forces conduct training drills, simulate counter-offensive against U.S., UK invasion*

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The undated photo by Yemen's Saba news agency shows drills by the Yemeni Armed Forces on

Sanaa, March 17 (RHC)-- The Yemeni armed forces have carried out military training exercises that simulate confronting a potential attack by the U.S. and British troops against the country. Yemen's Saba news agency reported that Units of the Special Forces of the Central Military District carried out one of their largest combat training and military maneuvers, entitled "The Promised Day Maneuver," on the outskirts of the capital, Sana'a.

"The maneuver simulated violent and widespread confrontation operations against enemy forces after it carried out parachute landings on some Yemeni areas and infiltrated some areas," the news agency said.

The military maneuvers, which took place according to a scenario of complex fire clashes on different terrains, lasted more than two hours with the participation of a thousand fighters from the region.

In a speech delivered during the exercise, Yemeni Defense Minister Major General Nasser al-Atifi affirmed Yemen's capability to defend itself and "deal with an international community that respects only the strong." Atifi added that "Yemen's engagement in the battle against the hateful and usurping Zionist entity and its maritime blockade is not a luxury but a sovereign, national, Islamic, and humanitarian decision."

The Yemeni defense minister also issued a stern warning that the American and British forces would pay "dearly" for any act of aggression against the country. "We will enforce new rules of engagement forcefully, and the price will be paid dearly by the American, the British, and the Zionist and those in their orbit," Atifi underlined. "The battle is open, and the blockade is continuing. We will make Washington, London, and their allies realize the non-negotiable sovereignty over our seas and territorial waters."

The drills come amid ongoing air aggression by the US and Britain on Yemen in support of Israel's months-long genocidal war against Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip.

Brigadier General Yahya Saree, the spokesman of the Yemeni armed forces, announced on Friday that they carried out retaliatory operations against three Israeli and American ships in the Indian Ocean with a number of appropriate naval missiles and drones.

Saree stressed that the three operations "successfully achieved their goals." The leader of Yemen's Houthis has said that the Yemeni armed forces will continue their retaliatory operations against Israeli-affiliated commercial vessels, preventing the passage of the ships even through the Indian Ocean and through the Cape of Good Hope.

The announcement came a day after the leader of Yemen's Ansarullah movement, Abdul-Malik al-Houthi, underlined that the Yemeni forces were to expand their naval operations to the Indian Ocean and through the Cape of Good Hope.

Yemenis have declared their open support for Palestine's struggle against the Israeli occupation since the regime launched a devastating war on Gaza on October 7 after the territory's Palestinian resistance movements carried out the surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Storm. The Yemeni Armed Forces have said they won't stop retaliatory strikes.



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