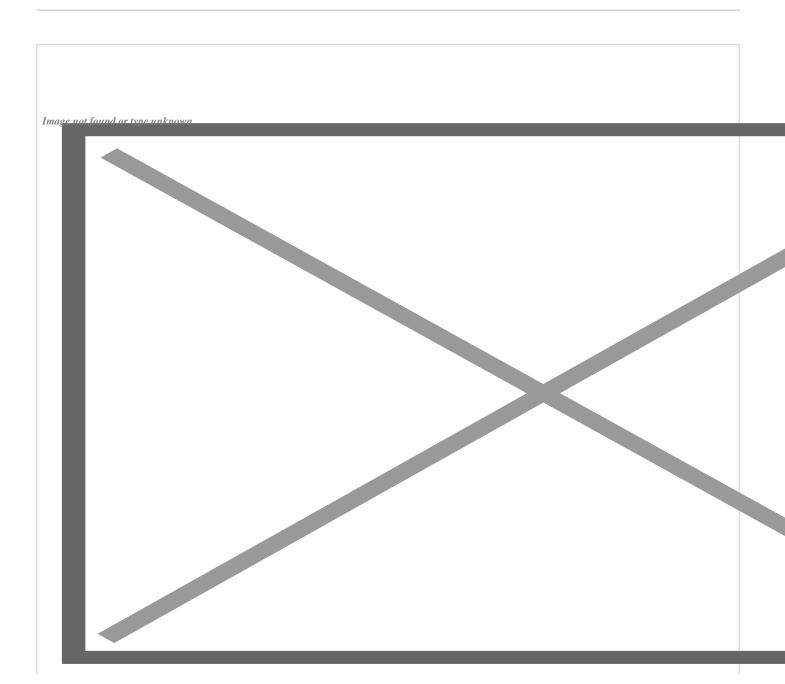
Yemen warns foreign companies to leave Israeli-occupied territories as next phase of escalation looms



A view of missiles during a military parade held by Yemeni forces (Reuters)

Sanaa, June 3 (RHC)-- The chairman of Yemen's Supreme Political Council has warned of a growing risk of investing in the Israeli-occupied territories due to drone and missile attacks that Yemen's Armed Forces are conducting in retaliation for the Tel Aviv regime's ongoing brutal campaign in Gaza.

Mahdi al-Mashat, in a statement sent to Yemen's official Saba news agency on Sunday, cautioned all companies operating in the occupied lands to seriously take the warning into consideration, and leave without delay as the atmosphere is becoming highly precarious.

Mashat highlighted that any firm opting to continue operation within the Israeli-occupied territories despite the warning must assume full responsibility for the decision, and admit subsequent losses. "We may take further measures within the next few days, if necessary, which would place companies investing within the occupied territories at grave and tremendous risks," he stated.

Mashat emphasized: "Overlooking the Yemeni warning translates into betting on a tenuous situation that could entail unpleasant consequences." The high-ranking Yemeni official also took a swipe at the occupying Israeli regime, saying, "Prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's criminal administration does not care about investors' interests, and is gambling on their safety to serve its own agenda. A regime that has no concern about the destiny of its own captives [being held in Gaza] will neither protect foreign companies nor investments."

He underscored that Yemeni Armed Forces would soon set a deadline for foreign companies to depart Israeli-occupied lands in order to minimize harm and avoid collateral damage.

Mashat stated that the repercussions may not be confined to strikes within the occupied lands; but could extend to investments abroad if the Yemeni Armed Forces decide to escalate their operations.

As the genocidal war on Gaza escalated, the Yemenis enforced a strategic blockade on essential maritime routes, with the goal of obstructing the delivery of military supplies to Israel and urging the international community to take action regarding the ongoing humanitarian emergency in Gaza.

The Yemeni Armed Forces have declared they will not stop their assaults unless Israel ceases its ground and aerial offensives in Gaza.

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