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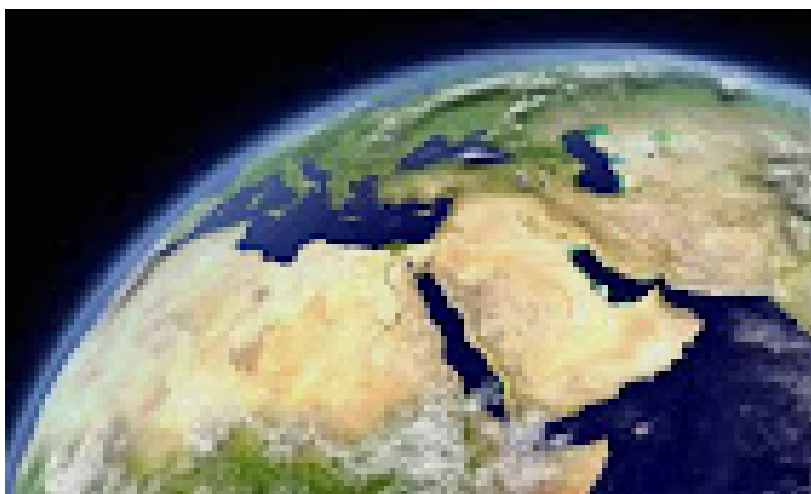
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The Empire Bombs Yemen to Protect Israel's Genocide

After years of backing Saudi Arabia's atrocities in Yemen, the US and UK are bombing the poorest country in the Middle East for trying to stop a genocide. This is the U.S. empire—and all for what? To protect Israel's ability to carry out a massacre of Palestinians in Gaza for months.



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The U.S. and U.K. have struck 72 sites in Yemen with Tomahawk missiles and fighter jets, backed by logistical support from Australia, Canada, Bahrain and the Netherlands.

U.S. President Joe Biden said in a statement that the strikes on "targets in Yemen used by Houthi rebels" are a "direct response to the Houthis' unprecedented attacks on international maritime vessels in the Red Sea."

What Biden fails to mention in his statement on his administration's "response" to the Houthis' attacks on ships in the Red Sea is that those attacks in the Red Sea are in turn a response to Israeli crimes against humanity in Gaza.

There is also no mention that the attacks took place after the first day of proceedings at the International Court of Justice in which Israel is accused by South Africa of committing genocide in Gaza.

So the U.S. and the U.K. have just bombed the poorest country in the Middle East for trying to stop a genocide. Not only that, they bombed the very country where they have just spent years backing Saudi Arabia's genocidal atrocities, which killed hundreds of thousands of people between 2015 and 2022 in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent the Houthis from taking power.

The Houthis, formally known as Ansar Allah, threatened before the attack to retaliate fiercely against any attack by the United States and its allies. Abdulmalik al-Houthi, who leads the Houthi movement, said the response to any U.S. attack "will be greater than" a recent Houthi offensive that used dozens of drones and several missiles.

"We, the Yemeni people, are not among those who fear the United States," al-Houthi said in a televised address. "We are comfortable with a direct confrontation with the Americans."

An anonymous U.S. official who briefed the Huffington Post's Akbar Shahid Ahmed on the impending attacks on Yemen shortly before they took place complained that airstrikes "will not solve the problem" and that the approach "does not add up to a cohesive strategy."

Ahmed has previously reported that behind the scenes, officials in this administration have been growing increasingly nervous about the risk of Biden triggering a wider war in the Middle East. This latest escalation, along with the Houthis' vow to retaliate, adds a lot of weight to this concern. [Some U.S. lawmakers and rights groups have condemned the attacks as unconstitutional.]

La región donde se desarrolla el conflicto entre Occidente y Yemen

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