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## U.S. Strikes intensify in Yemen, targeting Houthis



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DUBAI, March 30—The U.S. military launched fresh airstrikes on Houthi-controlled areas in Yemen overnight, reportedly killing at least one person and injuring four others. The strikes, targeting sites in Sanaa, al-Jawf, and Saada, follow an intensified campaign that began on March 15.

A U.S. Central Command video confirmed a strike on a military headquarters in Sanaa, though the

Houthis have not acknowledged the attack. The Houthi-run SABA news agency reported damage to communication infrastructure in Amran and Saada. Analysts suggest actual casualties may be higher as the strikes focus on military and intelligence sites.

This escalation comes as the Houthis threaten to resume targeting “Israeli” ships over Israel’s blockade of Gaza aid. Since November 2023, Houthi forces have attacked over 100 merchant vessels, sinking two and killing four sailors. The U.S. has responded with increasing force, moving beyond targeting launch sites to striking military leadership and urban centers.

Amid rising tensions, U.S. B-2 bombers have been stationed in Diego Garcia, and the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman continues operations in the Red Sea. Meanwhile, France’s Charles de Gaulle carrier remains positioned in Djibouti, though not part of the U.S. campaign.

Satellite images reveal a new airstrip on Yemen’s strategic Mayun Island, linked to the UAE-backed Southern Transitional Council. The island’s control is vital due to its location on the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, a key maritime chokepoint.

As U.S. strikes intensify, the conflict threatens to destabilize the region further, with the Houthis now issuing warnings to Saudi Arabia and the UAE.