



Yemen and Houthis

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The US has intensified airstrikes on Houthi-controlled areas in Yemen to counter their missile and drone attacks in the [Red Sea](#), citing threats to global shipping routes.

- **Yemen:** Located in the Middle East at the southern tip of the **Arabian Peninsula**, borders **Saudi Arabia (north)** and **Oman (east)**. It has a coastline along the **Red Sea (west)**, [Gulf of Aden](#), Arabian Sea, and **Guardafui Channel** (south).
 - The **Bab el-Mandeb Strait**, between **Djibouti and Yemen**, is a **key maritime chokepoint** connecting the **Indian Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea** via the **Red Sea and Suez Canal**, crucial for global trade.
- **Houthis:** A Zaidi Shia militant group from northwestern Yemen, the Houthis emerged in the 1990s as a rebellion against the Yemeni government. Backed by **Iran**, they are part of the **Axis of Resistance** (informal coalition of Iranian-supported militias) and target Israeli-linked ships in the **Bab el-Mandeb Strait** in response to the **Gaza conflict**.



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