

Will the U.S.-British Strikes Stop the Houthi Attacks on Red Sea Shipping?

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The effectiveness of the joint operation is not year clear, but either way it almost certainly wasn't the concluding episode in Iran's long-running game of Gulf proxy warfare.

After weeks of [attacks on merchant shipping \(https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/rising-pressure-red-sea-transit\)](https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/rising-pressure-red-sea-transit) in the Red Sea, with only occasional responses by U.S. and other navies, Western forces on Thursday [unleashed \(https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthis-biden-retaliation-attacks-0804b93372cd5e874a0dd03513fe36a2\)](https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthis-biden-retaliation-attacks-0804b93372cd5e874a0dd03513fe36a2) a major series of attacks in Yemen on pro-Iran Houthi forces. The obvious questions are “how big?” and “how effective?” It's difficult to say just yet, but some parameters can be sketched out. And the initial score card is mixed. Strikes by missile or aircraft are reported on targets in more than a dozen places, including the capital Sanaa, the Houthi city of Saada, and the Red Sea port of Hodeida. Initial Houthi comment has mixed outrage and [defiance \(https://themessenger.com/news/houthis-vow-to-keep-on-attacking-israel-bound-shipping-in-red-sea-after-u-s-u-k-air-raids\)](https://themessenger.com/news/houthis-vow-to-keep-on-attacking-israel-bound-shipping-in-red-sea-after-u-s-u-k-air-raids)...

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