



Raining fire from the sky



Unverified
picture from
Yemen last night

After late-night Cabinet meeting, UK and U.S. launch airstrikes on Iran-backed rebels who struck at Royal Navy in Red Sea

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BRITAIN and the US launched air strikes in Yemen last night in a dramatic escalation of the Middle East crisis.

Explosions were heard in the capital Sanaa and other major cities including Taiz and the port stronghold of Hodeida.

US officials announced just before midnight that the expected offensive against Iran-backed Houthi terrorists in the country had begun.

The strikes – by aircraft, ships and a submarine – came after the rebels ignored a ‘final warning’ to stop attacking international ships in the Red Sea.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak signed off on the raids during an emergency Cabinet meeting in Downing Street last night.

Commons Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle was also briefed, according to reports.

Rishi Sunak approved the plans after discussions with international allies and a meeting of his National Security Council.

The Tehran-backed Houthis’ campaign in the Red Sea – launched in solidarity with Palestinian terror group Hamas in its conflict with Israel – poses a major threat

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