



Situation Room

**** MONITORING SECURITY IN THE RED SEA ****

Period under review: from 25. 8. 2025 to 24. 9. 2025

[This report is based on publicly available sources to describe a changing situation. Information subject to change.]

Situation analysis recap:

- **(25 August)** Israeli airstrikes targeted multiple Houthi-controlled locations in Sanaa, including the Asar oil facility, the Hizyaz power plant, and a military site near the presidential palace. The Houthi-run health ministry reported at least 6 dead and 86 injured. Israel described the facilities that were hit as critical to Houthi military activities.
- **(28 August)** Israeli airstrikes in Sanaa killed Houthi Prime Minister Ahmed al Rahawi, nine ministers, and two senior officials, marking the first attack to eliminate top officials of the Houthi leadership. Strikes targeted an area near the presidential complex and a building in southern Sanaa, with Yemeni military sources reporting the complex contained an operation room and missile storage facility.
- **(30 August)** The Houthis confirmed the death of their prime minister; the most senior official killed in the Israeli-US campaign against the Iran-backed rebels as Houthi leader Mehdi al-Mashat vowed to avenge the killings in a video message.
- **(31 August)** Houthi forces raided UN offices in Sanaa, detaining at least 11 employees from food, health, and children's agencies. UN Secretary-General António Guterres condemned the act and demanded for the immediate release of staff.
- **(1 September)** Mass funeral processions were held in Sanaa for the 12 senior Houthi officials killed in an Israeli airstrike. The Houthis announced that they launched a missile at the Liberian-flagged oil tanker *Scarlet Ray* in the Red Sea, alleging the vessel was linked to Israel.
- **(2 September)** Israel launched a new military reconnaissance satellite aimed at enhancing surveillance across the Middle East, including Iran and Yemen, as part of a broader project to detect missile launches and monitor weapons development. The launch builds on Israel's existing network of spy satellites. The UN reported that at least 19 of its employees were detained by Houthi forces during the raids on UN offices in Sanaa, a higher figure than previously confirmed.
- **(3 September)** The Israeli military intercepted a missile launched from Yemen, with air raid sirens activated in Tel Aviv and other areas across the country. The Houthis later claimed responsibility, stating they had fired two ballistic missiles as a response to recent Israeli strikes in Yemen.
- **(4 September)** A suspected Houthi attack targeted a ship in the Red Sea, with an unknown projectile landing near the vessel. No casualties were reported, and the ship was unharmed. The Houthis launched multiple missile attacks against Israel in recent days in retaliation for the killing of several senior officials. Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz issued a warning threatening severe retaliation. A Houthi government

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official in Sanaa claimed that several recently detained UN employees are suspected of spying for Israel and the United States.

- **(7 September)** One of four drones launched from Yemen struck a terminal at Ramon International Airport near Eilat in Israel, injuring one civilian. The airport was temporarily closed, and the event marked the first Houthi drone or missile strike in some time to cause direct damage. The other three drones targeted unspecified sites across the Negev Desert; they were shot down over the Egyptian Sinai.
- **(8 September)** Ramon International Airport was targeted again by the Houthis, all three drones were detected and intercepted by Israeli forces.
- **(9 September)** The Houthis launched a missile and a drone toward Israel, triggering sirens in several areas. The Israeli military reported intercepting both projectiles over Eilat in southern Israel.
- **(10 September)** Israeli airstrikes targeted Houthi-controlled areas in Sanaa and al-Jawf, including the Houthi defence ministry, military camps, and a command-and-control hideout. The strikes followed recent Houthi drone and missile attacks on Israel. The Houthi-run health ministry reported at least 35 dead and over 130 injured. Israel described the targets as military facilities, including the Houthi's military public relations headquarters.
- **(11 September)** The US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Asset Control implemented its largest sanctions effort against the Houthis to date, targeting 32 individuals and entities, along with four tankers. The sanctions aim at a network allegedly involved in fundraising, smuggling, and weapons procurement. According to the US, the Houthis generate substantial revenue through oil and commodity imports via ports under their control, conducting complex smuggling operations, and money laundering, with proceeds financing a global weapons supply chain. The Houthis carried out two separate drone and missile attacks targeting Ramon Airport and a military site in the Negev Desert.
- **(13 September)** The Houthis claimed they launched a Palestine-2 missile armed with a cluster munition toward Tel Aviv, saying it was aimed at sensitive targets.
- **(15 September)** The Houthis claimed responsibility for launching three drones at Ramon Airport in Eilat and another drone at a military site in the Negev Desert. The Israeli military reported that alerts were triggered over Eilat and Be'er Ora due to a hostile aircraft but later clarified that a false identification had activated the alerts.
- **(16 September)** Israel conducted airstrikes on the Houthi-controlled Hodeida port, targeting sites it said were used to transfer Iranian-supplied weapons for attacks against Israel and its allies. The strikes damaged three docks and were intended to keep port facilities out of service for several weeks. Houthi forces reported activating air defences, claiming they disrupted the attack. Several hours after the Israeli airstrikes, the Houthis launched a hypersonic ballistic missile toward Tel Aviv, which was intercepted, and another toward the airport in Eilat.
- **(18 September)** The Israeli military intercepted a Palestine-2 ballistic missile and two drones launched by the Houthis toward Israel. The drones targeted Eilat and Beersheba; shrapnel from one of the interceptions struck a hotel in Eilat, causing material damage, but no casualties.

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- **(20 September)** Saudi Arabia announced a \$368 million economic support package for the internationally recognised Yemeni government. The funds, provided through the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen, aim to support the government's budget amid currency weakness and high prices. Riyadh had previously provided billions in aid and deposits to stabilize Aden's administration, which continues to face challenges while Yemen remains divided between the Aden-based government and the Houthi-controlled administration in Sanaa.
- **(24 September)** A drone launched from Yemen struck Israel's southern resort city of Eilat, injuring at least 20 people with shrapnel. The Israeli military reported the drone fell in the area after air defences failed to intercept it. The strike marks one of the more serious incidents in recent Houthi attacks on Israel.

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