

Three Hours of Fire and Fury: How US and UK Unleashed Over 100 Missiles on More Than 60 Houthi Targets Using Jets, Warships and a Sub in Meticulously Planned Strikes on Iran-backed Rebels in Yemen

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Britain and the United States pounded several targets in rebel-held Yemen overnight over a dramatic three-hour period, after weeks of disruptive attacks on Red Sea shipping vessels by Iran-backed Houthi forces.

The strikes saw over 100 missiles launched at more than 60 targets across 16 locations in Yemen, including an airbase, airports and a military camp, officials said.

A salvo of missiles was launched by fighter jets, warships and a submarine in a retaliatory move targeting Houthi infrastructure across Yemen, in what represents a massive escalation in the Middle East.

The wheels of the UK attack were set in motion on Thursday morning, with reports that [British Prime Minister](#) Rishi Sunak had held a COBRA meeting. At the same time, [White House](#) officials were briefing senior politicians on [Capitol](#) Hill on the strikes that were given the green-light by President [Joe Biden](#) earlier this week.

Meanwhile, four British fighter jets and a refuelling tanker lifted off from the Akrotiri air base in Cyprus and flew the 1,500 miles to join US coalition forces in carrying out the precision strikes across Yemen over a three-hour period.

As the jets soared towards Yemen, a cabinet meeting was held in [London](#) Thursday evening, while other key political figures - including Britain's opposition Labour leader Sir [Keir Starmer](#) and Commons Speaker Sir [Lindsay Hoyle](#) - were also briefed.

The British jets struck first, blasting two different locations at around 11.30pm Thursday local time. Three hours later, the US missiles struck their targets.

Blaming the Houthis for ignoring 'repeated warnings', [Sunak](#) said in a statement the strikes were 'necessary and proportionate'. Biden called the US and British strikes a 'defensive action', adding he 'will not hesitate' to order further military action.

At least five people were killed in the strikes, the Houthis said.

Here, MailOnline looks at what we know about the timeline of the strikes...

HOW AIRSTRIKES UNFOLDED

RAF TYPHOON FGR4

Crew:	1 or 2
Max speed:	1,320 mph
Range:	1,800 miles
Guns:	1 x 27 mm Mauser BK-27
Hardpoints:	13 (4x Paveway IV)

KC-2 VOYAGER

Crew:	3
Range:	5,200 miles
Fuel capacity:	245,000 lb (111,000 kg)

PAVEWAY IV GUIDED BOMB

In service:	2008
Guidance system:	Inertial, GPS Aided Inertial and/or Semi-Active Laser
Mass:	500 lb

USS EISENHOWER CARRIER STRIKE GROUP

Aircraft Carrier	USS Dwight D. Eisenhower
Fighter jets	Nine fighter jet squadrons
Cruisers	Three Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruisers
Destroyers	Four guided-missile destroyers
Other	HMS Diamond

F/A-18 SUPER HORNET

Crew:	1 or 2
Max speed:	1,190 mph
Range:	1,458 miles
Payload:	Tomahawk cruise missiles
Hardpoints:	11

7:30pm
Four RAF Typhoons take off from Cyprus

11:30pm
Typhoons bomb targets at Bani and Abbs airfield with Paveway IV bombs

2:30am
US Super Hornets from USS Eisenhower hit targets across Yemen

Map labels: TURKEY, CYPRUS, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN, YEMEN, Bani, Abbs, Sana, Al Hudaydah, Taizz, Aden, Al Mukalla, USS Eisenhower, ERITREA.

Britain and the United States pounded several targets in rebel-held Yemen overnight over a dramatic three-hour period. This graphic shows what the US-UK coalition used to carry out the strikes, and the timeline of the mission as according to official releases

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