

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 <u>British Prime Minister</u> Rishi Sunak had held a COBRA meeting. At the same time, <u>White House</u> officials were briefing senior politicians on <u>Capitol</u> Hill on the strikes that were given the green-light by President <u>Joe Biden</u> 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.

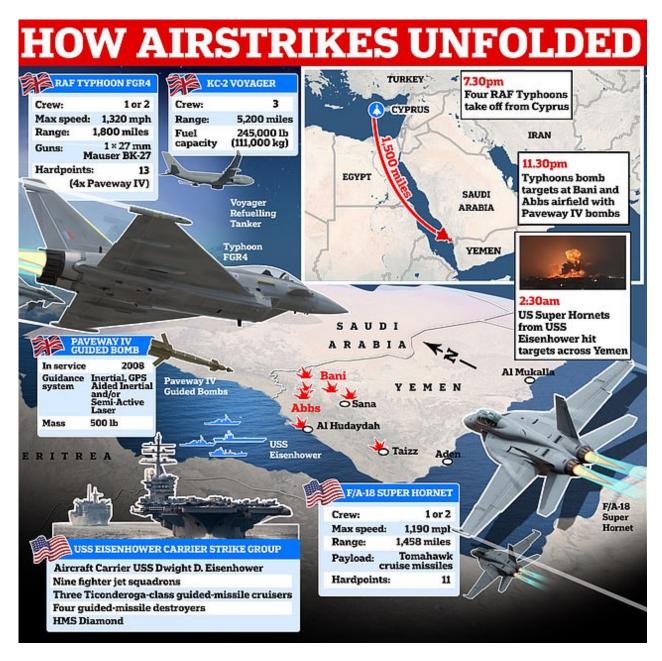
As the jets soared towards Yemen, a cabinet meeting was held in <u>London</u> Thursday evening, while other key political figures – including Britain's opposition Labour leader Sir <u>Keir Starmer</u> and Commons Speaker Sir <u>Lindsay Hoyle</u> – were also briefed.

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', <u>Sunak</u> 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...



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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