

Latest Houthi Escalation in Yemen

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Dear %%%FirstName**default value%%%,

On behalf of the Embassy of Saudi Arabia, I wanted to share with you the latest developments from Yemen. Unfortunately, the Houthis and their Iranian enablers continue to engage in deeply destabilizing activities—launching drone and missile attacks on civilian sites in Saudi Arabia—that make it much more difficult to achieve a political solution to the conflict.

On March 7, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's missile defense systems intercepted twelve weaponized unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) launched by the Houthis against civilian targets in Saudi Arabia. You may watch [footage](#) taken by the Saudi-led Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen showing a number of weaponized UAVs launched by the Houthis being intercepted and destroyed by the Saudi Armed Forces.

Also on March 7, multiple attacks targeted civilian locations in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province. This included an attack using a weaponized UAV to target an Aramco oil facility at the Ras Tanura Port. Meanwhile, shrapnel from a ballistic missile fell near an Aramco residential compound. Such attacks represent a threat to the stability of global energy supplies, affecting the entire global economy and endangering the lives of Saudi workers in Aramco and thousands more from 80 different nationalities, including Americans.

Fortunately, these attacks did not cause any loss of life or injury or property damage. For additional details, please see this [statement](#) from Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Energy.

The [White House](#), [State Department](#), and [Defense Department](#) have each condemned these attacks. Notably, on March 8, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki observed, "Escalating attacks like these are not the actions of a group that is serious about peace. The attacks are unacceptable and dangerous and put the lives of innocent civilians at work, including Americans."

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has welcomed efforts of the Biden Administration to de-escalate the conflict in Yemen, and is working with US

Special Envoy Tim Lenderking and UN Special Envoy Martin Griffiths to reach a comprehensive political settlement to the conflict in accordance with applicable UN Security Council Resolutions. This is in line with the Kingdom's unwavering commitments to achieve peace in Yemen.

Sincerely,

Tripp Baird

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