

U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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Dear %%FirstName**default value%%,

On behalf of the Embassy of Saudi Arabia, I wanted to share with you the latest evidence of the Iranian regime's destabilizing activities as it relates to the conflict in Yemen.

According to a [statement](#) by the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, on May 6-7, the USS Monterey "seized an illicit shipment of weapons from a stateless dhow in international water of the North Arabian Sea." The "cache of weapons included dozens of advanced Russian-made anti-tank guided missiles, thousands of Chinese Type 56 assault rifles, and hundreds of PKM machine guns, sniper rifles and rocket-propelled grenades launchers. Other weapon components included advanced optical sights." The U.S. Fifth Fleet has posted [pictures](#) and [video](#) of the cache of seized weapons.

According to a [news article](#) in The Hill, "U.S. Navy officials said Sunday that thousands of weapons including sniper rifles, assault weapons and other guns were seized onboard a ship that was likely bound for an illicit delivery to Yemen's Houthi rebels."

The Iranian regime's escalation of the conflict through its proxy, the Houthis, comes amid intensified diplomatic efforts by the U.S. Government and the United Nations to reach a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Yemen. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia supports these efforts, having announced an initiative in late March to reach a nationwide ceasefire in Yemen and reach a comprehensive political resolution to the conflict under the auspices of the United Nations.

Unfortunately, the Iranian regime and the Houthis have refused to come the negotiating table in good faith, as the State Department underscored in a [statement](#) on May 7 following Special Envoy Lenderking's most recent travel to the region:

There is a fair deal on the table that will bring immediate relief to Yemeni people. The Houthis passed up a major opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to peace and to make progress on this proposal by refusing

to meet with UN Special Envoy Griffiths in Muscat—especially given the Republic of Yemen Government's stated readiness to reach an agreement to end the conflict. Contradictory to their pronouncements regarding the humanitarian situation in Yemen, the Houthis worsen it by continuing to attack Marib and exacerbating dire conditions for already vulnerable, internally displaced Yemenis.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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