

US and UK strike Houthi positions across Yemen

Iran-backed rebels vow to retaliate and continue attacks in the Red Sea

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The US and the UK launched air strikes on Houthi military positions across Yemen, pledging to protect the freedom of navigation in the Red Sea, while simultaneously risking further escalation in the region as the Gaza war rages on.

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In contrast, news of the strikes was welcomed in Israel, said **Dr Yoel Guzansky, a senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies** think tank in Tel Aviv.

“Many wanted the coalition to conduct them because the alternative, Israel unilaterally engaging the Houthis, would make the issue only an Israeli one. Now it's a global one,” he said.

Israel is less concerned than other countries about tensions escalating across the Middle East, because it already views the Gaza war as regional, **Dr Guzansky** said.

“In Israel, this is already a regional war, so for us, this does not open another front. The Houthis have already announced they’re firing against Israel,” he added.

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