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Yemen: US Strike Reportedly Kills, Injures Dozens of Migrants

US Strikes Since March Causing Extensive Civilian Harm



(Beirut) – US forces struck a migrant detention center in Saada, Yemen, on April 28, 2025, reportedly killing over 68 civilians and injuring dozens more. Human Rights Watch verified a video posted by the Houthi-run news channel, Al-Masirah, also verified by the newswire service Reuters, that showed migrants and asylum seekers dead and injured in the aftermath of the strike. Those killed and injured were reportedly all of African nationalities who were being held in the detention center in the Houthi-controlled area.

This airstrike is one of over 800 that the United States has carried out in Yemen since March 15, 2025, when the Trump administration began a new campaign of airstrikes in Yemen. Based on Human Rights Watch research, the airstrikes appear to have caused extensive civilian harm, likely killing and injuring hundreds of civilians.

Failing to take all feasible precautions to mitigate civilian harm constitutes a violation of international humanitarian law. Deliberate attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure are war crimes.

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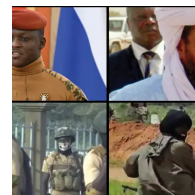
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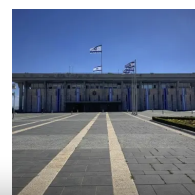
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