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U.S. strikes on oil port held by Yemen's Houthi rebels kill dozens, wound more than 100 others, Houthis say

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Fuel tanks burn following, what Al Masirah TV said was a U.S. strike on the Ras Isa fuel port in Yemen in this screengrab from a handout video released on April 18, 2025.

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Fire and smoke rise next to charred vehicles following, what Al Masirah TV said, was a U.S. strike on the Ras Isa fuel port, Yemen, in this screengrab from a handout video released on April 18, 2025

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Red Crescent personnel move the body of a victim following what Al Masirah TV said was a U.S. strike on the Ras Isa fuel port in Yemen, in this screengrab from a handout video released on April 18, 2025.

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"This completely unjustified aggression represents a flagrant violation of Yemen's sovereignty and independence and a direct targeting of the entire Yemeni people," the Houthis said in a statement carried by the SABA news agency they control. "It targets a vital civilian facility that has served the Yemeni people for decades."

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said Tehran "strongly condemned the barbaric U.S. air strike," calling it "an example of aggressive crime and a blatant violation of the fundamental principles of the U.N. Charter," according to French news agency AFP.

On April 9, the U.S. State Department issued a warning about oil shipments to Yemen.

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Liberation Army has provided images enabling the rebels to target U.S. warships and commercial vessels traveling through the Red Sea corridor.

"Beijing's support, by the way, of that company, the satellite company, even after we've engaged in discussions with them about this ... certainly contradicts their claims of being peace supporters," Bruce said.

Chinese officials and the company, known by the acronym CGSTL, couldn't be immediately reached for comment. Chinese state media didn't acknowledge the accusation. The U.S. Treasury sanctioned CGSTL in 2023 for allegedly providing satellite images to the Russian mercenary force the Wagner Group as it fought in Ukraine as part of Russia's full-scale invasion.

An AP review has found the new U.S. operation against the Houthis under Mr. Trump appears more extensive than the one under former President Joe Biden, as Washington moves from solely targeting launch sites to firing at ranking personnel and dropping bombs on cities.

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The U.S. campaign shows no signs of stopping, as the Trump administration has also linked its airstrikes on the Houthis to an effort to pressure Iran over its rapidly advancing nuclear program. A second round of negotiations between Iran and the U.S. is due to happen Saturday in Rome.

The stakes of the negotiations couldn't be higher for the two nations closing in on half a century of enmity. Mr, Trump repeatedly has threatened to unleash airstrikes targeting Iran's nuclear program if a deal isn't reached. Iranian officials increasingly warn that they could pursue a nuclear weapon with their stockpile of uranium enriched to near weapons-grade levels.

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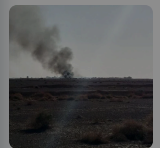
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