

# 2025 Ras Isa oil terminal airstrikes

On 17 April 2025, the [United States Air Force](#) conducted 14 airstrikes on a key oil terminal in Ras Isa in [Houthi-controlled Yemen](#). The strike killed at least 80 people and injured another 171, making it the deadliest attack in Yemen since the beginning of the [March 2025 United States strikes on Yemen](#).<sup>[1][2][3][4]</sup>

## Background


On 15 March 2025, the [United States](#) launched a [large-scale campaign](#) of air and naval strikes against Houthi targets in [Yemen](#), marking the largest U.S. military operation in the [Middle East](#) during President [Donald Trump's second term](#).<sup>[5]</sup> The strikes targeted radar systems, air defenses, and ballistic and drone launch sites used by the Houthis to [attack commercial shipping](#) and naval vessels in the [Red Sea](#) and [Gulf of Aden](#).<sup>[6]</sup>

## Airstrikes

On 17 April 2025, the Ras Isa oil terminal—located about 55 kilometres (34 mi) north of the port city of [Hodeida](#)—was struck by 14 U.S. airstrikes. Footage showed large fires, explosions and destroyed fuel tankers in the area, as well as at least 10 charred bodies and men being treated for burns.<sup>[1]</sup> The [United States Central Command](#) claimed to have targeted the area to "degrade the economic source of power of the Houthis."<sup>[1]</sup> According to [Al Jazeera](#) correspondent Mohammed al-Attab, the air raids took employees and truck drivers by surprise, with the first air raids hitting the area as they were working.<sup>[3]</sup> Around 70% of imports and 80% of humanitarian aid to Yemen goes through the ports of Ras Isa, Hodeida and as-Salif.<sup>[3]</sup>

[Al-Masirah](#) reported that many of the dead were oil workers, adding that five paramedics were killed in secondary U.S. strikes as health authorities arrived at the scene.<sup>[1]</sup>



## Reactions

-  **Houthis:** The Houthis condemned the strikes as a "full-fledged war crime, as the port is a civilian facility and not a military one", and that "the U.S. administration fully responsible for the

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Part of the [March–May 2025 United States attacks in Yemen](#), the [Red Sea crisis](#), and the [spillover of the Gaza war](#)



<b>Location</b>	<a href="#">Ras Isa, Al Hudaydah Governorate, Yemen</a>
<b>Date</b>	17 April 2025
<b>Target</b>	 <a href="#">Houthis (per U.S.)</a>
<b>Attack type</b>	<a href="#">Airstrikes</a> <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Deaths</b>	80+
<b>Injured</b>	171+
<b>Perpetrator</b>	 <a href="#">United States</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="#">United States Air Force</a></li> </ul>



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