## U.S. Navy Shoots Down 12 Houthi Drones and Five Missiles in One Day

U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) said Tuesday that the Iran-backed Houthi terrorists of Yemen launched a massive barrage of drones and missiles at Israel, only to see their weapons intercepted and destroyed by the guided missile destroyer USS *Laboon* and F/A-18 fighters from the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* carrier battle group.

CENTCOM said U.S. forces "shot down twelve one-way attack drones, three antiship ballistic missiles, and two land attack cruise missiles in the Southern Red Sea that were fired by the Houthis over a 10 hour period."

"There was no damage to ships in the area or reported injuries," the statement added.

CENTCOM did not indicate if USS *Laboon* or other Navy assets were targeted by the Houthi drones and missiles.

The Houthis launched their attack the day after U.S. warplanes conducted retaliatory strikes against Iran-backed militias in Iraq, whose latest assault on American positions in Iraqi Kurdistan injured three U.S. service members.

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