

<http://www.studentnewsdaily.com/daily-news-article/u-s-widens-role-in-saudi-led-campaign/>

CWP Name _____ per _____

Date _____

Questions

1. a) For what reasons has Saudi Arabia begun a bombing campaign in Yemen?

b) What effect has the Saudi strategy had so far?
2. For what reasons is the U.S. getting involved in the Saudi campaign?
3. How has the Saudi government explained the civilian casualties in Yemen?
4. a) What accusations have the U.S. and Saudi Arabia made against Iran's involvement in Yemen?

b) What action has the U.S. taken in this regard?
5. What did Saudi officials tell the U.S. the ultimate goal for their air campaign is? Be specific.
6. What is the Obama administration asking the Saudis to do? For what reason?
7. What concern do Western and Arab officials have over a prolonged Saudi air campaign?

Background

- During the initial round of Saudi strikes, the U.S. limited intelligence sharing with the Saudis, as it reviewed its role. The U.S. provided some satellite imagery, but stopped short of picking targets for them.
- In recent days, the U.S. has increased intelligence-sharing with the Saudis, providing them with direct targeting support for sites the kingdom wants to bomb, according to U.S. officials.
- Under the new arrangement, the Saudis pick their own targets, and then provide that information for review to Pentagon war planners at a joint operations center
- U.S. military and intelligence analysts study the would-be target sites and then provide their analysis to the Saudis about how they think Saudi commanders can make those strikes more effectively, such as by identifying specific locations where the U.S. believes the bombs should be dropped.
- U.S. officials say the review system allows them to warn the Saudis away from potential targets if there is a high potential for collateral damage or if a strike could inadvertently destroy critical infrastructure.
- “The United States is providing our partners with necessary and timely intelligence to defend Saudi Arabia and respond to other efforts to support the legitimate government of Yemen,” said Alistair Baskey, a White House National Security Council spokesman.
- In some cases, Saudi strikes are launched before the U.S. can review the targets because the Saudis believe they are time sensitive, the officials said. (from the WSJ article above)