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Houthi Forces Launch Twin Maritime Attacks in Red Sea and Indian Ocean

The Houthi group attacked two ships in the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. The Houthi military spokesman Yahya Saree said the first ship, *Transworld Navigator*, was targeted in the Red Sea using “an uncrewed surface boat”. The second vessel, *Stolt Sequoia*, was attacked with a number of cruise missiles in the Indian Ocean. The CENTCOM (U.S. military’s Central Command) confirmed the attack on Sunday and said, “Today, at 4.00 a.m.(Sanaa time) the crew reported minor injuries and moderate damage to the ship, but the vessel has continued underway”.

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Sri Lankan President Wickremesinghe thanks PM Modi, Jaishankar for their support to Sri Lanka

During EAM Jaishankar’s visit to the Sri Lanka, Wickremesinghe acknowledged efforts of S Thondamnan and Jeevan Thondaman in coordinating the Indian Housing Project in Kandy, Matale, and Nuwara Eliya which benefits the Indian-origin Tamil community. The President said, “We also handed over houses from model villages in Colombo and Tincomalee. We formally commissioned the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre, with a main centre in Colombo, a sub-centre in Hambantota, and unmanned installations across Sri Lanka’s coastline”. The visit to Sri Lanka was Jaishankar’s first bilateral visit after his re-appointment as External Affairs Minister.

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U.S. and Canadian Naval Forces Conduct Bilateral Operations

The Royal Canadian Navy and U.S. Navy joined forces to conduct bilateral operations in the South China Sea. The bilateral operations included the Royal Canadian Navy Halifax-class frigate HMCS Montreal (FFH 336) and the U.S. Navy Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114). Captain Justin Harts, commander, Destroyer Squadron 15 said, “Close coordination with our allies and partners is paramount to success in the region”, and “Demonstrating regional cooperation with the Royal Canadian Navy is key to ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific”.

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