

Saudi Arabia intercepts ballistic missiles fired from Yemen

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Riyadh: Saudi Arabia said that its Air Force has intercepted two ballistic missiles fired at the kingdom by Yemen's armed Houthi movement on Wednesday.

A Saudi military statement said that the missiles were fired in the morning toward the cities of Abha and Khamis Mushait, both of which are close to the kingdom's southern border with Yemen.

The missiles, it said, however, caused no damage.

Yemen's Shiite rebels known as Houthis are known to have a supply of Soviet-era Scud missiles, seized from the country's military stockpiles.

The Houthis did not immediately claim responsibility for the missile attack. In the past, they have boasted of launching around a dozen Scud missiles at the south of the kingdom during more than a year of war.

A Saudi-led military coalition has been battling the rebels and their allies since March 2015 in support of Yemen's internationally recognized government.

Today's attack follows renewed air strikes by the coalition on Yemeni capital, Sanaa. Thirteen civilians were killed when bombs hit a snack food factory.

Peace talks to end the conflict collapsed last weekend and Saudi-led forces resumed heavy airstrikes in Yemen on Tuesday. The ballistic missiles likely were a Houthi response to those strikes.

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