

Houthi missile targets Tel Aviv airport as Israel mulls strike on Iran

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Prof. Kobi Michael: Israel is unlikely to be able to degrade the Yemeni group as effectively as it did Hamas and Hezbollah. They are located across a very large area in mountains and deserts so their locations are not easy to detect. We don't have intelligence as good as we have with regard Hezbollah, Syria, Iran, or Hamas. And we are talking about a distance of 1,200km, so the circumstances are pretty complicated.

Israel is likely to lean on the US-led alliance, which includes the UK, which is already engaged in a military campaign against the Houthis over their attacks on Red Sea shipping, and to try to impose a maritime blockade to cut off the group's weapons supply lines.

Netanyahu is willing to attack Iran and he understands that this is a very narrow window of opportunity, suggesting that president-elect Donald Trump would prefer Israel to strike before his inauguration on 20 January.

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