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## Houthis Strike U.S.-owned Commercial Ship

U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) announced [Houthis attacked a U.S.-owned bulk carrier \*Gibraltar Eagle\*](#) with an anti-ship cruise missile in the Gulf of Aden today. The ship, flying the Marshall Islands flag, is owned by Stamford, Connecticut, based Eagle Bulk Shipping and was carrying steel products.

CENTCOM attributed the [attack to Houthis in a post on X](#), and stated the strike did not seriously damage the ship: “The ship has reported no injuries or significant damage and is continuing its journey.”



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Houthi fighters in Yemen

On Jan. 15 at approximately 4 p.m. (Sanaa time), Iranian-backed Houthi militants fired an anti-ship ballistic missile from Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen and struck the M/V *Gibraltar Eagle*, a Marshall Islands-flagged, U.S.-owned and operated container ship. The ship has...

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— U.S. Central Command (@CENTCOM) [January 15, 2024](#)

The strike on the ship today comes after a [U.S. fighter aircraft shot down an anti-ship cruise missile](#) yesterday. The Houthi-fired missile [targeted U.S. destroyer USS \*Laboon\* and was intercepted midair](#) near Hodeidah, Yemen.



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