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Operation Raahat

Operation Raahat is an operation of the Indian Armed Forces to evacuate Indian citizens from **Yemen** during the **2015 military intervention by Saudi Arabia** and its allies in that country.

1. *The **capital city** of **Yemen** is **Sana'a***
2. *The **currency** of **Yemen** is **Yemeni Rial***

What is the reason behind Operation Raahat?

- The 2015 military intervention in **Yemen** began on **March 27**, **2015** when the **Royal Saudi Air Force** led a coalition of Arab states in attacking the **Shiite Houthi** rebels.
- This was preceded by weeks of turmoil during which the **Houthi guerrillas toppled the government** of President **Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi** and took over the large parts of the country.
- The codename for this military intervention by Royal Saudi Air Force was ***Operation Decisive Storm.***

Details of Operation Raahat

1. With 4000 of its citizens stranded in Yemen, on 26 March 2015, India responded by launching Operation Raahat to evacuate its citizens. The Indian Navy redeployed **INS Sumitra** (**P59**) from anti-piracy operations off the coast of **Lakshadweep** to the Yemeni port of **Aden**.
2. In addition, the Navy dispatched destroyer **INS Mumbai** (**D62**) and frigate **INS Tarkash** (**F50**) from Mumbai to provide protection and support to Indian ships and aircraft in the conflict zone. The Indian Air Force deployed two **C-17 Globemaster cargo aircraft** with a capacity of carrying 600 passengers to Djibouti.
3. Two ferries belonging to the **Lakshadweep** administration, **MV Kavaratti** and **MV Corals**, with a capacity for carrying 1500 passengers were dispatched to Aden. In addition, two **Airbus A320 aircraft** of **Air India** were also deployed to Muscat in neighboring Oman.
4. Minister of State for External Affairs **General VK Singh** (Retd) led the operation.

Operation Rahat – Same Name but Different Mission –

- **Operation Rahat** was also the name given to the **Indian Air Force's** rescue operations to evacuate civilians affected by the **2013 North India floods**.

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