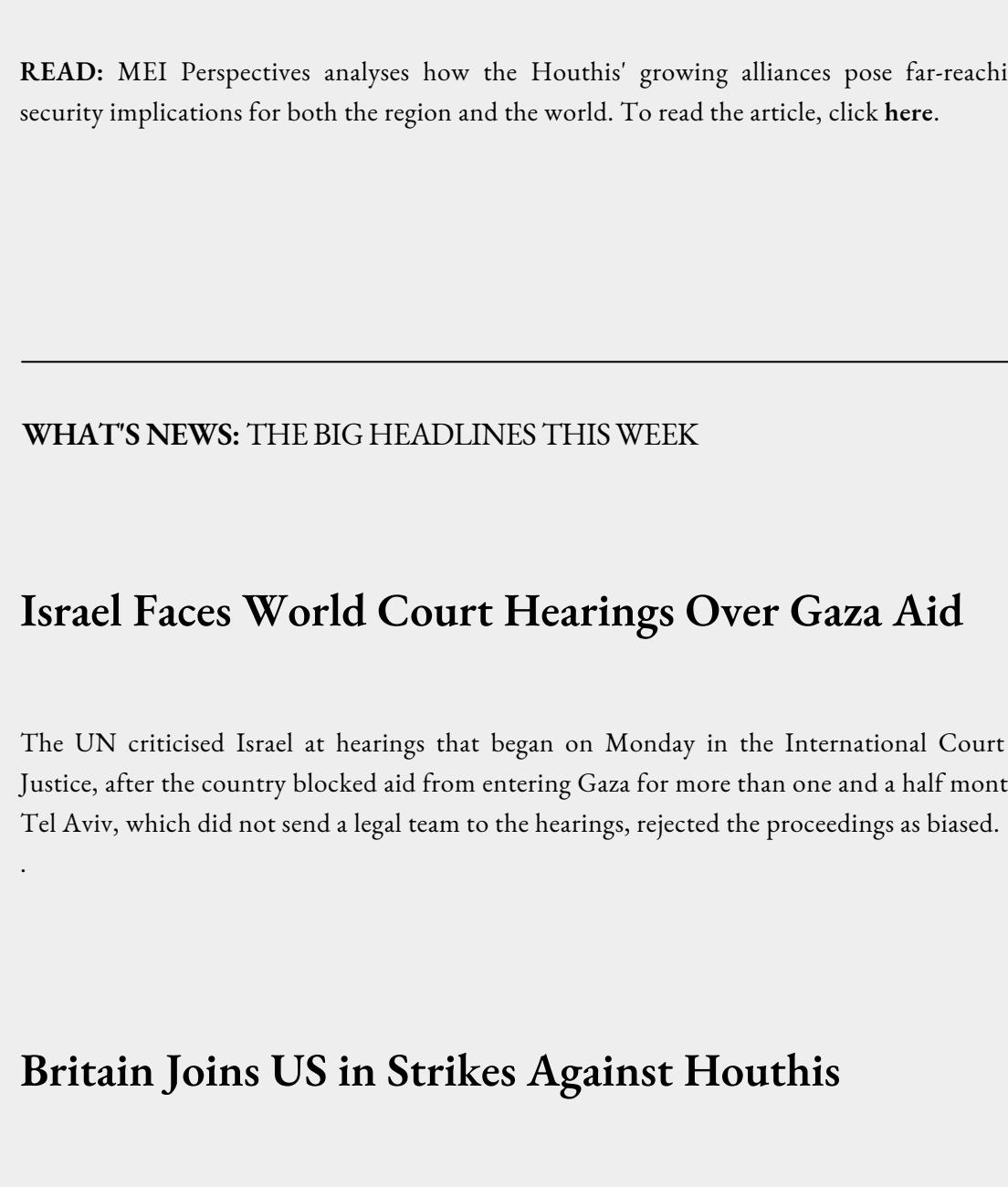


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The International Court of Justice (ICJ) began hearings on Monday to assess whether Israel is required to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza. A US State Department lawyer argued that Tel Aviv had no duty under the Geneva convention to cooperate with Unrwa due to its concerns about the organisation's links to Hamas. Photo: ICJ

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### Israel Faces World Court Hearings Over Gaza Aid

The UN criticised Israel at hearings that began on Monday in the International Court of Justice, after the country blocked aid from entering Gaza for more than one and a half months. Tel Aviv, which did not send a legal team to the hearings, rejected the proceedings as biased.

### Britain Joins US in Strikes Against Houthis

Typhoon jets using precision guided bombs took part in the mission, the British ministry said in a statement, adding that the strike took place "after dark" to minimise the risk to civilians. This joint operation was the first since US President Donald Trump took office.



The British Defence Ministry said early Wednesday that the operation was carried out overnight "to degrade Houthi capabilities and prevent further attacks against UK and international shipping". Photo: AFP

### Syria's Sectarian Violence Rages On

Persistent outbreaks of sectarian violence stoked fears among the nation's minority groups that the new government will not or cannot protect them from extremist groups. Dozens of people were killed in late April when Islamist fighters attacked neighbourhoods in the capital.

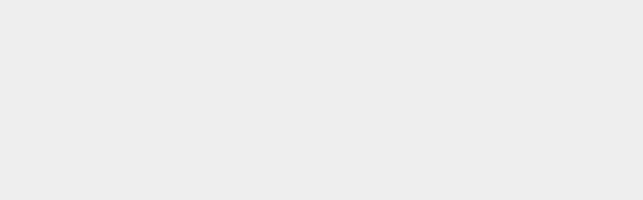


While both leaders were cordial with each other during their meeting in February, Mr Trump's comments on Gaza put King Abdullah in an awkward position. Photo: US Embassy in Jordan

Despite three rounds of negotiations, Washington has continued to impose new sanctions targeting Tehran. Photo: AFP

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