

## **M'sian Students' Unforgettable Experience In Yemen**

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SEPANG, April 7 (Bernama) -- Syed Asyraf Al Qhadri Syed Zain, 19, a student majoring in Arabic in Sana'a, Yemen, said he will never forget the sight and sound of bombs exploding, jet fighters hovering in the air and missiles being fired when air strikes entered its peak time after the Isha (night) prayers.

It was as if the whole sky was bathed in light. The electricity supply was also limited, he added.

"Although the house I was renting and my place of study was not far from the focal point of the attack, the situation was safe. Only after a bomb blast vibration was felt did I feel a little worried.

"Although safe, the management enforced rules so that students cannot go out after Isha because the attacks begin at that time until dawn," he said when met on arrival at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) here from Jeddah, today morning.

He was among 47 Malaysians residing in the restive regions of Sana'a and Hodeidah and brought back home by Malaysia Airlines Flight MH151 at 11.58 am today.

Sharing the same feelings was Dr Nor Azian Hasnan who said when the first explosion sounded, she and some friends thought it was thunder because the area where they lived in Sana'a is rain-prone.

Nor Azian, 48, who was pursuing Arabic language training for three months in the city, said after being informed that it was an attack by planes from Saudi Arabia, she began to worry about personal safety.

"The air-strike was launched on Wednesday (March 26) ... we were transferred on Friday to reach Jizan (a safe haven) and we had to travel as far as 300 kilometres by bus via crooked, winding roads," said the mother of five children who has her own clinic in Taman Sri Andalas, Klang.

Nor Azian said she and all involved are very grateful to the government, particularly the Foreign Ministry which through the Malaysian embassy in Sana'a ensured that they were all taken out of the restive region to return home.

Uwais Al Athof Sanusi, 17, a third-year student from Banting, Selangor, majoring in Syariah at a Maahad in Hodeidah, said the administration took precautions until embassy representatives came and informed that all 44 Malaysian students there will be taken out from Yemen as soon as possible.

The situation in Yemen became turbulent after Saudi troops accompanied by the Gulf

coalition forces launched a military operation to rescue the government of President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi from fratricidal conflict.

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