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Analyse the regional and international implications of the conflict involving the Houthis, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

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Answer Hint

Saudi-Iran rivalry, Red Sea security, Bab-el-Mandeb Strait, energy infrastructure, humanitarian crisis, maritime trade, diplomatic settlement

Model Answer

The conflict involving Yemen's Houthi movement and the Saudi-led coalition reflects the interaction of domestic instability with wider geopolitical rivalries in West Asia.

Its implications extend beyond Yemen:

1. **Regional security:** Houthi attacks on Saudi territory and retaliatory strikes risk renewed confrontation between regional powers, particularly Saudi Arabia and Iran.
2. **Energy security:** Attacks on oil refineries and other energy infrastructure threaten production, supply chains and confidence in regional energy markets.
3. **Maritime trade:** Instability near the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait, a strategic passage connecting the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden, can disrupt international shipping and increase transportation costs.
4. **Humanitarian consequences:** Continued fighting aggravates civilian casualties, displacement, food insecurity and the destruction of essential infrastructure.

5. **Global implications:** Disruptions to shipping routes and energy supplies can affect economies dependent on international trade, including India.

A sustainable response requires renewed diplomatic engagement, restraint by regional actors, protection of civilians and implementation of a negotiated political settlement.

For India, the protection of its maritime interests, energy supplies and diaspora remains important. Cooperation with regional partners and support for peaceful dialogue can contribute to stability.

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