

Eisenhower carrier strike group to join Ford in eastern Mediterranean

The aircraft carrier Dwight D. Eisenhower and its carrier strike group are headed to the Eastern Mediterranean, joining the Ford Carrier Strike Group to provide support to Israel.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin on Saturday announced the Eisenhower will arrive in the region as part of an “effort to deter hostile actions against Israel or any efforts toward widening this war,” following the Oct. 7 attack on Israel by Palestinian militant group Hamas and Israel’s retaliatory strikes.

Sending the Eisenhower to the eastern Mediterranean is the latest step the Pentagon has taken to bolster U.S. presence in the region amid the conflict, which has killed at least 27 Americans, and to prevent a broader regional war from breaking out.

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