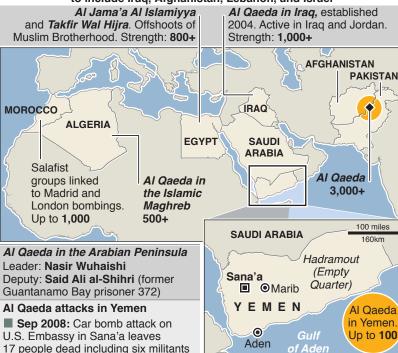
Yemen and Saudi Al Qaeda groups merge

Al Qaeda groups in Yemen and Saudi Arabia have announced they are merging operations, raising fears of new attacks in the region. The new group, Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, threatens to extend operations to include Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, and Israel



17 people dead including six militants

Mar: Three mortar rounds land near U.S. Embassy in Sana'a wounding Yemeni students at nearby school

Jan: Two Belgian tourists and Yemeni driver killed in Hadramout

Jul 2007: Suicide car bomber kills eight Spanish tourists and two Yemeni guides at ancient temple in Marib

Sep 15, 2006: Four coordinated bombings of oil facilities. Four attackers and one security guard killed

■ Feb 2006: Twenty-three senior

Al Qaeda operatives - including Nasir Wuhaishi - escape maximum security prison in Sana'a

Oct 2000: Bombing of USS Cole in Yemeni port of Aden kills 17 sailors and wounds 39. Average age of dead

