

Yemen – fertile territory for extremism

Yemen, the poorest state in the Arab world, is tearing itself apart with civil war and an armed uprising calling for independence. The nation is also becoming Al Qaeda's most active terror hub outside Pakistan and Afghanistan



Al-Houthi conflict: Five-year rebellion by 10,000 Houthi fighters, led by Shi'a militant **Abdul Malik Houthi**. Clans claim political exclusion by government. Fighting produces 175,000 Internally Displaced Persons in Yemen, 15,000 IDPs in Saudi Arabia

Ali Abdullah Saleh: Yemeni President since 1990

