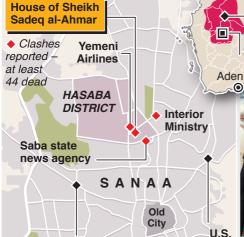
Yemen edging closer to civil war Hopes for a peaceful settlement of Yemen's political crisis

Hopes for a peaceful settlement of Yemen's political crisis are fading as clashes intensify between government forces and the country's most powerful tribe. The violence comes after President Saleh refused a third demand to sign a Gulf-brokered deal to stand down



"Change Square": embassy: Peaceful protesters calling for president's services immediate departure closed

UAE embassy
1km

Presidential
Palace

Source: Global Security

0.6 miles

Pictures: Getty Images

Sheikh Sadeq al-Ahmar
Heads Hashid tribe, Yemen's biggest. Former supporter of Saleh, but joined antigovernment protests in March

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160km

Approximate

area of Hashid tribe

Sanaa



one month and hand power to unity government.

Deal would also give him immunity from prosecution