

# Yemen leader asks UN to back intervention

Yemen's president has asked the UN Security Council to back military action in support of his government to oust Houthi rebels who control much of the disintegrating country's north and are advancing south

## YEMENI GOVERNMENT



■ **Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi**  
Elected interim president in 2012 to lead transition to democracy. Resigned in Jan 2015 following Houthi takeover of capital, Sanaa

■ Escaped house arrest in February to form government in Aden, calling on army to join him

## AL QAEDA (AQAP)

■ **Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula** – militant group's most active branch – maintains domestic insurgency while keeping sights on Western targets



**Saudi forces:** Massing on border, could be preparing to intervene

## HOUTHIS (ANSARULLAH)

■ Group established in 1992 to back rights of minority **Zaidi** Shia people. Began northern revolt in 2004, have since taken control of 12 of country's 21 governorates. Allied with Iran

## ■ Ali Abdullah Saleh

Ex-president still influential despite being forced to step down in 2012. Accused by West of using alliance with Houthis in attempt to regain power



## SOUTHERN AL HIRAK MOVEMENT

Secessionist group wants to reverse 1990 unification and revive South Yemen. Enjoys strong support in Aden but lacks coherent leadership

## SAUDI ARABIA

160km  
100 miles

OMAN

YEMEN

Al Ghaydah

Sadah

Al Hazm

Sanaa

Hodeida

Taizz

Marib

Ataq

Al Mukalla

Al Bayda

**Aden:** Rebels advancing on Hadi stronghold

**Al Anad** **airbase:** Houthi control

Gulf of Aden



Socotra

SOMALIA