




# Government forces advance in Yemen

Government forces backed by Saudi-led airstrikes are gaining valuable territory from rebel fighters as the Yemeni civil war enters its third year

**AREAS OF CONTROL:** As of March 27, 2017

-  Government and allies, supported by Saudi-led Arab coalition
-  Former government and Houthi militants
-  Al Qaeda presence

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**1 Marib Governorate:** Government forces advancing closer to capital in Sirwah and Nehim districts. President **Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi** claims Yemeni army is now in control of 80 percent of country

**2 Taiz Governorate:** Operation “Golden Spear”, aimed at liberating Bab al-Mandab strait coastline, almost complete. Government troops now 130km south of key Houthi-controlled port of Al Hudaydah