

Battle for key Yemeni city intensifies

Houthi rebels could take full control of north Yemen with the capture of the oil-rich city of Marib, weakening the government's negotiating position amid growing U.S. pressure for a political solution

Marib: Dozens killed as Iranian-backed rebels intensify attacks on government's last northern stronghold. Others killed by Saudi-led coalition airstrikes

SAUDI ARABIA

160km
100 miles

OMAN

Sparsely populated

Houthis have also escalated attacks against Saudi Arabia, using explosive-laden drones

Areas with Al Qaeda presence

Y E M E N

Sanaa

Sadah

Taiz

Hodeida

Al Mukalla

Al Bayda

Aden

Gulf of Aden

Red Sea

Areas of control: Feb 2021

■ Houthis and allies

■ Government / Saudi-led coalition



CHANGE OF U.S. POLICY

■ In break with Trump administration policy, President **Joe Biden** has halted support for Saudi-led offensive, including sale of precision-guided munitions to Riyadh and UAE

■ Biden has revoked designation of Houthis as terrorist organisation in effort to mitigate humanitarian crisis in Yemen, where millions are on brink of starvation

■ Longstanding state department official **Tim Lenderking** appointed as U.S. envoy to try to end war

