

Mysterious airbase built on Yemen island

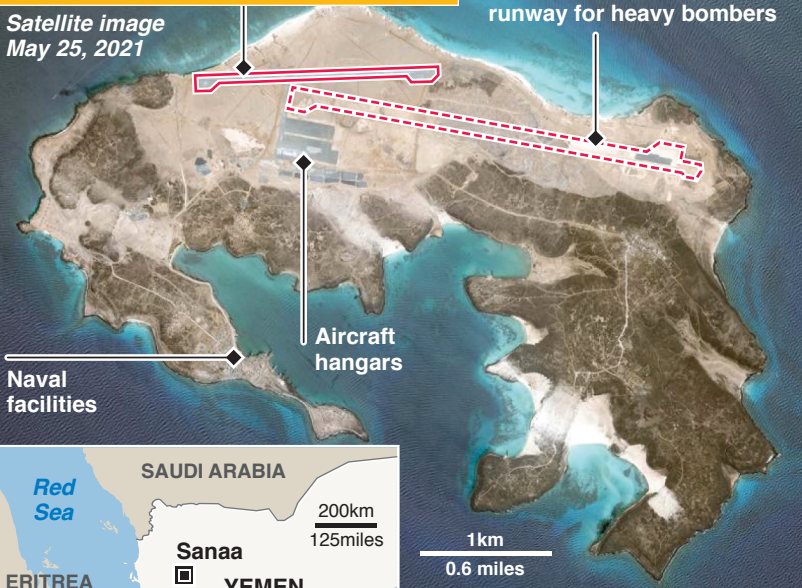
A mysterious airbase is being built on an island off Yemen in one of the world's crucial maritime chokepoints. No country has claimed the base but an earlier construction attempt was linked to the UAE

MAYUN ISLAND: Sits 3.5km off Yemen in middle of Bab-el-Mandeb strait – strategic waterway for both energy shipments and commercial cargo

Runway: 1.85km long, could accommodate attack, surveillance and transport aircraft

Earlier effort, abandoned in 2017, to build 3km-long runway for heavy bombers

Satellite image
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Mayun runway serves as easy launching point for airstrikes into war-torn Yemen, and provides base for operations into Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and East Africa