Who is Houthi leader, Abdul-Malik al-Houthi?

- **Around 1980:** Born to cleric from Yemen's ***Zaydi Shia*** minority
- **1990:** Minority marginalised during rule of President ***Ali Abdullah Saleh***, unified Yemen's first president
- **1990s:** Older brother ***Hussein Badr-al-Din al-Houthi*** builds up large following among Shia
- **2004:** Assumes leadership of Houthis after death of brother, killed by Yemeni security forces
- **2007:** Given control of negotiations with Yemeni government in 2007
- **2011:** Appeals to Yemeni citizens with criticism of petrol prices and Saudi drone strikes
- **Sep 2014:** Houthi forces attempt to overthrow Yemeni government under President ***Abed Rabbo Mansour***
- **Nov 2014:** New government – including Houthi officials – rejected over inclusion of former ministers
- **Jan 2015:** Government in Sanaa overthrown, replaced by ***Supreme Revolutionary Committee***
- **Spring 2015:** Seizes control of 16 provinces in northern Yemen



- **Jan 2021:** U.S. designates Houthis as ***Foreign Terrorist Organization*** – al-Houthi and two others as ***Specially Designated Global Terrorists***
- **2022:** U.N. brokers truce between Houthis and Saudi-backed government
- **Oct 7, 2023:** Houthis fire drones and rockets at Eilat, disrupt Red Sea Sea shipping in support of ***Hamas*** following attack on Israel
- **Jul 13, 2026:** Fighting resumes between Houthis and Saudi Arabia



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