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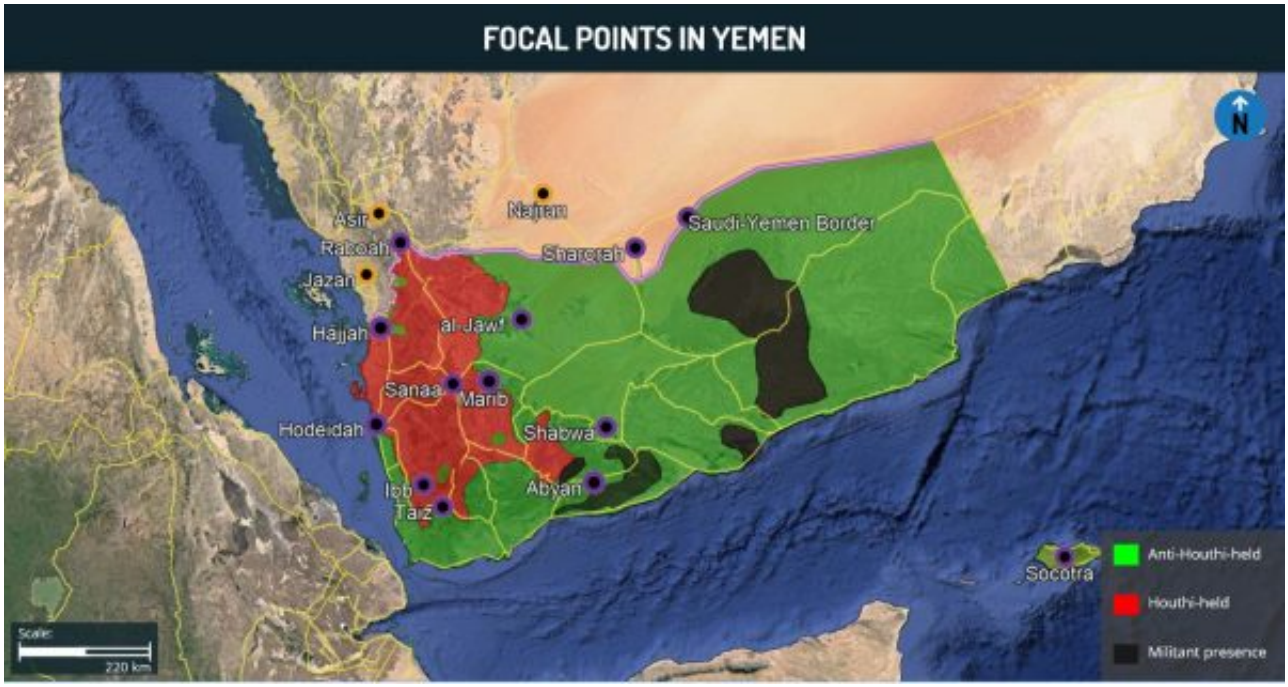
Yemen SITUATION UPDATE: Saudi-led Coalition reportedly detects naval mine in southern Red Sea on November 14; shows threat to maritime activities in region

Executive Summary

- On November 5, Saudi media reported that two Iran-backed Lebanese Hezbollah “experts” were killed in Saudi-led Coalition airstrikes targeting a Houthi site used to launch explosive-laden UAVs. This was likely exaggerated by Saudi media to project Iran as an aggressor in Yemen.
- On November 14, the Saudi-led Coalition reportedly detected a mine in the southern Red Sea. This highlights the risk posed to commercial maritime activity in the vicinity of Yemeni waters in the Red Sea.
- On November 13, Saudi official media reported a fire in the vicinity of a floating petroleum distribution station in Jazan Province following a November 11 interception of two Houthi-launched explosive-laden boats in the area. This shows the inability of the Saudi forces to completely mitigate the threat emanating from such attempted attacks by the Houthis.
- Overall, Houthi forces will continue to attempt to execute cross-border attacks, including via sea routes in the Red Sea against Saudi Arabia over the coming days and weeks.



Please be advised:

Across the country, the following incidents have been reported:

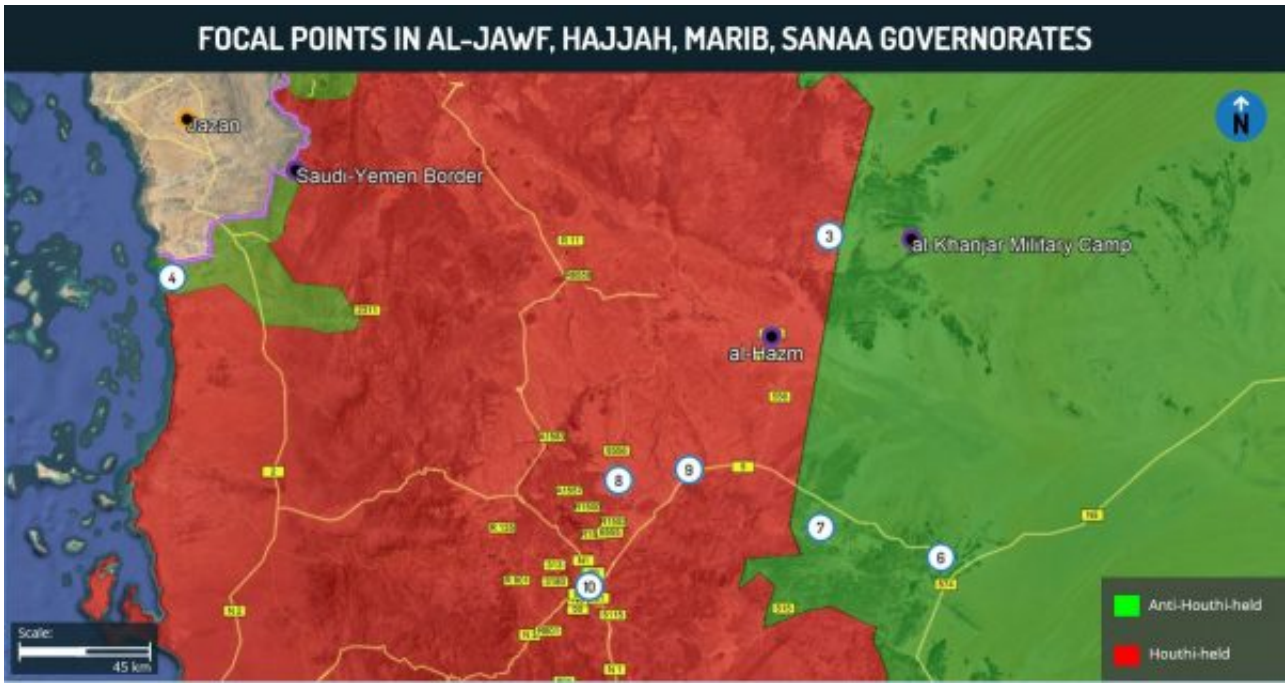
Abyan Governorate

Map #	Date	District/City	Brief Description
1	November 9	al-Tariya	Clashes broke out between pro-Hadi and Southern Transitional Council (STC)-linked forces.
1	November 13	al-Tariya	According to reports, clashes broke out between pro-Hadi and STC-linked forces. The UAE-backed Security Belt Forces (SBF) announced territorial advances in the region.
2	November 13	Shoqra	Pro-Hadi and pro-STC forces clashed in the area.

al-Jawf Governorate

Map #	Date	District/City	Brief Description
3	November 7	Khaab wa ash Sha’af District	Anti-Houthi forces claimed territorial gains in the areas west of the al-Khanjar Military Camp.
3	November 12	Khaab wa ash Sha’af	Houthi and anti-Houthi

		District	forces reportedly clashed following the former's attempt to regain lost territories.



Hajjah Governorate

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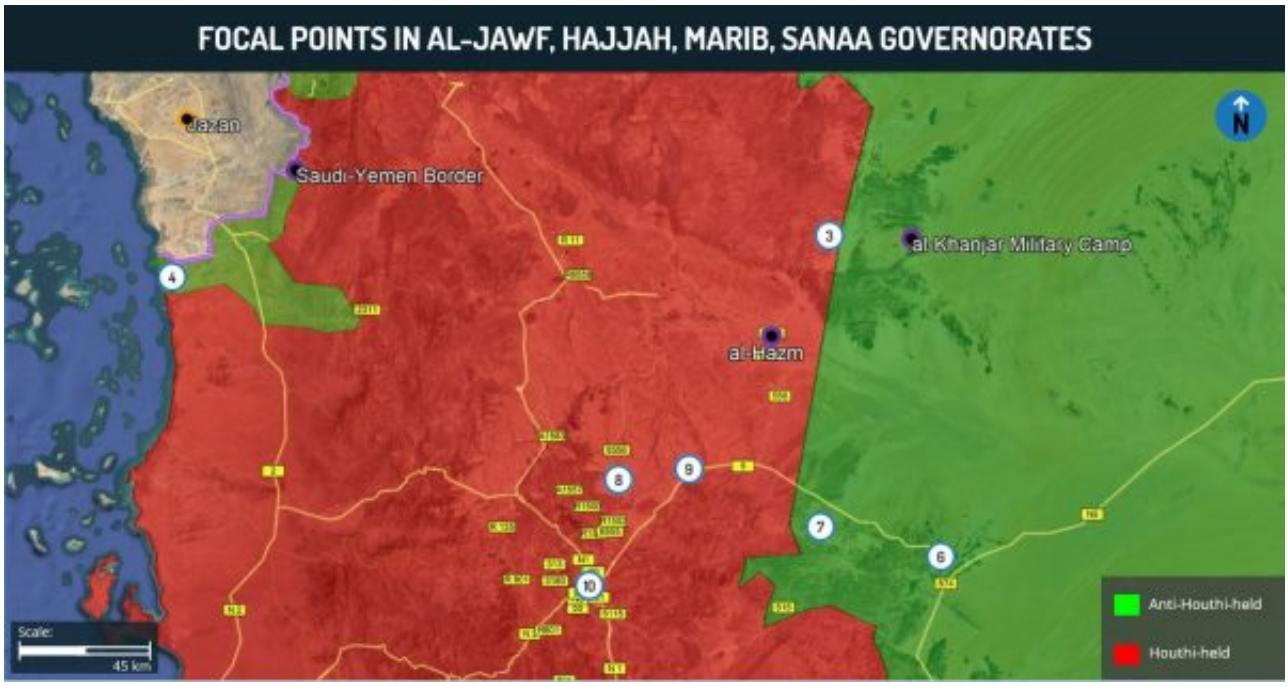
4	November 6	Midi	Pro-Hadi recruits denounced Saudi Arabia's alleged refusal to pay salaries to soldiers.



Hodeidah Governorate

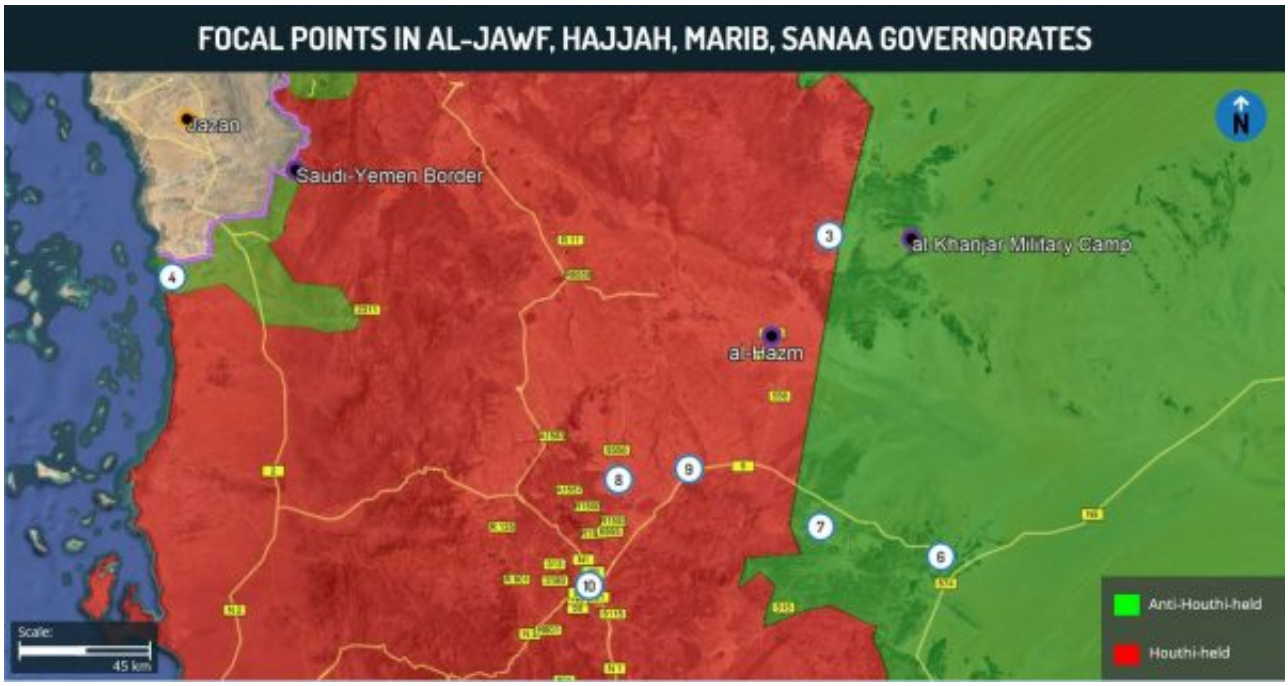
Map #	Date	District/City	Brief Description
5	November 9	Hays city	The pro-Hadi National Resistance Forces claimed to have thwarted an offensive attempt by Houthi forces, after killing and wounding a number of them.

Ibb Governorate

Map #	Date	District/City	Brief Description
	November 5	Unspecified	According to the official Houthi news agency, a “dangerous Islamic State (IS) element” was killed following his refusal to surrender. The individual was reportedly involved in a shooting attack against a civilian and engaged in disseminating “takfiri” ideologies. Reports indicate that the individual originally hailed from Taiz Governorate.

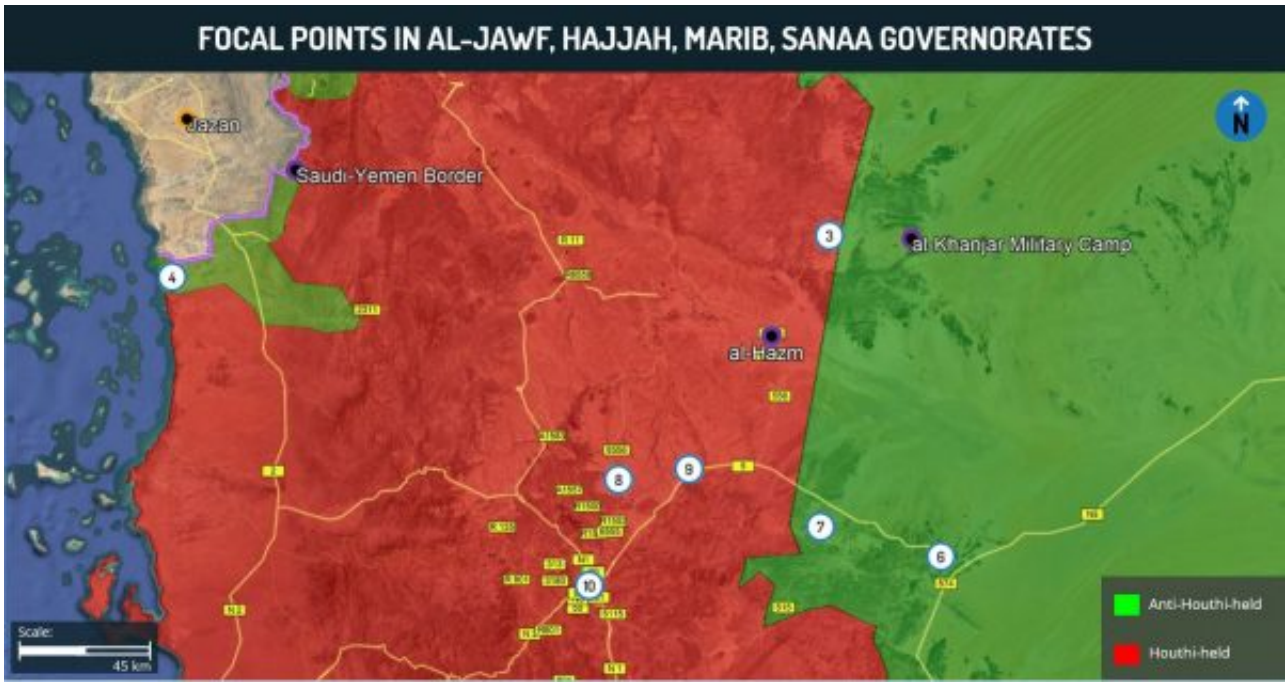
Marib Governorate

Map #	Date	District/City	Brief Description
6	November 6	Marib city	The Houthis reportedly fired a ballistic missile towards Marib city. It reportedly hit a civilian building, causing extensive material damage.
7	November 9	Makhadara, Sirwah district	Pro-Hadi forces reportedly repelled a large-scale attack launched by Houthi forces.



Sanaa Governorate

Map #	Date	District/City	Brief Description
8	November 5	Arhab District	Saudi media reported that two Hezbollah “experts”, as well as 13 Houthi fighters, were killed in Saudi-led Coalition airstrikes targeting a Houthi site used to launch explosive-laden UAVs.
9	November 7	Nihm District	Pro-Hadi forces claimed to have shot down four Houthi UAVs.
10	November 11	Sanaa city	Houthi forces reportedly stormed and forced the closure of a prominent bank headquarters and 25 of its branches. Unconfirmed reports suggest that the measure was taken by the Houthi authorities because the bank dealt with the Aden-based Central Bank of Yemen. Reports from November 15 indicated that the bank resumed operations.



Shabwa Governorate

Map #	Date	District/City	Brief Description
11	November 8	Radum District	According to the official Hadi news agency, the agreement to construct the “Qena commercial port” was signed with a private company. The project will include the construction of floating tanks for oil derivatives within 60 days, the construction of berths, and tanks to store oil products at the site.
11	November 14	Radum District	A vehicle-borne IED (VBIED) reportedly exploded while an Emirati armored vehicle was traveling from Balhaf in Radum District to al-Alam camps. The driver was reportedly killed in the explosion.

Socotra Governorate

Map #	Date	District/City	Brief Description
12	November 6	Socotra Airport, Hadiboh	The UAE reportedly sent an aircraft carrying troops for the STC-linked forces in Socotra.
	November 10	Unspecified	The head of the STC local leadership inaugurated a new camp for the SBF in Socotra. The official emphasized that the SBF are “the rock on which all plots against security and stability are destroyed.”

Taiz Governorate

Map #	Date	District/City	Brief Description
13	November 8	Maqbanah	Pro-Hadi forces claimed to have launched attacks on Houthi positions, killing at least 15 Houthi elements.
13	November 12	Maqbanah	Pro-Hadi forces claimed further attacks on Houthi positions.

Saudi Arabia

Date	District/City	Brief Description
November 6	Sharorah, Najran Province, Raboah, Asir Province, Jazan Province	Recruits denounced Saudi Arabia’s alleged refusal to pay salaries to soldiers fighting among the pro-Hadi forces.
November 9	Unspecified	According to a report by the official Saudi news agency, the Saudi-led Coalition intercepted an explosives-laden UAV in an unspecified area in Yemeni airspace that was meant to target “civilians in the Kingdom.”
November 9	Unknown	According to a report by the official Saudi news agency, the Saudi-led Coalition intercepted another explosives-laden UAV in an unspecified area in Yemeni airspace that was meant to target regions in southern Saudi Arabia.
November 11	Unknown	The Houthi Military Spokesperson, Yahya Saree, issued an official statement threatening to attack Saudi Arabia’s vital “military and economic” assets. He further warned all foreign companies and civilians to avoid areas in the vicinity of military and economic infrastructures of “military importance” as they constitute strategic targets for Houthi attacks, over the coming days.
November 12	Unknown	According to a report by the official Saudi news agency, the Saudi-led Coalition downed a total of five Houthi-launched explosive UAVs that aimed to target the kingdom.
November 13	Jazan Province	