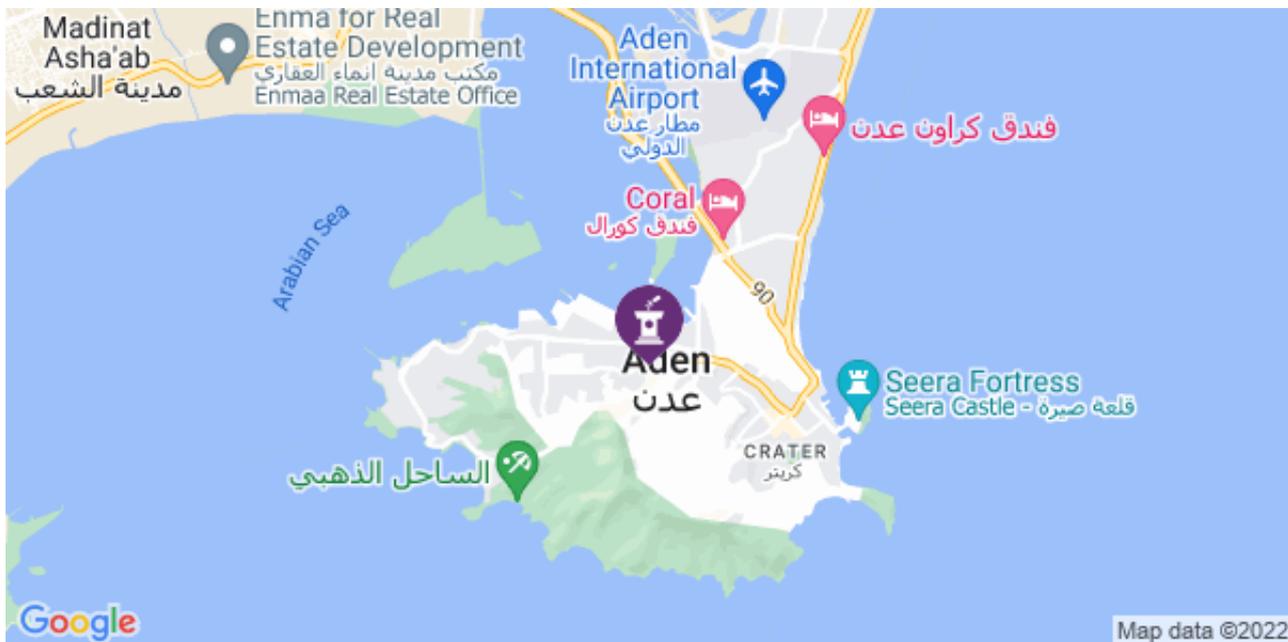


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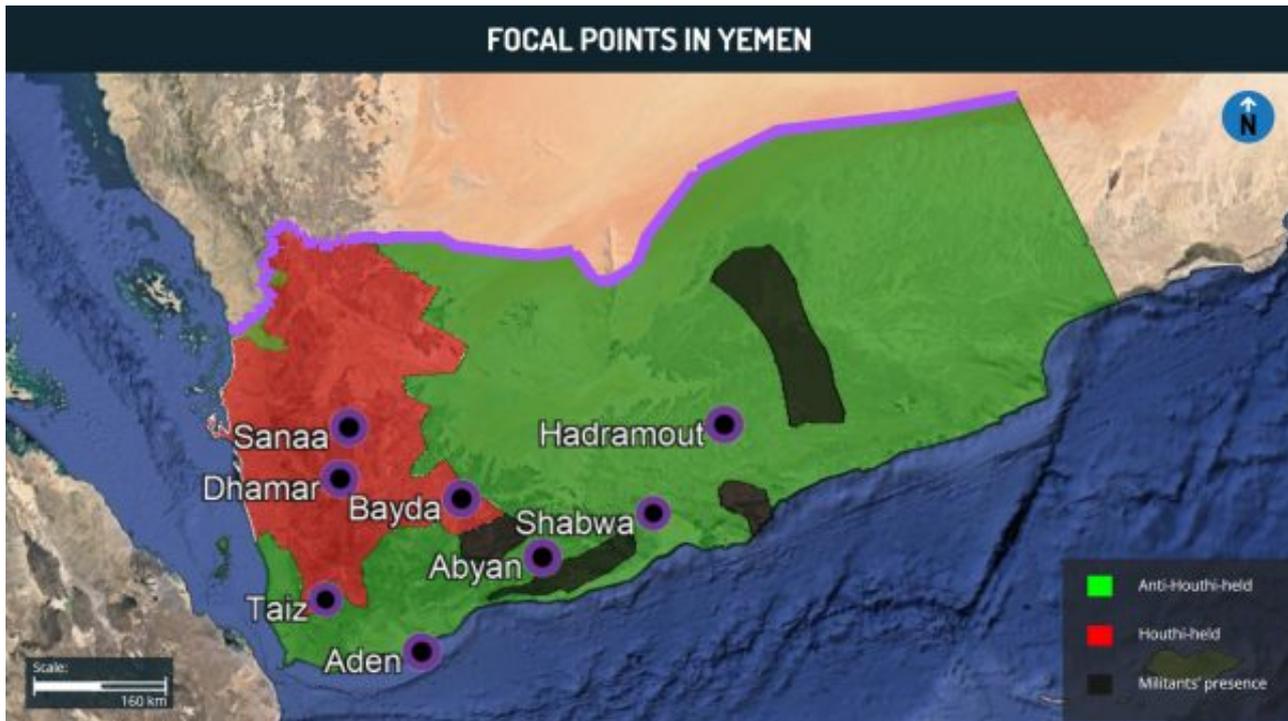
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Yemen SITUATION UPDATE: Warring parties renew UN-mediated truce agreement for second time until October 2; Taiz issue to remain focal point of contention

Executive Summary:

- On August 2, the Presidential Command Council (PCC) and the Houthis agreed to extend the ceasefire agreement for two months until October 2. Both sides are likely to uphold the renewed truce, which will likely help further stabilize the security environment during the extended period.
- On July 9, Islamic State (IS)-affiliated Wilayat Yemen claimed a suicide bombing attack against the Houthis in Bayda's al-Malajim. This claim is notable given the absence of Wilayat Yemen-claimed attacks since August 2020, except in one other instance.
- Between July 15-20, clashes were recorded in Shabwa between UAE-backed Shabwa Defense Forces (SDF) and the Special Security Forces (SSF) linked to the Muslim Brotherhood-linked al-Islah Party. This underlines the political differences between various factions within the anti-Houthi camp.
- Overall, the major points of negotiations during the renewed truce will be focused on re-opening the roads of Taiz Governorate and the disbursing of civil servants' salaries in Houthi-held areas. Both sides are likely to uphold the truce for the next 60 days, which will likely continue to improve the quality of civilian lives and humanitarian measures in the short term.



Current Situation:

Across the country, the following incidents have been reported:

Abyan Governorate

Map #	Date	Location	Brief Description
1	June 22	Ahwar	Suspected al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) militants reportedly attacked a convoy of anti-Houthi forces on the Shoqra-Ahwar highway, killing three and injuring one security personnel.
2	July 3	Shoqra	Southern Transitional Council (STC)-affiliated Security Belt Forces (SBF) and the UAE-backed Giant Brigades launched a joint counter-militancy campaign against AQAP.

Aden Governorate

Map #	Date	Location	Brief Description
3	July 14	Sheikh Othman	Violent clashes reportedly erupted between an armed group and unidentified security forces inside the Qat central market, killing a civilian and two gunmen.
4	June 15	Kaputa-Enma Road	An IED attack targeted a Yemeni journalist employed by both the Presidential Command Council (PCC)-led government's Ministry of Information as well as a Japanese state broadcaster. The journalist and two other passengers were killed.
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