



### [Drone Attack Kills More Than 100 Government Soldiers in Yemen](#)

Over 100 government soldiers in Yemen were killed last Saturday, after a missile fired by Houthi rebels struck an army base. There was also a large number of wounded at the base, and authorities expect the death toll to rise in the coming days. The attack occurred in Yemen's central province of Marib, about seventy miles from the capital, Sanaa. The strike broke a ceasefire negotiated by the United Nations in the port city of Hodeida, which is the primary point for food and humanitarian aid to enter Yemen. The attack is the latest development in Yemen's grueling civil war, which has devolved into a proxy war between Saudi Arabia and Iran. To date, over 10,000 people have been killed, and three million more have been displaced.

The strike on the military base shattered a period of relative calm between the warring sides in Yemen, and allegedly targeted a mosque during evening prayers. Initial reports cited 83 Yemeni soldiers were killed, with another 148 wounded, but the death toll rose quickly and continues to climb. Prior to the attack, government forces had barraged targets in suburbs east of Sanaa, which marked the end of relative peace between the two sides in the areas around the capital. Twenty-two people were killed in those attacks, and it is likely that the strike against the government forces was the Houthi response.

Yemen's civil war began in 2015 between the government led by Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi, and Houthi rebels loyal to former president Ali Abdullah Saleh. In January 2015, the rebels seized the presidential compound in Sanaa, and Hadi was forced to flee to his hometown of Aden. The rebels were soon able to fight their way to the outskirts of Yemen's second city, and Hadi was forced to flee again, this time to Saudi Arabia, from whom he was receiving support. Hadi has continued to rule Yemen from his exile in Saudi Arabia, and his government maintains international recognition. To this end, the United States and the United Arab Emirates have supported Saudi Arabia in its backing of Hadi. Conversely, the Houthis have received support from Iran, and Yemen's civil war has essentially devolved into a proxy war between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Saudi Arabia has drawn international condemnation for its bombing campaign in Yemen, which has been aided by financial and material support from the United States and the United Arab Emirates. Saudi Arabia has been accused of bombing civilian areas indiscriminately, and committing war crimes in doing so. Nearly a hundred civilians are being killed each week, predominantly from the Saudi bombing campaign. Since 2016, the Saudi campaign to support Hadi has resulted in the death of over 4,800 civilians. Recently, members of the U.S. Senate voted to cut off military aid to Saudi Arabia over the gross human rights violations being committed, however President Trump vetoed the legislation.