

Terminology

## Related development

**Yemen:** Government airstrikes in southern Yemen targeting al-Qaida-linked militants accidentally killed 40 pro-government tribesmen, a Yemeni security official said Saturday. The botched airstrikes reflect the deteriorating security situation that has spread across the impoverished, heavily armed country since the popular uprising against longtime President Ali Abdullah Saleh began six months ago. Armed tribesmen are battling government forces in a number of areas around the country, and Islamist militants, some linked to al-Qaida, have overrun entire towns in the country's restive south.

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Yemeni army and security forces announced the creation of a coalition to defend the protest movement, which has called for the ouster of President Ali Abdullah Saleh.