

Maritime Security Advisor YEMEN

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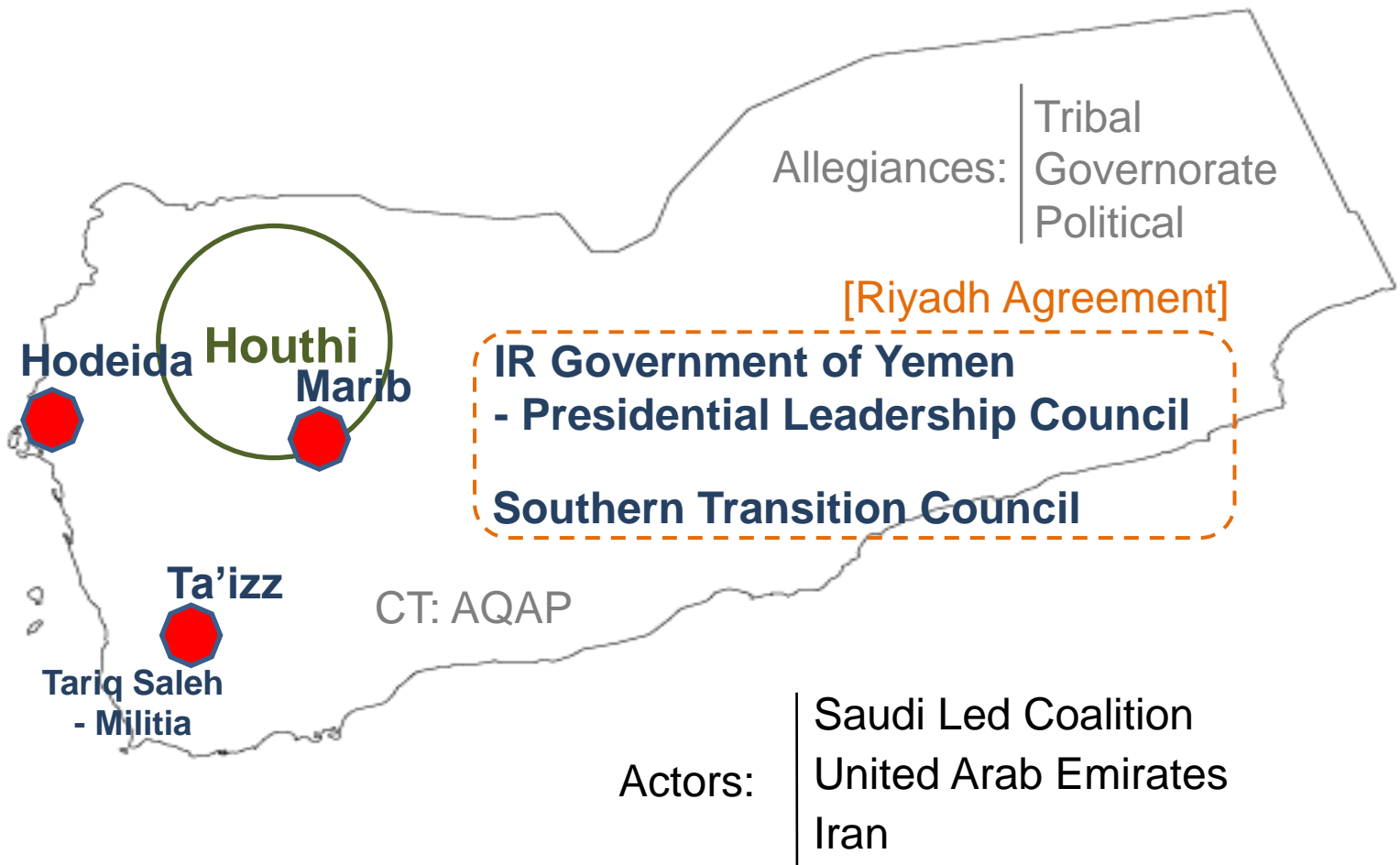
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Agenda

- > Pol / Mil Update
- > Mar Sy Update
- > YCG Development
- > Red Sea / Gulf of Aden
 - Hodeida interventions by SLC/YCG
 - MAA Aden
- > UNVIM
 - Key tool to peace process
- > SAFER update

YEMEN – Current Status – Political / Military

WAR ECONOMY \$



Peace Process : UNSE | Oman | Iran | UAE | SLC

The Truce: 03 Apr – 02 Oct 22 ...



[Stockholm Agreement | Joint Declaration]

YEMEN – Current Status – Maritime Security

SEA MINES



WBIEDs | USVs



Other



YEMEN – Current Status – **Maritime Security**

- > The economic war – starve the GoY of income from oil exports
- > Uncorroborated media reports with the GoY claiming two attacks on 19 and 20 Oct on oil tankers anchored at the ports of Dhabah and Radhom (near Balhaf)
- > 21 October / Ash-Shihr (Dhabah): UAV attack ivo of a VLCC.
 - No damage to vessel / No harm to crew.
 - The Houthis described the attack as ‘warning strikes’ to prevent the ‘looting’ of Yemeni oil.
- > 10 November / Qena: warning messages passed to a vessel inc reports of drones. The vessel is reported to have sailed.
- > 21 November / Ash-Shihr (Dhabah): UAV attack ivo a VLCC.
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YEMEN – Maritime – **Threat Assessment** [Unchanged]

- ⇒ The degree of risk to international shipping using the Maritime Security Transit Corridor (MSTC) is directly related to the political situation in Yemen. So long as the conflict in Yemen continues, there remains a risk, albeit **low**, of collateral damage through misidentification and miscalculation.
- ⇒ While it is possible that international shipping may be targeted, it is assessed that currently the Houthis will not deliberately target international shipping.
- ⇒ Risk of Piracy assessed as **low**.
- ⇒ Maritime activity by Yemen-based terrorist organisations in Gulf of Aden and Southern Red Sea is assessed as being **low**.

YEMEN – Maritime – Yemen Coast Guard



YEMEN – Maritime – Red Sea transits

- > Reports of piracy / suspicious approaches
 - Not true.
- > YCG has a presence in the Red Sea, ivo the Zubayr islands, and will approach vessels behaving ‘suspiciously’.
- > Vessels operating in/around Hodeida need approval from the **Aden office** of the Maritime Approvals Authority **NOT** the Hodeida Office!!

YEMEN – Maritime - Ports

Sea Ports	Coast	Status	Location
Ash Shihr	Gulf of Aden	Operational	
Mukalla Port	Gulf of Aden	Operational	
Nishtun Port	Gulf of Aden	Operational	
Balhaf Port	Gulf of Aden	Closed until further notice	
Rudhum	Gulf of Aden	Operational	
Aden ports	Gulf of Aden	Operational	
Mokha Port	Red Sea	Operational	
Hodiedah Port	Red Sea	Port is Operational	
Saleef Port	Red Sea	Port is Operational	
Ras Isa (Shore Tanks)	Red Sea	Closed until further notice	
Ras Isa (SPM)	Red Sea	Closed until further notice	

UN Verification and Inspection Mechanism (UNVIM)

- Funding is critical;



YEMEN – Maritime – **FSO SAFER**

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- > \$81M raised to date
 - Vessel lease / purchase and STS of oil
 - Further \$20M required to implement full CALM buoy solution
 - > Houthis supportive despite occasional public rhetoric
 - > Work has been initiated
 - Maritime Management Consultancy Company contracted
 - Due diligence on SMIT Salvage completed
 - Specification and bidding documentation for a Very Large Crude Carrier commenced
 - > Q1 2023 target for Ship To Ship transfer of oil
 - > IMO revising the contingency plan in the event of an oil spill

[Floating Storage & Offloading]

Questions?