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# **MONTHLY BRIEFING**

**FEBRUARY**

**2023**

# POLITICAL SCENE

The ongoing negotiations between Saudi Arabia and the Houthi group in Muscat did not lead to any significant results. This was accompanied by the failure of the intensive efforts of the American and UN envoys and the ambassadors of the European Union to make any breakthroughs in the Yemeni file. Plus, the issue of prisoners and abductees — one of the most prominent issues — has reached a dead end due to the retreat of the Houthis, according to an Emirati newspaper



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A report by the UN Security Council's Panel of Experts revealed that the Houthi group is administrating a smuggling network in Yemen and Oman, working to smuggle weapons through areas under the control of the legitimate government. Currently, new cases related to maritime smuggling, trading in spoiled fertilizers and chemicals are being investigated

**February 9**

**February 15**

The UN Security Council adopted a resolution on Wednesday to renew Yemen sanctions measures of asset freeze and travel ban until Nov. 15, 2023. The council also decided to extend the mandate of the Panel of Experts tasked to assist in the implementation of the sanctions regime until Dec. 15, 2023

**February 16**

In a joint statement, the United States, United Kingdom and France affirmed the pivotal role of the Yemeni government in bringing implementable, sustainable peace to Yemen. They condemned the Houthi attacks against Yemeni infrastructure and other measures that threaten the peace process and inflict economic harm on all Yemenis

**February 23** -----

Yemeni citizens, who were secretly detained and tortured by Emirati forces between 2019 and 2020, in a Balhaf facility, filed a lawsuit against the French company TotalEnergies, the largest partner in the facility, before the Court of Justice in Paris

**Rashad Al-Alimi**

The chairman of  
the Presidential  
Leadership Council

The chairman of the Presidential Leadership Council said that he encourages communication between Saudi Arabia and the Houthi group as part of the Omani efforts, stressing that there will be no Saudi-Houthi agreement, but rather it will be between the Yemeni government and the Houthi group

**February 23**



**Ahmed bin Mubarak**  
Foreign Minister

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Foreign Minister Ahmed bin Mubarak said in an interview with the BBC: “There will be no permanent and sustainable peace except between the main Yemeni parties, with auspices of the United Nations, and not between Saudi Arabia and the Houthis

February 28

## MILITARY SCENE

The government and the Houthi group continue to exchange accusations and threaten to use military force, with the continuation of sporadic confrontations on several fronts, most notably Ma'rib, Taiz and Al-Dhalea, with deaths and injuries on both sides. The Houthi group was forced to admit to carrying out a prisoner-exchange agreement with Al-Qaeda



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### February 9

Military reinforcements and equipment of the newly formed National Shield Forces arrived in Aden, from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



The Houthi group admitted to carrying out a prisoner-exchange deal with the Al-Qaeda organization, which is classified as a “terrorist” group on international lists

### February 19

### February 25

The Saudi Duty Forces (808), stationed in the Socotra archipelago, evacuated their headquarters in the archipelago's capital, Hadibu, in conjunction with the intensification of the Emirati forces' presence on the island

### February 13

The Houthi group issued a death sentence against 30 military leaders in the national army on charges of treason and confiscated all their money inside and outside the country

# SECURITY SCENE

The Houthi group is investing in the period of the official and fragile truce to enhance its military readiness, and this is represented in the increase in the smuggling of weapons across the seas and the use of the areas of the legitimate government as transit areas. The reports of the Panel of Experts warned of the danger of this to the stability of the country, in addition to increasing the seizure of several arms and drug shipments in the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Aden

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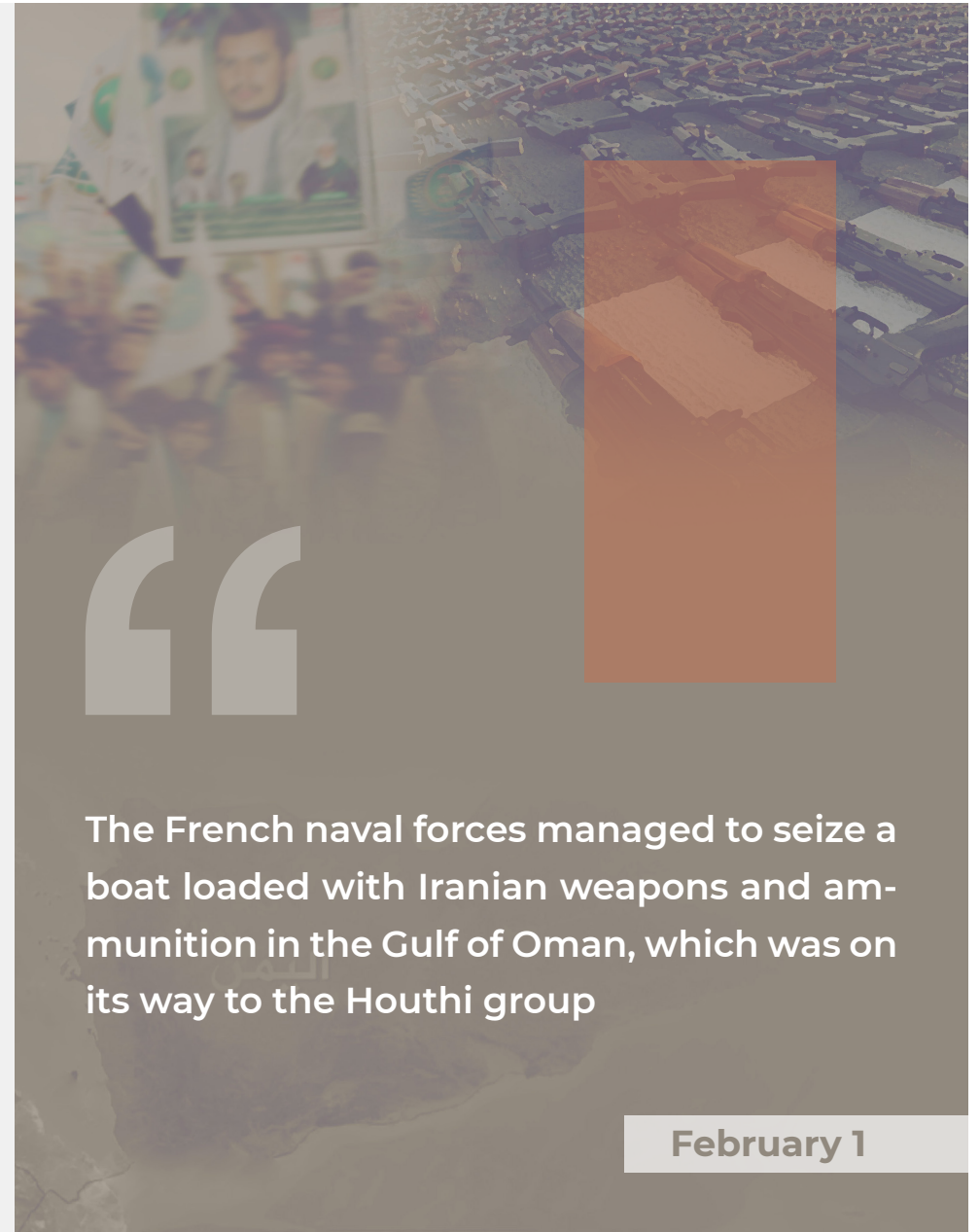
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## February 6

An American-British military delegation, within the forces of the U.S. 5th Fleet and the joint international forces in the Gulf of Oman, visited the Shehn land port in Mahara, days after seizing a shipment of weapons that was on its way to the Houthi group

## February 17

The Transitional Council prevents a joint -delegation from the Ministry of Electricity and the Saudi Program for the Reconstruction of Yemen from entering the oil port, in Aden, while signing payment of oil derivatives to support the city's electricity



The French naval forces managed to seize a boat loaded with Iranian weapons and ammunition in the Gulf of Oman, which was on its way to the Houthi group

February 1

## ECONOMIC SCENE

The government took measures to search for alternative economic resources after the cessation of oil exports due to the attacks of the Houthi group, in addition to the continued deterioration of the price of the Yemeni riyal against foreign currencies, and the Houthi group took new measures targeting deposits in local banks in the areas under its control



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**February 15** -----

Oil derivatives ships, and others carrying commercial goods, began to arrive at the ports of Hodeidah, which is under the control of the Houthi group, without submitting to the UN inspection procedure, in conjunction with the Houthi authority imposing on merchants to transfer their imports to the port of Hodeidah, instead of the Port of Aden, which is under the legitimate authority

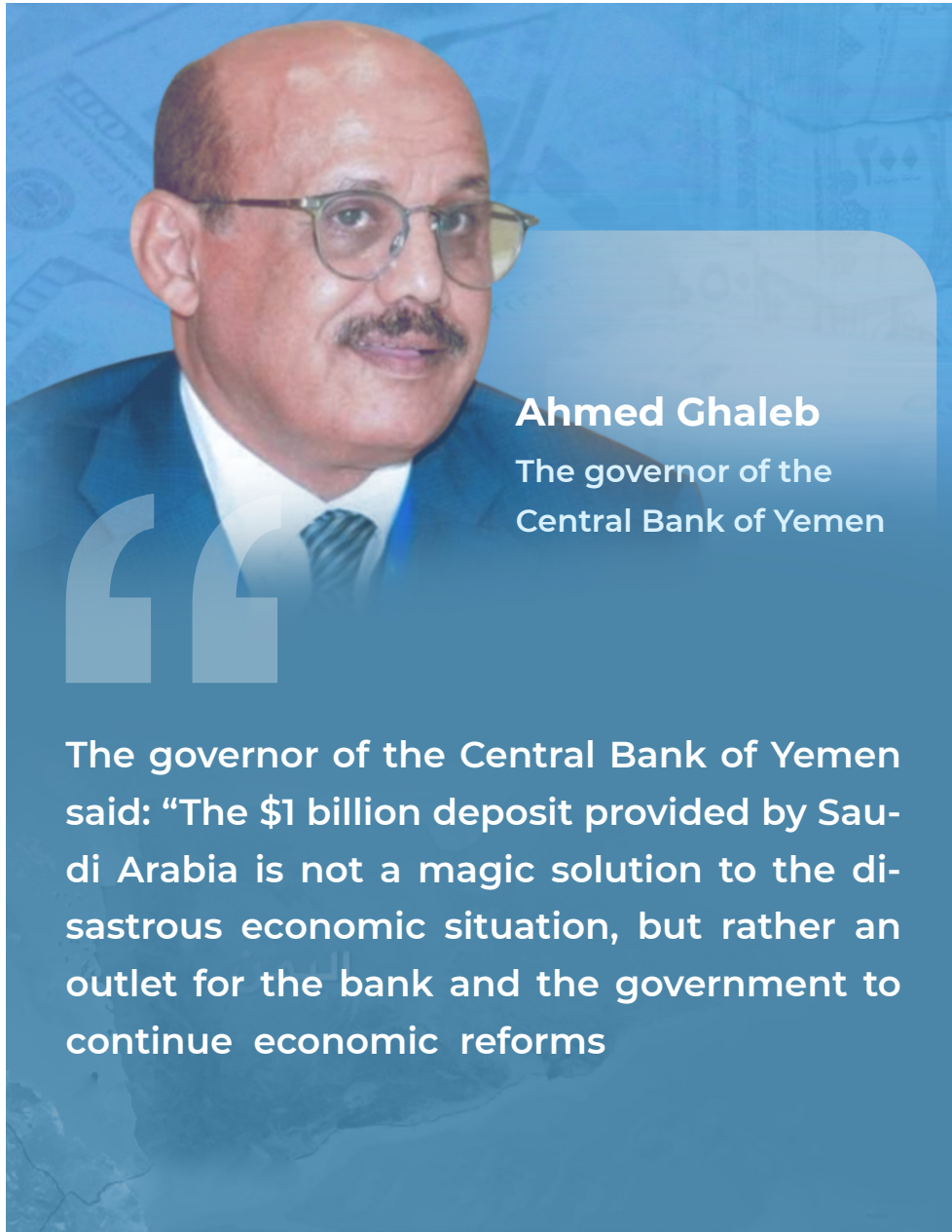


**Maeen Abdulmalik**  
Prime Minister

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**Prime Minister Dr. Said Maeen Abdulmalik, during the World Summit of Governments held in Dubai, said, “Yemen has lost between \$800 million and \$1 billion as a result of the recent Houthi attacks on oil installations and oil and gas ports in the south of the country**

**February 14**



**Ahmed Ghaleb**  
The governor of the  
Central Bank of Yemen

The governor of the Central Bank of Yemen said: “The \$1 billion deposit provided by Saudi Arabia is not a magic solution to the disastrous economic situation, but rather an outlet for the bank and the government to continue economic reforms

### February 26

The report of the team of experts of the UN Security Council Sanctions Committee on Yemen revealed that the Houthi group has built private companies to finance the war, while continuing to refrain from paying salaries, as the group seizes about 70% of the total resources in Yemen, compared to the only 30% it earns

# VIOLATIONS

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## February 2

The Yemeni Landmine Records announced that 74 civilians were killed or wounded during the month of January, in 41 explosion incidents in nine governorates, with Hodeidah topping the number of deaths and injuries

## February 13

SAM Organization for Rights and Liberties documented the recruitment of 10,649 children by the Houthi group on the battle fronts, the recruitment of 507 children by the legitimate government and its allies (the Transitional Council and the West Coast forces), while the Al-Qaeda organization recruited 54 children

## February 7

Human Rights Watch called on the Houthi group to immediately end their restrictions on women's right to freedom of movement after the Houthis prevented women from traveling without a male guardian in the areas they control

## February 25

The Houthi militia forced pharmaceutical companies in the capital of Sana'a to close their stores, after the companies refused to pay new taxes

# HUMANITARIAN SCENE

The ongoing war in the country is constantly driving an influx of displaced people, both inside and outside the country. The situation of the displaced in several governorates is further complicated due to the lack of funds and the inability of the governorates to cover some of their needs including Ma'rib — which receives the most displaced people — as the number of the displaced exceeded 3 million people, in a city with an infrastructure that was originally prepared for a population of fewer than only 150,000 people

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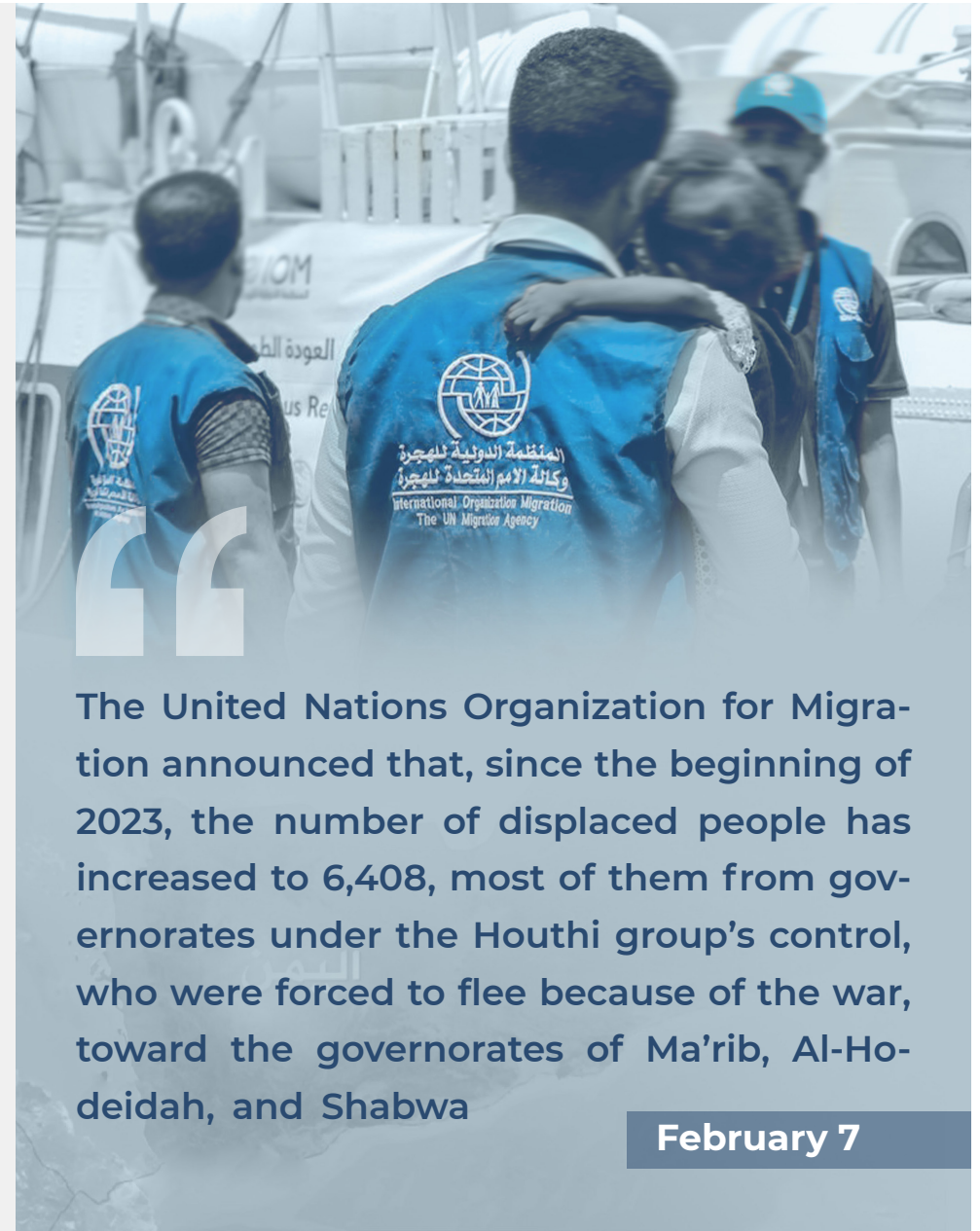
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## February 4

*Emarat Al Youm* newspaper revealed that the ongoing consultations in Muscat, under the auspices of the United Nations, between the legitimate government and the Houthi group have stopped, due to the Houthis' disavowal of what has been reached regarding the file of prisoners and abductees

## February 10

The Houthi group announced that there is currently an outbreak of more than 26 diseases and epidemics in its areas of control, including poliomyelitis, which appeared in Saada Governorate, the stronghold of the Houthi group. Note that Yemen had announced that it was free of it in 2005



The United Nations Organization for Migration announced that, since the beginning of 2023, the number of displaced people has increased to 6,408, most of them from governorates under the Houthi group's control, who were forced to flee because of the war, toward the governorates of Ma'rib, Al-Hodeidah, and Shabwa

February 7



The Dutch Ambassador to Yemen, Peter Dirk Hoff, visited Ma'rib to learn about the humanitarian situation and the scale of challenges in the governorate that receives most of the displaced

**February 21**

**February 20** -----

The European Union announced the allocation of 193 million euros to help the most vulnerable groups in Yemen

# STATISTICS

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**13,574**

**Violations**

during the period 2015-2021

as follows:

**6.253**

Movement  
Restrictions

**1.231**

Injuries

**721**

Killed

**310**

Obstruction of  
Humanitarian Aid

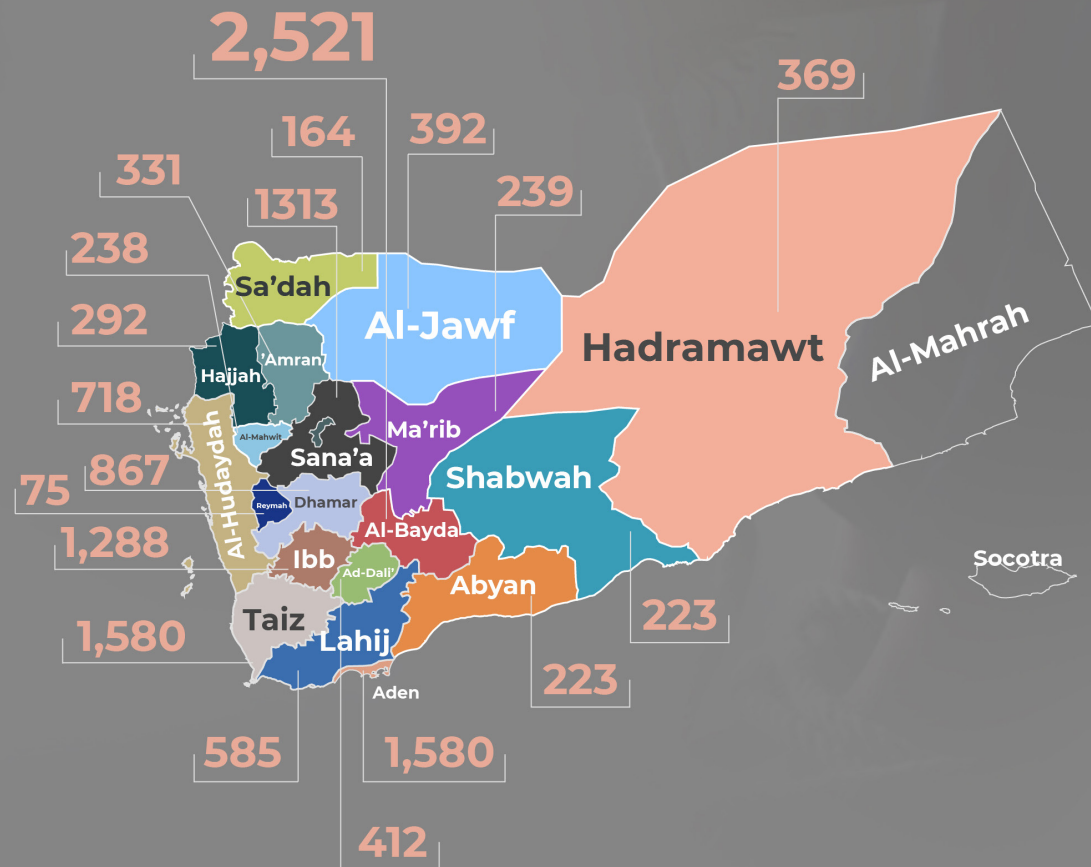
**1.401**

Looting and  
Imposing  
Levies

**3.658**

Kidnappings

## Violations against civilians at military points

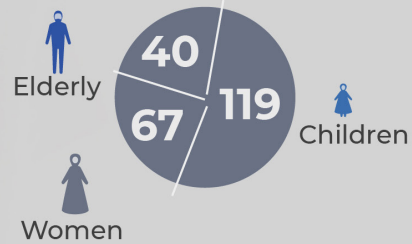


Rights Radar for Human Rights

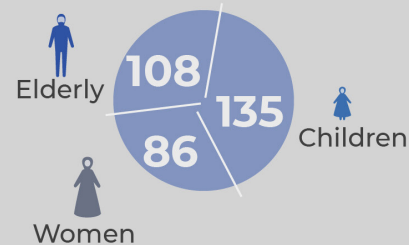
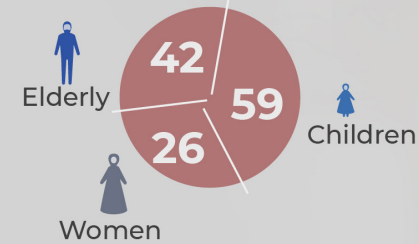
(First place)  
**Houthi group:**

As for the authorities responsible for the violations

**904** Wounded



**553** Murders



**2,901** Kidnapping

As for the authorities responsible for the violations

(Second place)

## Military components outside the framework of the state:

These include the support brigades affiliated with the Security Belt Forces of the Transitional Council in Aden, Abyan, Al-Dhalea and Lahj, in addition to the elite forces in Hadhramaut and Shabwa, and the joint forces in the western coast supported by the UAE

These formations are responsible for:

**666** cases of kidnapping  
and detention

**25** cases of torture



(Second place)  
**Military components  
outside the framework  
of the state:**

**866** cases of restricting movement in the areas controlled by the legitimate government by introducing 102 checkpoints and security barriers

**764** cases of prevention from entering the southern governorates and some northern governorates under its control

(Third place)  
**Al-Qaeda:**

As for the authorities responsible for the violations

Responsible for **458** violations

(Fourth place)  
**The legitimate government:**

Responsible for **369** violations in 11 governorates, most notably Taiz, Al-Dhalea, Hadramout, Aden, Shabwa and Ma'rib



# GENERAL NEWS

**February 11** -----

Thousands of Yemenis in Taiz celebrated the 12th anniversary of the February 11th revolution, with a massive speech festival, calling for the necessity of patriotic alignment and confronting non-patriotic projects

**February 21** -----

The Ministry of Health of the legitimate government announced the registration of 228 cases of polio, during the past two years, holding the Houthi group responsible for the return of the epidemic, after declaring that Yemen was free of it 15 years ago

**February 16** -----

Yemen Airways announced the resumption of its flights between Aden International Airport and Addis Baba in Ethiopia, at a rate of two flights per week, after seven years of suspension due to the ongoing war conditions

**February 25** -----

The Yemen Embassy in Washington has announced the recovery of 77 repatriations from the United States, where they were smuggled

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