

# YEMEN

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## REPRESSION

**Violence:** Shelling, tanks, air raids, Qaeda militants  
Tens of thousands of Yemenis flee violence in south

**July 4** "Some 54,000 Yemenis have fled the flashpoint southern province of Abyan since militants took over its capital last month, a government official said on Sunday, as fighting intensified in the area".

**Censorship:** Yemeni journalists protest against censorship

**July 18** "About 100 journalists protested on Monday in the Yemen capital against harassment and censorship by authorities. The Centre for Rehabilitation and Protection of Freedom of Press in Yemen has documented 465 cases of harassment of journalists in the past six months, which include threats, aggression, and detention

**Yemen has an estimated 60 million firearms in private hands, roughly three for every citizen.**

Last month, the Oxfam aid agency said several months of unrest and anti-regime protests had exacerbated the humanitarian situation in Yemen, where at least seven million people go hungry each day.

**Fuel shortages are impeding the delivery of humanitarian services. Vaccines in hospitals have been affected, with 30% of immunization facilities closed due to disruption of the cold chain supply system.**

Maximum protesters  
100 000

Deaths  
262

Arrests  
59

0.41  
population

%

0.26  
protesters

%

1.5  
protesters

%