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Yemen- 14 September 2026 (ongoing)

Subject: Houthis Seize Yemen's Red Sea Coast and Strategic Island

Status: Heightened

Event: On September 10, 2026, Houthi forces seized the port city of Mocha in Yemen and advanced towards the Bab al-Mandeb Strait. By September 11, the Iran-backed Houthis had captured strategic islands, including Perim Island and the Hanish Islands. Yemeni government forces reported recovering some territory on September 13, but fighting continued. This development raises concerns about international trade and regional security. The Bab al-Mandeb Strait connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden and serves as a key shipping route for oil and commercial goods. Houthi control of the area could disrupt trade, raise shipping costs, and put economic pressure on countries in Africa and Asia. The conflict has also increased humanitarian concerns, with more than 82,000 people reported displaced in Yemen during September, mostly from the western coast.

Action: The Secretary of State should increase diplomatic pressure on Iran for its support of Houthi forces in Yemen. The United States should work with regional allies, including Saudi Arabia, to prevent further Iranian influence near the Red Sea. Economic sanctions should be considered against Iranian organizations involved in supplying weapons and military resources to the Houthis. The Secretary of Defense should increase intelligence surveillance of Iranian military activities and strengthen naval security near the Bab al-Mandeb Strait to protect international shipping. The United States should also warn Iran that continued military support for the Houthis could lead to additional sanctions and defensive

security measures. These actions should limit Iran's influence while avoiding a direct military conflict that could destabilize the Middle East and negatively affect countries in the Global South.

Est Cost:
Humanitarian Assistance: $100,000.00
Intelligence Monitoring and Regional Coordination: $100,00