

Southern separatists seize control of Aden

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Forces aligned with the UAE-backed Southern Transitional Council (STC) - which wants an independent south - said they had seized control of military camps and the presidential palace. The opposing Saudi-led coalition said it had responded with military action. The government itself characterised the STC's seizure of Aden as a "coup". Coalition forces had called on the STC to withdraw from their positions in Aden or face further action. It said it launched its strike against a "threat" to the country's government.