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## Individuals vaccinated

(First dose)

6 0 2 6 4 4

(Second dose)

4 7 4 8 4 4

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**BAHRAIN COVID-19**

TOTAL TESTED  
**3903112**

ACTIVE CASES  
**11155**

DEATHS  
**594**

DISCHARGED  
**152361**

NEW CASES  
**997**

CRITICAL  
**92**

## Yemen fighting rages on

At least 70 from government forces and Houthi rebels have been killed in the past 24 hours

● 85 wounded on both sides

AP | Sanaa

Fighting between forces of Yemen's internationally recognised government and Houthi rebels raged in the provinces of Marib and Taiz, killing at least 70 fighters on both sides, officials said yesterday.

The increase in violence came over the past 24 hours and at least 85 others were wounded, military officials from the two sides said.

The Iranian-backed rebels in February renewed their offensive on the oil-rich province of Marib, an anti-Houthi stronghold held by the internationally recognised government.

But they have not made substantial progress amid fierce resistance and heavy losses, mostly the result of airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition countering the advance.

The attack on Marib stirred up violence in other areas, including government-held Taiz province, which is besieged by the Houthis. Clashes also took



Yemen government forces hold a position against Houthi rebels in Marib

place in the province of Hajjah and the port city of Hodeida.

The officials said at least 42 fighters were killed in Marib and 28 in Taiz. Most of the dead were rebel fighters, they said.

The military officials from both sides spoke on the condition of anonymity as they were not authorised to talk to the media.

Abdu Abdullah Magli, a spokesman for the Yemeni

Armed Forces, said they staved off Houthi attacks over the weekend in the district of Sorouh in Marib, and reclaimed territory from the rebels.

The Houthi offensive on Marib has threatened to worsen the already severe humanitarian crisis in Yemen. The province is sheltering about a million Yemenis who have fled Houthi offensives elsewhere in the country.

The rebels have also stepped up their cross-border attacks by missiles and explosive-laden drones on Saudi Arabia. It's an apparent attempt to pressure the Saudi-led coalition to stop its airstrikes on the rebels in Marib and elsewhere in Yemen.

The intensified fighting and attacks on Saudi Arabia have come amid an international and regional diplomatic push to end the conflict.

### Eleven dead, 98 injured after train derailed in Egypt

Cairo

Eleven people were killed and 98 injured yesterday in a train accident in Egypt's Qalioubia province north of Cairo, the health ministry said in a statement.

The train was heading from Cairo to the Nile Delta city of Mansoura when four carriages derailed at 1:54 pm (1154 GMT), about 40 kms (25 miles) north of Cairo, Egyptian National Railways said in a short statement.

The cause of the accident is being investigated. More than 50 ambulances took the injured to three hospitals in the province.

### Bahrain extends condolences

TDT | Manama

The Kingdom of Bahrain extended its deepest condolences to the government and people of Egypt over the train accident in Qalioubia province.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirmed Bahrain's sympathy with Egypt, wishing the injured speedy recovery.