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**THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC OF YEMEN**  
**Jumhuriyah al-Yemen al  
Dimuqratiyah al Sha'abijah –  
Southern Yemen**

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*Area:* 287,682 sq. km

*Population:* 200,000

*Capital:* Aden [Baladiyat Adan]

*Head of State:* Ali Nasser Mohammed (Chairman of the  
Presidium)

*Minister of the Interior:* Mohammed Abdullah al-Battani

*Chairman of the State Security Committee:* Saleh Minassar  
Al-Siyayli

The first police force to be organized in Aden (as Southern Yemen was called until 1967) was the Aden Police Force, which came into being under British control in 1937.

The main police force is the paramilitary Public Security Force, with an estimated personnel strength of 15,000. In addition to normal police duties, it patrols the border areas with Oman, Saudi Arabia and the Yemen Arab Republic. It operates a number of patrol boats under the supervision of the Navy.

A separately administered Revolutionary Security Organization, set up with assistance from the German Democratic Republic, is in charge of intelligence gathering and the suppression of political offenders.

There is a paramilitary People's Militia of unknown strength, organized and trained by Cuban advisers. Certain Militia units are comparable in efficiency and equipment to regular army units.