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YEMENS: Opposition to Unity Growing

Efforts to merge key political and military ministries of North and South Yemen are provoking resistance in both countries that may incite antiregime violence and suspend the unification drive.

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[REDACTED] North Yemeni religious leaders and tribal shaykhs are publicly criticizing unity, and one Islamic leader is encouraging North Yemeni Muslims to resist it forcefully.

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[REDACTED] Civil servants in both countries believe they may lose their positions if the Yemens merge, and the refusal of top government leaders to discuss merger details is increasing popular anxiety. Continued failure to address public concerns is likely to spark stronger opposition that may stall the unification process and may threaten Aden's efforts to moderate its foreign policy.

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