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Since the recent discovery of yet another attempt by Al Qaeda to place a bomb aboard an airliner headed to the United States, Yemen's status as a centre for terrorism has grabbed world headlines. During a turbulent year which has seen mass demonstrations and the removal of President Ali Abdullah Saleh from power, Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) has departed from the hit-and-run tactics fostered by Osama bin Laden and has succeeded in capturing large swathes of land across the south of the country. Featuring interviews with the main protagonists from all sides, award-winning reporter Ghaith Abdul Ahad travels into the heart of Yemen's radical heartland to provide a first-hand report about how members of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) have taken advantage of turmoil in the country to impose their rule on areas of south Yemen in a first ever attempt to establish its own state.

In Ja'ar, a town with a population of over 100,000, the Al Qaeda administration has abolished taxes, provided free water and electricity and installed sewage pipes. Their trucks distribute water to villages and Bedouin settlements. People living in the desert on the outskirts of town have said the jihad had connected their village to the electricity grid for the first time in their lives. But not everyone is supportive of the newly imposed Sharia regime and many live in fear. From the Prime Minister to AQAP foot soldiers, from the anti-terrorism chief to the most powerful man in Yemen, Ghaith Abdul Ahad explores the real story behind the rise of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.

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