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SANAA (AP) - Nearly 100,000 Yemenis are protesting in a main square of the capital demanding the wounded president, currently outside the country, be removed from power.

During Friday's protest, opposition tribesmen marched through the square in a funeral procession with the bodies of 41 of their fighters killed in a bombardment by government forces a week ago. Crowds chanted, "The people want the butcher put on trial," referring to President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

In another part of the city, several thousand Saleh supporters held a rally outside his presidential palace.

Saleh was wounded in an explosion at his palace on June 3 and was evacuated to Saudi Arabia for treatment, leaving a power vacuum in the capital.

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