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CAIRO, Sept 25 (Reuters) - Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh called on Sunday for early elections, saying he was still committed to handing over power to end months of protests against his rule.

"Let's all go towards dialogue, understanding and peaceful exchange of power through elections and early presidential elections," Saleh said in his first televised speech since he returned to Yemen after more than three months in Saudi Arabia.

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