

## Suitcase explodes in street, killing 1 civilian

Story and photo  
by Ahlam Mohsen

SANA'A, July 15 — A suitcase bomb exploded in the early hours of Sunday, killing one civilian in the Souq Al-Wahda region of Sana'a. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, though the bombing follows a number of attacks thought to have been carried out by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).

According to eyewitnesses, Saddam Abdullah Al-Hubaishi was parked across the street when he approached the suitcase, which was fastened to a pillar in a street median on Heziaz Street. Witnesses said the bomb went off when Al-Hubaishi tried to lift and examine the bag.

A slightly damaged pillar, crushed concrete where the suitcase once sat and a bloodstained street sprinkled with sand are the only hints of yesterday's attack.

"I was across the street when I heard a loud explosion," Abdulgawie Saleh, who owns a shop

across the street from the scene, said. "The bomb threw him back several feet. He was missing an arm and his head."

Al-Hubaishi's father and his three brothers witnessed the attack, according to several people who were there when the bomb exploded. The family, who owns a small window installation shop, was preparing to head home at around 12:30 a.m. when the youngest of the four brothers, age 13, spotted the suitcase. Al-Hubaishi's father prohibited the teenager from approaching; Abdullah Al-Hubaishi approached instead.

According to a family friend who witnessed the suitcase explode, Al-Hubaishi is married with three children—two boys and a young girl.

### Unintended target

According to a source at the Defense Ministry who is not authorized to speak with the press, the bombing is said to have been intended for Republican Guard troops, who pass through the main

street of the suq on a regular basis while commuting to the Al-Soal military camp—the city's Republican Guard camp. Such a target would be keeping in line with AQAP's recent pattern of targets, which have focused on military and security forces, not civilians.

The most recent attack, a bombing at the police academy in Sana'a on July 11, left 9 cadets dead and 15 injured. This is the sixth such bombing targeting military and security personnel in the past two months. As Yemeni forces push AQAP out of southern cities once firmly in the militant group and their affiliate—Ansar Al-Sharia's—control, Yemen's capital city has witnessed increased violence.

The deadliest of these attacks was the Al-Sabeen bombing in Sana'a on May 21, which left 96 soldiers dead and more than 300 wounded. The suicide bomber struck a military parade rehearsal for the National Unification Day celebration, marking 22 years since the unification of North and South Yemen.



The exploding suitcase detonated, killing one civilian and staining the street with blood.

## Protesters in front of Hadi's home call for Al-Baida governor to resign

Mohammed Al-Samei

SANA'A, July 15 — A demonstration titled "We have run out of patience" was held yesterday in Sana'a. It called for the resignation of Al-Baida's governor, Mohammed Nasser Al-Amiri. Majid Karoot, a journalist participating in the demonstration, said they left Al-Baida on Saturday morning with only 70 vehicles.

"However, many other cars joined the march, and we reached Sana'a with 120," Karoot said.

He said the demonstrators planned to protest in front of President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi's house before meeting him on Monday morning.

Karoot said they are demanding the resignation of Al-Amiri because of corruption in the governorate's offices and the embezzlement of funds from the governor.

Mohammed Al-Barhami, the Coordinating Council head at Revolutionaries' Son Square, said the top demand of protesters is for the resignation of Al-Amiri.

He said that while revolutionary youth sparked the demonstration, sheikhs, social dignitaries and merchants took part as well.

The statement released by the protest read, "Due to the suffering Al-Baida's citizens have experienced, rampant corruption in governorate

facilities and our desire to save the governorate and question the governor, we have organized this peaceful protest calling for the governor's resignation and replacement with an honest leader."

The statement also read the president pledged to replace the governor, but nothing has happened.

"The demonstration is an immediate action to alleviate the suffering of locals in Al-Baida, the statement read.

"We protest to let President Hadi know how we feel about the governor. We are optimistic that change will be realized and demands will be met."

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# French aid worker released unhurt, with no conditions

**Ghaida Al-Ariqi**

SANA'A, July 15 — The French representative of the International Committee for the Red Cross, Benjamin Malbrancke, was released Saturday. He was abducted in late April by gunmen north of Hodeida.

Deeba Fakhr, spokeswoman for the Red Cross in Yemen, said Malbrancke was released unconditionally by the kidnappers.

"We don't know about the identity of those who released him," Fakhr said. "However, it is Ansar Al-Sharia in Shabwa governorate who handed him over to us. We are neutral and doing a humanitarian mission. We contacted many sides to look into this issue."

Malbrancke was released in good health and was subject to no violations, though he remained kidnapped for 84 days.

For his part, Ahmed Saleh Omair, Shabwa security chief, said the abducted French citizen was handed over secretly and not through the security services.

"All I know is that he was taken by a plane from Sana'a airport," he said. "No one from the Red Cross contacted us to investigate the matter, particularly it is known that he was abducted by Al-Qaeda."

Eric Marclay, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Yemen, said, "I'm relieved by Malbrancke's release, and I'm pleased he is safe. Worry, which lasted for a long time, and suffering of his family, of the French staff here in Yemen and of all his friends, is gone now."

"I want to warmly thank all of those who helped us during past period to bring Malbrancke, who is longing to meet his family, back."

# Youth tortured in captivity

**Story and photos by Amira Nasser**

SANA'A, July 15 — Naharri Mohammed Ali Naharri, 13, from Rima governorate, was missing for 14 months after disappearing during Blood Bank demonstrations on May 11, 2011.

There was evidence of torture on different parts of Naharri's body, and he spoke of a long period in solitary confinement.

The Yemen Times met Naharri at the SYAJ Organization for Childhood Protection, where he narrated his story.

Naharri said that men took him and four or five other boys his age from the Blood Bank demonstration, close to Sana'a's Change Square.

"I didn't know anything until I got to the prison because they covered my eyes," he said.

Naharri said he knew he was tortured because while in the prison, he found pieces of his skin, cut ears and a small part of his finger.

A man entered to clean the room where he was being held, and then he left the room after hitting him.

Naharri described people who took him as dark-skinned and wearing civilian clothing. He said they always covered their faces with cloth, and they called each other by saying "Hey," while talking in an Adeni dialect.

He said he was not harmed for

the first four days of captivity, but the situation changed as the days passed.

He received one piece of bread for breakfast, a piece of bread and beans for lunch and half a bottle of water each day.

Once per week, a shower was allowed.

Naharri exposed parts of his body subjected to abuse: his knee, his wrist, his head, his ears, all bruised. There were cigarette burns on his back.

"Electric shocks, stabbings with knives and daggers, there were all used while they tortured me."

He said they called him corrupted and subversive when they hit him.

"My eardrum was hurt when they slapped me strongly, and it's not until now that I can match my teeth normally."

No medical treatment was offered to Naharri. He cleaned his wounds using his own clothing.

Naharri said he doesn't know the area where he was being held.

"It was a ground floor. There were no voices of people or cars, just the voices of the guards," he said.

He remembered hearing other children, their voices tortured. It was impossible to talk with them and have personal conversations, but once a week, under observation, they were able to play cards together for a short time.

He said the only name he remembers is Abdul-Elah Al-Khelafi. He heard the name while listening to guards talking about releasing him. This was in Sira, Aden.

Naharri said before his release, which occurred in the dead of night, he had bread and tea for dinner, and it was the first day they offered him this kind of food. After eating, he immediately fell asleep.

"I felt that I was in a van and hardly realized that there were other children with me," he said.

The horn from a lorry awoke



**Naharri was beaten, malnourished and kept in solitary confinement**

him, and by reading a large sign, he discovered that he was in Dammt district.

"I found my mobile in my pants, which they took before, but without battery or credits."

Naharri said that he sold his mobile, bought clothes and used the rest of his money to travel back to Sana'a.

"I reached to Al-Makalleh souq and walked back home."

Naharri said that, upon his return, he had trouble remember-

ing his younger brothers' names as well as the telephone numbers of his family members.

SYAJ Organization for Childhood Protection is following up Naharri's case to get more details, as well verifying the legitimacy of what happened, according to Ahmed Al-Qurashi, head of the organization.

"If the case is real, all the steps to follow up the case in the judicial authorities will start to find the criminals," he said.

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# Taiz mourns departed businessman

**Yemen Times Staff**

TAIZ, July 11 — On July 9, Taiz governorate bade farewell to Ahmed Hael Saeed Ana'am, the deputy CEO of Hael Saeed Ana'am and His Partners Groups (HSAHG) in Qarid village in Haifan district. Ana'am died July 8. He was 81 years old.

His life was awash with charitable works aimed at serving the nation in economic, social and charitable fields.

In a statement released by HSAHG, the group called Ana'am a pioneer, responsible for building and developing HSAHG into the largest economic developmental edifice in the country.

The statement also said Ana'am built and established numerous charitable economic development foundations, in addition to playing a combative role in erupting the 26 September revolution. He was a member in Aden Cell of the Free Merchants and a founding member of the Yemen Bank for Construction and Development. President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi said Ana'am was a prominent businessman in Yemen. Hadi said that Ana'am played a tangible role in Yemen's development.

Sheikh Mohammed Abdu Al-Rab Al-Nadari, the Fatwa Supreme Authority member in Dubai, said, "The departed led a life full of tremendous donations to save



the legacy of his departed father who raised national economy and charitable work from scratch."

A number of people from diverse governorates and diverse backgrounds attended the funeral. Mohammed Ahmed Saleh, from Hodeida, said, "Lots of businessmen die, but we don't come out to their funerals. However, Aa'am was close to the ordinary people."

Sameer Abdulkawei, from Taiz,

said, "I am a university student at the College of Engineering in Taiz. This college was built at the expense of Hael Saeem Ana'am Groups ... If this college wasn't built in Taiz, I would not be able afford to go other governorate to study."

The departed was the eldest son of Haj Hael Saeed Ana'am, and he is remembered for living a life of industriousness, work and philanthropy.

# Differing reactions toward newly established Technical Committee

**Ahmed Dawood**

SANA'A, July 15 — The reactions towards the Technical Committee of the National Dialogue have been mixed since its establishment last Saturday.

Some consider the Technical Committee as a good start to pave the way for the National Dialogue slated to be held in November. On the contrary, others voiced objections about the people involved in the committee.

Mohammed Saif, writer and political analyst, said that the names included in the committee have been approved following full examination and investigation. He added that the names were presented to Jamal Benomar, the U.N. special envoy to Yemen.

Saif said the forming the committee is a prologue to embarking on the National Dialogue as a way to get Yemen out of the ongoing crisis.

The revolutionary youth in Change Square in Sana'a have objected to the decision of establishing this committee. Waleed

Al-Amari, an activist in Change Square, said youth have been neglected and no one represents them in the committee.

The committee members are divided equally between the parties; moreover, no certain criteria were taken into account to ensure that the national dialogue turns out to be a success, according to Al-Amari.

For his part, Maizer Al-Junaid, the mouthpiece of the Revolutionary Youth Council, said the president's decree is an invitation to civil strife, not to national dialogue.

The youth have not been the only side attacking the formation of this committee. The spokesperson of the Joint Meeting Parties, Ahmed Al-Bahri, raised questions about the declaration of such a decision; the Al-Umah party and the rest of the JMP are not represented in the National Dialogue.

"Such exclusion doesn't help the political process in Yemen," Al-Bahri said. "It will derail the dialogue and may drive the nation to be back again in its past

troubles."

President Hadi issued a decision on Saturday aimed at establishing the preparatory committee for the National Dialogue.

The Technical Committee includes 25 members who hailed from the political parties, Houthis, the Southern Movement, the youth in the squares and civil society organizations.

According to the presidential decree, the choice of the committee members was based on the actual abilities of the members to represent a wide range of people nationwide.

The decree stipulated that the task of the committee will end Sept. 30, when a detailed report will be presented to the president.

According to the decree, the Technical Committee is the first step of the transitional process endorsed by the Gulf Initiative. The second step is drafting a new constitution; the third is preparing for general elections in the end of the transitional period and finally preparing a new electoral record.

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# Analysts baffled by police academy bombing

Amal Al-Yarisi

SANAA, July 15 — Although it was a resounding blast, the bombing that targeted the police academy cadets on Wednesday remains masked with ambiguity. To date, government officials have neither identified the perpetrator nor declared any precise details about the incident.

Minister of Interior General Abulkadir Kahtan has publicly said the explosion resulted from a bomb planted in the accumulated garbage near the policy academy gate.

There are inconsistent analyses about the bombing. Nabeel Al-Sharjabi, a political science professor at Sana'a University, said the blast occurred in spite of intensive security measures; security forces have recently achieved exceptional victories against Al-Qaeda. Al-Sharjabi also said the explosion's time and location indicates involvement by groups other than Al-Qaeda, working to help Al-Qaeda execute

the operation.

He said the execution of the bombing was very professional, which indicates that some security figures were complicit in the planning or the implementation of the attack, which left at least nine dead and 19 wounded.

Al-Sharjabisaiditisexpectedthat Yemen will witness more similar blasts because of Al-Qaeda's recent slope toward disintegration. He said Al-Qaeda militants endeavor to flee to many governorates through the facilitation provided by some former regime affiliates.

Aish Awas, a security expert in Saba Strategic Studies Center said, "The bombing at the police academy is the same as the Al-Sabaeen Square bombing in the sense that both bombings targeted soldiers and cadets who have no relation with terrorism."

Awas questioned why Al-Qaeda is targeting people unaffiliated with extremism, as it suggests that Al-Qaeda is adopting the same strategy it focused on in Iraq.

Awas said it is clear that Al-



Wednesday's attack in Sana'a remains shrouded in ambiguity

Qaeda operatives carried out the bombing.

"The one who did the bombing might not be a suicide bomber," he said. "The explosives may have been hidden inside a wheelchair or inside garbage bin."

A funeral ceremony for the nine cadets killed in the bombing was

held Saturday in Sana'a.

They were buried in Martyrs' Cemetery. Military forces were deployed around the cemetery, and all streets leading to the location were closed in anticipation of any suicide attacks that could have occurred during the funeral ceremony.

# Aden no longer taking IDPs from stabilized Abyan

Muaad Al-Maqtari

SANAA, July 15 — The internally displaced people's (IDPs) executive unit in Aden stopped receiving IDPs from Abyan this week as the region begins to stabilize and as the security situation in the city begins to improve.

Nader Al-Banna, information manager for the unit, said the executive unit, along with all its systems and other international organizations in Aden, would move to Abyan to provide the same services available in Aden.

Al-Banna said the building used

as Abyan governorate's center of IDP management will become the center of the executive unit and other international organizations providing humanitarian aid.

According to him, the purpose of moving the unit is to better collect information about IDPs, including new cases, based on data given by the local authorities in Abyan.

"Services and humanitarian aid for Ramadan will arrive in Abyan in coordination with local authorities," he said.

Last year, people were forced to leave their homes in Abyan and move to Aden because of battles

that broke out between Ansar Al-Sharia—a militant group with links to Al-Qaeda—and the Yemeni military.

Displaced persons had no choice but to live in Aden schools because the government didn't provide camps or refuges in which they could live.

Ali Al-Yazidi, Yemen's minister of local administration, said the government is trying hard to establish new camps for the IDPs in their villages in order to evacuate the schools and begin renovating them.

He said arrangements are being

made to move the IDPs so they can move back to Abyan over the summer. The plan is to renovate several of the schools in Abyan and Lahj before the beginning of the school year.

Al-Yazidi said teams tasked with removing landmines would finish clearing the entire governorate of explosive devices within the next few days.

He added that authorities have tried hard to bring back services to several cities and villages. The efforts will continue during Ramadan so displaced people can return.

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# Lieutenant Colonel Abdullah Al-Masajedi, director of the Electronic Civil Service Center

## “Sometimes people claim to be Yemeni without any documentation. In this case, we have the right to deny them ID cards.”

Ahmed Dawood  
& Sadeq Al-Faqih

Lieutenant Colonel Abdullah Al-Masajedi, vice director of the Electronic Civil Service Center, said it is the responsibility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to issue diplomatic passports, not the center's.

In an interview with the Yemen Times, Al-Masajedi said there is no favoritism shown when distributing identity cards and passports to Yemeni citizens.

**What are the services the center provides for Yemeni citizens?**

The center provides many services, including issuing identity cards, family cards, death certificates, divorce documents, passports and driving licenses.

**What are the conditions of getting these cards?**

First, whoever wants to get a card or a passport must be a Yemeni citizen. He must prove that by presenting a high school certificate, an election card or any other documentation.

**Regarding identity cards, people have been complaining for several months that their identity cards haven't been issued. What is the reason?**

The authority of identity cards ran out of ink.

**The ID authority blames the Ministry of Finance for not providing money to buy cards.**

It is up to them.

**Marginalized people have a hard time getting identity cards. Why?**

We issue ID cards to anyone who can prove Yemeni citizenship. There are no special privileges given to anyone; however, sometimes people claim to be Yemeni without any documentation. In this case, we have the right to deny them ID cards. We have to make sure that they are Yemenis and not refugees from Africa or elsewhere.

**Why do you insist that anyone wanting an identity card must get a paper signed and stamped by his neighborhood's sheikh?**

Only to make sure they're a Yemeni citizen and to establish where they live.

**What are the conditions for getting a Yemeni passport?**

According to Yemeni law, whoever wants a Yemeni passport must have an identity card and another certificate to prove their citizenship. Moreover, we also verify by listen-

ing to the person's dialect.

**Why is it difficult to issue passports at your center?**

During the revolution last year, we tightened restrictions on obtaining passports because we didn't have very many to issue.

**How can you obtain diplomatic passports?**

Issuing diplomatic passports is the responsibility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, not the center.

**Sometimes ordinary people are being given passports with names of businessmen. Why?**

We have strict rules here in the center and we follow them. We will issue passports to anyone with the proper documentation and will do so to any name matching the certificates provided.

**Many Yemenis complain that it takes a long time to receive their passport. Why does it take so long?**

One reason is that many Yemenis have compound and similar names. Therefore, we have to cross-reference with many different documents to verify their identity.

**Do you have solution to this problem?**

The only solution is to request certificates that give an exact name for the person. We request two or three documents to make sure.

**Why don't you use thumb-**

**prints as a form of ID?**

In the past, we used the print system, but we don't now; I'm not sure why.

**Is it true that some Yemenis have more than one passport?**

Yes. Some Yemenis have Yemeni passports as well as passports from other countries where they now live. When we find that out, we implement article 14 of Yemeni law.

**In the past decade, terrorism has spread in Yemen. Do you have a list of people to deny passports for?**

Yes, we do. We have a black list which we check when issuing any passport. We coordinate with security services regarding this issue.

**Some people say they have to pay bribes to employees in the center to facilitate the procedure of obtaining a passport.**

That isn't true, and I dare anyone to prove it.

**It is said that employees in the center are chosen by nepotism. Is that true?**

Nepotism is found worldwide, not only in Yemen. But I assure you the employees are chosen after fully testing them. We make sure they are well qualified to work in the center. I can say that the center is successful because of its employees.

**What is your stance on unofficial employees—those who**



Lieutenant Colonel Abdullah Al-Masajedi

**sign contracts and can be laid off at any time?**

We are working on that issue. Soon they will be officially employed.

**You have been the acting director of the center for several months. Why don't they appoint a new director?**

I don't know.

**What if they appoint you as di-**

**rector?**  
I wouldn't accept.

**Why?**  
For personal reasons.

**What do you wish to say through the Yemen Times?**  
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Amira Nasser

**A**l-Ezzi Ali Qassem, a father of ten children and a retired soldier, works as a cleaning worker, in place of his wife's job.

He has four daughters and six sons. Four are married and live in their own houses, but six remain in his home.

For two years now, Qassem has been working as a cleaning worker instead of his wife, who worked the same job for six years before him.

In return for his labor, he's paid about \$115 each month by the Cleaning Fund Project.

“I used to work from 7 to 11 a.m., then from 2 to 4 p.m., as my husband works now,” his wife said.

“We will live as we live, till God changes our situation.”



Al-Ezzi Ali Qassem, a cleaning worker, his meager salary barely supports his family.

Qassem's two sons work with their father as cleaners in order to help him to carry the responsibilities of financially supporting their family.

“Debts, clothes, food, medicine and an endless list of needs” Qassem said, sadly.

Qassem doesn't pay educational costs for his children. He said his first three children entered school; however, none of them completed more than three years.

He added with a smile, “Because

of the luxury we live in.”

Marginalized people such as Qassem don't have health insurance, social standing or an official job to guarantee a secure financial income at the end of the month.

Qassem said that all essential needs require money, whether they're medical, educational or anything else.

“If you don't have money, you die,” he said.

His \$115 monthly paycheck is a welcome influx to the Qassem fam-

ily. Although most of the time it doesn't actually reach the house, debts are often paid out of it first.

He explained that he has an extremely difficult time paying back debts, saying he tries to pay back half the amount to each person who loaned him money.

Qassem said the only monetary option for needs such as hospital visits or emergency situations is to borrow from their neighbors or friends.

When asked how he feeds his

family, Qassem said only basic and essential needs are met.

Even fruits are a luxury to him; the thought made him laugh as he talked about his salary of less than \$1.50 per day from picking up and collecting empty plastic bottles from the streets as alternative work.

“Pass your day and live,” he said ironically.

## Promises made to cleaning workers

Qassem said many promises have been made to improve salaries and living standards for cleaning work-

ers, but he said even the orders by President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi and the cabinet were worthless; saying that one governmental day equals a year in real life.

“Now we have another promise to execute the decision by the new Secretary of the Capital Abdul-Qader Helal, and we are still waiting,” he added.

He spoke with a satisfaction that the Secretary of the Capital met cleaning workers more than once to talk and discuss their demands.

“There is an intention to do something, we see there is hope” he said.

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# VACANT POSITIONS

**International Relief and Development, (IRD) Inc., is a non-profit organization specializing in international development and humanitarian assistance in over 40 countries and has been working in Yemen since 2009. IRD is seeking to fill the following posts:**

## PROGRAM MANAGER - 1 POST

**Location: Hodeidah**  
**Duration: 9 months**

Under the direction of the Country Director, the Program Manager will:

- Manage the program to budget and to time, ensuring generation of implementation pipelines, equitable task allocations and timely creation of narrative reports ;
- Oversee baseline and end line assessment surveys ;
- Manage a team of eight staff and thirty two community based volunteers and oversee the field office in Hodeidah in accordance with IRD procedures and policies;
- Design and implement hygiene training programs for teachers and students in schools and oversee water management committee training and home-based water treatment training in communities;
- Coordinate with the local authorities, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health, the General Authority of Rural Water Supply Projects and other implementers in Hodeidah;
- Coordinate field based distributions of NFIs and ensure simple commodities management procedures are followed.

### Essential qualifications for applicants for this post are:

University degree in public health.; Fluent (reading and writing) in English and Arabic are essential; At least seven years program management experience, preferably on US-government funded public health programs; Computer skills (Word software); At least five years working in an NGO.

## WATER ENGINEER – 1 POST

**Location: Hodeidah**  
**Duration: 9 months**

Under the direction of the Program Manager you will:

- Prepare designs and Bills of Quantity for tendering works for renovations of wells; replacement of pumps and generators; construction of well heads and aprons together with affected communities;
- Oversee local labor in simple construction works and manage local contractors ensuring Quality Assurance and control of all works done;
- Conduct water quality tests and contribute to establishing and training Water Management Committees in villages.

### Essential qualifications for applicants for this post are:

University degree in Engineering ; At least five years' experience in

managing water-specific engineering projects either commercially or for NGOs; Fluent (reading and writing) in English and Arabic are essential; Computer skills (Word software); Experience of participatory design processes encouraging community involvement in design decisions

## HYGIENE PROMOTION OFFICERS – 2 POSTS

**Location: Hodeidah**  
**Duration: 9 months**

Under the direction of the Program Manager, Hygiene Promotion Officers will:

- Work with, train and oversee community based volunteers to work in 8 districts and 16 schools;
- Implement hygiene training programs for teachers and students in schools, and home-based water treatment training in communities;
- Conduct baseline knowledge, attitude and practice survey in schools;
- Organize annual WASH Festival in each of the schools, involving teachers, students, parents and community members;
- Coordinate with the local leaders, schools and villagers to organize theater performances in the schools and communities;
- Conduct field-based distributions of NFIs in villages and schools;

### Essential qualifications for applicants for this post are:

University degree in health; Fluent (reading and writing) in English and Arabic are essential; At least three years program officer experience, preferably on US-government funded public health programs; Computer skills (Word software); Previous experience working in an NGO; willingness to work and travel in the field.

## OPERATIONS OFFICER – 1 POST

**Location: Hodeidah**  
**Duration: 9 months**

Under the direction of the Operations Manager, the Operations Officer will:

- Conduct the Administrative, Human Resources and office procurement in Hodeidah field office;
- Oversee and plan the work of the driver and cleaner;
- Ensure all filing, paperwork, and tracking systems are set up and IRD policies and procedures are followed in the

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- Track leases, vehicle rentals, local transportation expenses; time sheets; vacation and leave forms;

### Essential qualifications for applicants for this post are:

At least a diploma in management, administration or related subject; Fluent (reading and writing) in English and Arabic are essential; At least three years administrative or office management experience with an NGO; Computer skills (Word software).

## ACCOUNTANT - 1 POST

**Location: Hodeidah**  
**Duration: 9 months**

Under the direction of the Finance Officer/ Country Director, the Accountant will:

- Manage the field based payments, cash payments and track the use of petty cash;
- Maintain responsibility for the safe and the cash it contains;
- Generate the general ledger on a monthly basis;
- Ensure scanning and sending of all hard copies to Sana'a, ensuring all paperwork is present and maintaining accurate files;
- Ensure that IRD financial systems and procedures are being followed and maintained;

### Essential qualifications for applicants for this post are:

University qualification in either accounting or finance required; At least three years as accountant, finance officer or assistant with an INGO – preferably on a US government funded project; Excellent computer skills; Excellent written and spoken English language and Arabic skills; Ability to manage and operate independently.

## Application Procedures:

For all positions, applicants should send a CV and covering letter, both in English, to **[irdyemen@irdglobal.org](mailto:irdyemen@irdglobal.org)** with the **title of the position you are applying for in the subject line of the email.**

**The closing date for applications is Wednesday 25th July 2012.**

# Job Vacancies

**Mukalla Iron & Steel Company Ltd. located in Mukalla / Hadramout is opening the following vacancies for qualified candidates:**

## 1- Human Resources Manager

### Requirements

This role would give the successful candidate an opportunity to supervise and direct the Human Resources group, build effective employee relationships, and to achieve policy, training and performance management that is aligned with the company's values and corporate human resources initiatives. To be successful in this position, you should be a natural leader who can inspire a team atmosphere. You will have both professional and personal integrity and you should thrive in a team environment.

### Responsibilities:

- Manage and direct the company's HR team in a manner that supports the company's overall mission and values.
- Coach, counsel and advise all employees, supervisors, managers and senior management in all human resources related activities.
- Drive continuous improvement and employee development, among other tasks.
- To be successful in this position, the ideal candidate should have the following experience:
- Experience driving a progressive HR agenda in the following areas: Employee engagement, cultural change and change management, talent management, business partnering, problem resolution, labor management partnership and culture of accountability.
- Experience supporting a medium to large-sized company.
- Exposure or experience in manufacturing, with specific exposure to the heavy manufacturing industry an advantage.

## 2- Executive Secretary

### Requirements

An ex-pat female between the age of thirty five to forty five with University degree, posses an Associate's Degree is preferred, and five years of experience as an executive secretary. The candidate should have a working knowledge of computer software programs, such as Microsoft Office, Excellent written and verbal communications skills are necessary, as well as organizational skills.

### Responsibilities:

- Able to maintain the executive's schedule, and coordinate events such as conferences, meetings and conference calls.
- Able to perform Clerical duties include preparation of correspondence, presentations, invoices, mailing lists and other documents as requested. Responsible for maintaining files, both electronic and hard copy. Other tasks include conducting research, faxing, photocopying and mailing.
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A letter of application and detailed CV to be sent to the following e-mail:  
**e-mail: [ekal\\_kz@yahoo.com](mailto:ekal_kz@yahoo.com).**



# OXFAM

# JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**Oxfam, an international NGO working with others to find lasting solutions to poverty and injustice, has been working in Yemen since 1983. Oxfam announces the following vacancy for its Programme**

## Security Officer - (1 position)

**Location: Sana'a**

**Contract Duration: 6 months**

### The role

You will support the development and maintenance of a comprehensive context analysis and risk assessment; maintain contacts with all relevant stakeholders to develop a network and build relationships with key actors; undertake regular security assessment missions as requested. You will support the Security Advisor to develop a security management system which includes a security management strategy; update security reporting systems from the field and at Sana'a level; work with the Security Advisor with regard to implementing and updating the security management plan. You will ensure the security management system is in line with existing Oxfam security policies; support the support function departments (HR, Administration and Logistics) to have an appropriate system to facilitate good security management. You will establish and maintain security communications trees in Sana'a and support development and maintenance of trees in all field locations; and delivering training if needed or appropriate. You will deliver appropriate briefing to staff and visitors as requested; ensure that the Welcome Pack is updated regularly and contains relevant security information.

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We are looking for someone with practical experience in security assessment, planning and implementation of procedures in the context of UN or NGO humanitarian operations. You will have the ability to advise and support field staff and conduct or co-facilitate training sessions. You will have proven influencing and negotiating skills and sound understanding of the importance of gender. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated communication skills and the ability to work well with others and as part of a multicultural team. You will have excellent oral and written communication skills in both English and Arabic. You will have the capacity to remain calm under pressure and not lose sight of strategic priorities; and have the willingness to travel at short notice, and often in difficult circumstances.

### To apply

If you believe that you have the qualifications and skills to excel in this position, please send a copy of your CV and a cover letter, clearly stating the job and the location of the job you are applying for in the email subject, to **[yemenjobs@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:yemenjobs@oxfam.org.uk)**.

**Closing date for applications is 29th July 2012**

# Spreading awareness about avoiding landmines

Amira Nasser

A training course was held in Sana'a earlier this month by the SEYAJ cooperative organization for childhood protection and the National Committee that deals with mines. It aimed to train participants from different civil society organizations to spread awareness about avoiding landmines.

The training course included groups from Sa'ada, Amran and Hajja.

"Each group consists of 16 people and takes 3 days," Mansour Al-Azi, the executive manager for the committee dealing with mines, said. "We will continue the training course for two weeks."

The targeted participants in these

training courses are teachers, activists from different governorates and radio broadcasters from the afflicted areas. They are also seeking more women to participate in these activities because currently women play such a small role, said Ahmed Al-Qurashi, chairman of SEYAJ.

A series of training courses were started last March to spread awareness in war-afflicted areas.

"There was a training course held for more than 60 participants in different districts in Saada, and now we've expanded to Sana'a, Sa'ada, Amran and Hajja," Al-Azi said.

The goal of the organizations is to spread awareness for residents in war-afflicted areas, Al-Qurashi said.

"It's especially important to train teachers in order to guarantee the continuity of spreading awareness

about landmine risks to those areas," he said.

Al-Azzani said the importance of the training courses cannot be overstated for its role in minimizing mine fatalities.

"In Hajja, there were landmines spread throughout its districts; within a short time there were 22 victims. That's what happens when people aren't aware of them."

The training course guarantees the continuity of spreading awareness training in the targeted areas, making sure the trainees have been trained well enough that they can spread awareness about the risks of landmines through workshops for other residents, Al-Qurashi said.

Schools, residential areas and mosques are all workshop locations in the targeted areas.

"We try to encourage the par-

ticipants to hold workshops in their workplaces too," Al-Qurashi added.

Al-Azi said there is an acceptance of the training among the residents, and this is demonstrated by overcoming the difficulty of various dialects in the districts and by the participation of young people in the awareness workshops.

"The current activities in Sa'ada, Amran and Hajja are only awareness workshops, we can't start removing landmines now because of the security situation," Al-Azi said.

Other courses will be held for additional areas affected by mines. Al-Azi said that through the help of local and international organizations such as UNICEF, UNDP, SEYAJ and any other organization capable of holding training courses, they will attempt to raise awareness everywhere.



Landmines, spread through its districts, killed 22 in Hajja.

# Israeli study points to Yemen as site of proxy confrontation between Iran, Gulf and the west

Muaad Al-Maqtari

A recent study has reported that newly elected President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi is targeting Al-Qaeda, recognizing that the organization poses a threat to the unity of the Yemen. As well as obtaining the resulting financial support from the west and Gulf countries, Hadi aims to gain legitimacy to his rule, the study indicated.

The study, conducted by Joel Sokolsky from the Institute for National Security Studies at Tel Aviv University, suggests that Hadi's recent campaign against Al-Qaeda has seen considerable success.

The study indicated that the co-operation and coordination between Yemen and Washington has largely increased since Hadi took the helm; many suspected terrorists have been killed through drone strikes.

American support for Yemen has increased considerably in order to boost the fight against Al-Qaeda, the study said. However, it notes that "The Washington administration should not deliver support directly to military units which contradict the central government. The previous fighting attempts against Al-Qaeda proved unsuccessful though the soldiers are American-trained. The reason is that the soldiers took advantage of the training

for their self interest and no more."

With respect to Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, the study said that the organization has exploited general instability in Yemen in order to expand its control in many of the country's governorates. It indicated that Ansar Al-Sharia still control several rebel districts.

The study noted that Yemen is the sole Arab country that has experienced the 'Arab Spring' despite such continuous civil strife.

The study pointed out that former President Ali Abdullah Saleh's departure from Yemen has not improved the situation; on the contrary, it has sparked further tensions. "The so-called the Yemeni Revolution has not helped to

strengthen the country. Instead, it has caused greater disintegration."

The study concluded that the upcoming months will be pivotal for Yemen. "We will know whether the Islamists will be able to take control of Change Square in Sana'a, and how the national dialogue is going to take place which aims to shape a new constitution."

Sokolsky went on to state that the effective powers in the Yemen each have particular agendas, driving them to seek external powers in order to improve the situation within the country. Thus, Yemen is an arena of confrontation due to its geopolitical position between Iran and Al-Qaeda on one side and the west and the Gulf Initiative on the

other.

"The revolution emboldened Iran to double its political and military intervention through the opposition. This has been especially notable with the Houthis who are affiliated with Shiite sect," he continued.

The prime purpose of the Iranian interference is to destabilize and hinder the central government from controlling the entire land of Yemen, according to the researcher.

He added that "the Houthis obtain the lion's share of Iranian support including training by Al-Quads Power which follows the Iranian Republican Guard. There is information that indicates the

involvement of Hezbollah in the training."

With regard to the military support provided by Tehran, Sokolsky said that "the weapons are not as sophisticated as Yemen's weapons. However, these arms help Iran to foster its political impact and gain more ground."

Saudi Arabia is worried about the increasing interference of Iran in the region, and particularly in Yemen. The former considers the latter as a major political foe in the Middle East.

The study affirmed that Iran intends, through its interference, to send a message that no regional political solutions could be reached without its involvement.



## Request for Expression of Interest – Consulting Services

Yemen-Healthy Mother Project

Grant No. JSDF Grant no. TF094846

Consulting Services

### Managerial and Development Training

Proc ref 1.4

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SOUL for Development has received financing in the amount of US\$ 2,850,000 equivalent from the International Development Agency (IDA), the administrator of grant funds provided by Japan under the Japan Social Development Fund, toward the cost of the Healthy Mother Project (HMP) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to finance Capacity Building programs for the Project Management Team.

The services include provision of managerial and development training program covering the following subjects: (1) Project Management, (2) Self-Leadership Skills, and Time Management, (3) Communication skills, (4) Energy Management and (5) English Business Writing.

Those training should be conducted between September 2012 and January, 2013.

SOUL for Development now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, general qualifications and number of key staff, and so forth). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS

Yemen-Healthy Mother Project

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The services include the provision of Arabic business/correspondence writing training to the Project Management Team.

Detailed terms of reference (TOR) for the post indicating expected consultants qualifications and assignment duration are posted on SOUL website at the following address: [www.SOUL-Yemen.org](http://www.SOUL-Yemen.org) under the section dedicated to the Healthy Mother Project.

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# Indian doctors are concerned for Yemenis' hearts

Sadeq Al-Wesabi

A team of Indian doctors from the Marian Cardiac Centre and Research Foundation visited Yemen last week to provide medical operations for Yemeni patients who suffer from cardiac problems.

The team was invited by the Ministry of Telecommunications to provide the employees of the ministry and other Yemenis with complex cardiac operations in Al-Thawra hospital.

Yahya Al-Dhari, a consultant for the Ministry of Telecommunications, said that the Indian team has provided a diagnosis for over 400 Yemeni patients as a first step.

"The team performed an urgent artery implant operation for an old Yemeni woman. In their next visit, they will perform operations for those who have been diagnosed," he said.

The Marian Cardiac Centre aims to deliver the highest level of cardiac care, regardless of income, religion or social category. The centre also aims at providing physicians with training as well as carrying out basic and advanced research in the field of cardiology.

"Yemeni people are like our fam-

ily. Yemen is like a second home for us," said Dr. M. Durairaj, a senior consultant in cardiology.

"We charitably check patients. We have checked several cases and some of these cases were complicated," Durairaj told the Yemen Times.

Speaking about the quality of Yemeni doctors, he said: "They are very well trained. I was very surprised and happy about the performance of the Yemeni doctors and I enjoyed operating in Al-Thawra hospital."

Dr. Sujit Sawadkar, a cardiologist, said that there are Yemeni doctors who took advantage of the Indian doctors' visit.

"They were observing what we were doing to learn from us," he said, pointing out that the team will be back again to Yemen after Ramadan.

Dr. Siddharth Gadage, a pediatric cardiologist, said that the Yemeni doctors are working hard, stressing the importance of establishing cooperation between Yemeni and Indian doctors.

"There are demands for cardiac services in Yemen," he said.

Dr. Sameer Ghotavadekar, a consulting anesthesiologist, said that the facilities in Al-Thawra hospital are really quite excellent, describ-



The team of Indian doctors were impressed by Yemeni medical standards.

ing the Yemeni doctors as very cooperative.

He indicated that a few kinds of surgeries are not performed in Yemen, expressing his desire to help

make complicated operations freely available.

"If people are willing to work with us in other hospitals, we are obliged to work with them," he said.

## Cases of bowel disease increasing

Nadia Haddash

Recent studies indicate the number of Yemenis suffering from Irritable Bowel Syndrome has reached 17 percent. Last year, though, the rate soared to 32.5

percent. The study, conducted by the Military Hospital, demonstrated that an unprecedented number of IBS sufferers were diagnosed in 2011.

Ahmed Al-Safani, a specialist in abdominal diseases at the Military Hospital, said last year's political

turmoil, widespread instability, increased costs and nervousness were all factors.

**What is IBS?**

IBS symptoms include chronic bowel disorders, especially in the large intestine, resulting in swell-

ing and pain in the abdomen and causing stomach cramps, bloating, diarrhea and constipation. According to Dr. Abdulkawi Al-Juamei, an abdominal disease specialist, the illness is caused by intestinal restrictions and disorders.

"This disease is chronic and common, and it continues in the body for a very long time," Al-Juamei said. "The symptoms of the disease worsen once the patient is psychologically unstable."

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Children are increasingly suffering from colonic dysfunctions, which suggests that changes in the political situation and livelihood can affect mental stability,

He said patients' tests and radiographic images appear normal; nothing abnormal appears except gases in the colon.

Al-Juamei said children are increasingly suffering from colonic dysfunctions; this suggests that changes in the political situation and the livelihood of Yemenis can affect mental stability.

Chronic abdominal pain, particularly following meals, as well as abnormal secretion and constipation, cause a fluctuation between diarrhoea and constipation, according to Dr. Abdulkafi Shuja'a Al-Deen, a heart specialist at Kuwait Hospital.

Shuja'a Al-Deen said symptoms of IBS can be present in many parts of the body, such as fatigue and lack of appetite. It is also common to experience pain at the bottom of the abdomen while urinating.

**IBS remedies**

Al-Safani said that there is no cure for IBS. He advised IBS sufferers to avoid restlessness, stress, nervousness and excessively fizzy drinks.

"They should avoid beans, leeks, watercress and lentils," he said. "It is far better for the patient to drink only natural beverages and eat healthy food as well as exercise frequently and quit smoking."

## HEALTH WATCH

By: Dr. Siva



This weekly column disseminates health information to readers in Yemen and beyond. Dr. Siva currently works at Aden Refinery Company Hospital. Lifestyle diseases and cancer prevention are his special interests. Complementary medicine and naturopathy are his passions.

## Natural remedies to relieve sinus problems

**What causes sinus problems?**

Sinus pain and pressure occurs when the tissue in your nose becomes swollen and inflamed, preventing the sinuses from draining properly. Change in temperature, allergies, smoking, the common cold — pretty much anything that causes swelling in your sinuses or keeps the cilia from sweeping away mucus — can cause sinus problems.



**Your sinuses explained**

Your sinuses — air-filled pockets found within your cheeks, behind your forehead and eyebrows, on either side of the bridge of your nose, and behind your nose — can get clogged easily. Healthy sinuses are lined with a thin layer of mucus that traps dust, germs, and other particles in the air. Ideally, tiny hair-like cilia sweep mucus and anything trapped in it out of the sinuses, down the back of your throat and into the stomach.

**Breathe moist air**

Keep a humidifier running in your bedroom or other rooms where you spend a lot of time. Dry air can irritate your sinuses, but keeping air moist can help reduce congestion. Inhaling steam two to four times a day may help, too. Sit in the bathroom with the door closed and the shower running. Make sure the water is hot.

**Enforce a no smoking zone**

Fumes from harsh cleaning products, paints, hair spray, perfumes — and most of all, cigarette smoking — can irritate your sinuses. Don't let friends or family smoke in your home. Look for "green" cleaning products that are available in unscented varieties and are less likely to contain the harsh chemicals that can kick-start a sinus problem.

**Drink more water**

If you have sinus problems, drink up! Consuming more water or juice will help thin out mucus and encourage drainage. Hot tea can also help — as long as it is decaf. Beverages that contain caffeine or alcohol can be dehydrating. Alcohol can actually worsen sinus swelling. Aim for eight or more 8-ounce glasses of water or other non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages each day.

**Try nasal irrigation**

Nasal irrigation — also called nasal lavage or nasal wash — can help keep your sinuses clean and clear. It involves using a mild sterile saline solution to flush out the thickened mucus and allergens causing your sinus congestion. Lean over the sink, squirt the solution into one nostril and let it drain through your nasal cavity and out the other nostril. Keep your mouth open and don't breathe through your nose.

**Nasal irrigation: What you need**

Rinse bottles, bulb syringes, and neti pots are available at most drugstores. You can buy a prefilled container or make your own saline solution. To make your own solution, mix about 16 ounces (1 pint) of lukewarm sterile water with 1 teaspoon of salt. Some people add ½ teaspoon of baking soda to take the sting out of the salt.

**Avoid nasal allergens**

Nasal allergies can set the stage for sinus problems by causing the mucous membranes of your nose to swell and block your sinuses. The result? Pain and pressure in your sinus cavity. Avoiding common nasal allergy triggers such as pet dander, dust mites, and pollen can go a long way toward preventing sinus problems. Seek treatment for your allergies.

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# Sana'a attempts to go green

Muaad Al-Maqtari

No city in Yemen reaches the standard of a 'green city', namely one with residents who do not leave any environmental burdens for upcoming generations.

Accumulated garbage covers both main and side streets in Sana'a and other Yemeni governorates due to the street cleaners' sporadic strikes.

The residents of green cities are determined to reduce all forms of pollution. However, according to Omar Hassan Al-Saqqaf, Professor of Power Engineering at Sana'a University, Yemeni cities and particularly Sana'a were not constructed according to geometric designs which will enable residents to become more environmentally friendly.

Al-Saqqaf said that green cities are designed with greenery inside and around buildings. They use environmentally friendly substances; public transportation helps counter traffic jams and there is a strong emphasis on plant life.

"Since Sana'a and the other Yemeni cities were not designed according to green cities' standards, they face great environmental and residential pressure due to urbanization. This is particularly the case in Sana'a because of the lack of services there.

"Water, power, sanitation, garbage waste, and transportation increase such pressure," Al-Saqqaf added.

Al-Saqqaf thinks that trade and increase of industrial and residential areas contributed to air, soil, and water pollution, in addition to their effects on public health. Demand on lands and unfair attrition of sources increased too.



The chaotic design of Sana'a contributes to the city's water, power and transportation issues.

## How Sana'a develops

Architects know which designs are suitable for green cities in order to reduce negative environmental effects.

Fuad Al-Qadasi, head of the Poverty and Sustainable Development Department in the United Nations Development Program in Sana'a, noted that Sana'a's natural resources are not sustainable when compared to the population growth rate.

Al-Qadasi suggested that Old Sana'a follows green city standards because its designers built it in an organized way, paying attention to sanitation, garbage removal and excavation of wells.

Al-Qadasi pointed out that waterways in Old Sana'a are an indicator of the designers' creativity. These waterways have disappeared be-

cause the rigorous standards of Old Sana'a were replaced by the chaotic standards of modern Sana'a.

Water, power services and infrastructure in Sana'a face enormous amounts of pressure that make them useless for the upcoming generations, he said.

Paving the roads in Sana'a has resulted in wasting rain water that previously collected in the aquifer below the city, Al-Qadasi stated. "It in order to be a sustainable source for the upcoming generations, water must be added to the aquifer at a faster rate than it is being removed. However, the contrary is happening."

Official estimates suggest that underground water will run out in about 50 to 100 years in some areas in Yemen, and after only a decade in Sana'a.

Al-Qadasi said that sanitation services cover only 35 percent of areas in Sana'a. In the remaining areas, people resort to excavating sinks in the streets which affect the quality of soil and the underground water.

For his part, Ali Al-Dobhani, an engineer in the General Authority for Environmental Protection, said that 3 million cubic meters of water is being used in around 75 mosques in Yemen each year, one third of that in Sana'a.

Al-Dobhani said that the water used in mosques can be used again to water trees and green belts around factories and cities.

## Advice for green cities

Al-Saqqaf said that there are steps to be followed so that Yemeni cities are able to improve their environ-

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mental standards towards those of a green city.

The first step is to adopt an environmentally friendly economy, reforming departmental strategies and reformulating the laws of urban planning.

The second step is to introduce the concept of green cities to officials in big Yemeni cities by holding workshops and visiting green cities in the Arab world and worldwide. Moreover, new green cities should be constructed to accommodate the population growth.

There are more than ten global classification systems that give certificates of green cities, the most important of which is the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

The certificate of green buildings is given according to certain standards that must be available in the building like location, water and power usage qualifications, climate and quality of construction. These standards, said Al-Saqqaf, are not to be found anywhere in Yemen except for Old Sana'a.

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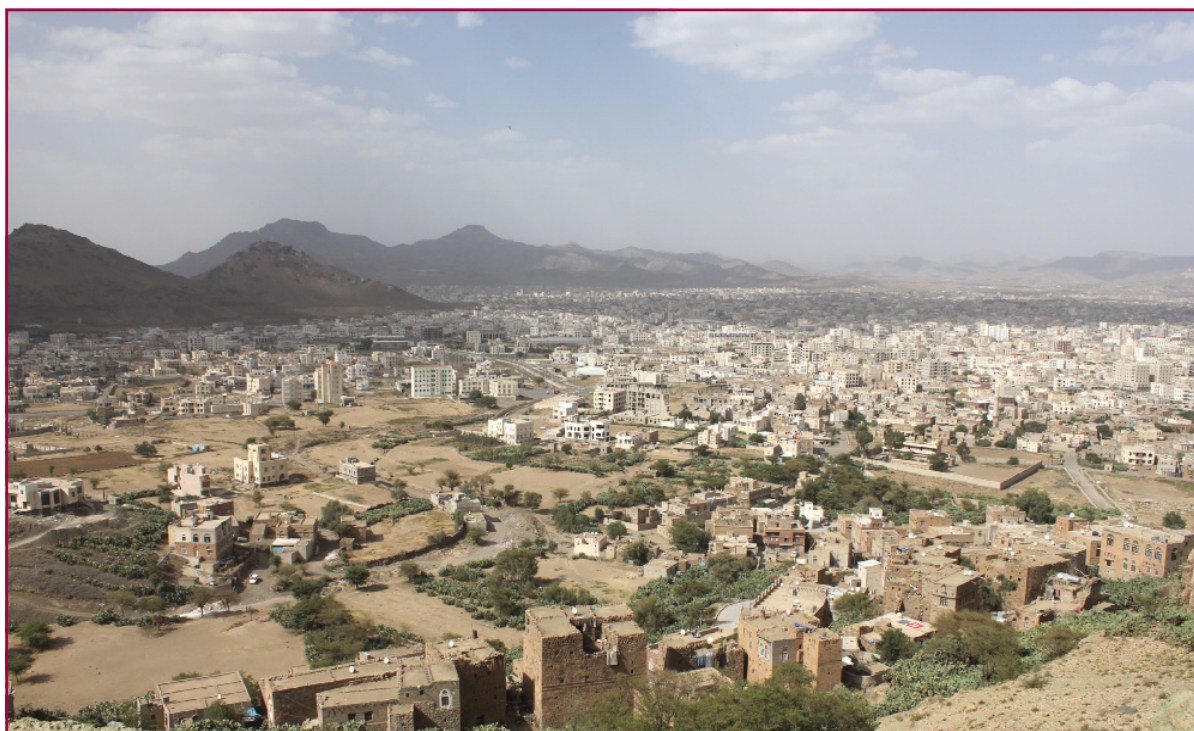
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# Return to once forgotten village



Although the village is near Sana'a, it lacks most basic needs and services.



Jewish influence remains present in architectural designs.

**Samar Qaed**

On the outskirts of Sana'a lies a Jewish village, often referred to as the Castle of Bait Boos. A mountainous area home to Jewish people centuries before, what remains of the village exemplifies the work of the people from Sana'a's past.

The district was named Bit Bos, after Bos, the first man to dwell in the mountainous village. It lies south of the capital city, just seven kilometers away, and there are 300 multi-level homes, according to the Capital City Towns and Villages website.

Scenic locations riddled with green patches are perched on top

of the mountain, resembling an immortal legend of the distant past, like a tale narrating itself. This tale says, "This district resembles the paradise of God," due to its overwhelming greenness and beauty.

The simple Yemeni Jewish people who made Bit Bos their home eventually departed when the water ran out. The used to depend on Kamaram Dam, but after a long drought, Imam Al-Hadi suggested the village's residents sell their land and leave for Raida, Sada'a and Bajil, especially when their population decreased because of their immigration to Palestine.

Today, impoverished families dwell in the desolate homes left behind.



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## Microfinance projects help women make it

Ashraf Al-Muraqab

Women compose 65 to 75 percent of those borrowing money from microfinance projects funded by the Social Development Fund, a major government supporter of the microfinance sector.

Osama Al-Shami, head of the Micro Industries Unit of the Social Development Fund, said these projects and industries differ from one to another in terms of their activities in governorates nationwide.

"The activities include fishery and animal wealth in addition to agricultural and microindustrial activities in the cities," Al-Shami said.

Many young Yemeni women take advantage of microfinance loans offered by some microfinance corporations in Yemen.

Three years ago, Muna Al-Sabahi opened her own business,



Woman selling goods as a small business; possible because of loans from a micro-finance initiative.

which rents out wedding gowns. The income she makes by managing her own business helps to pay her bills.

"After one year, I was able to pay off all the debts that I owed when I

embarked on my project," Al-Sabahi said. "It was one million riyals. The shop also helped me gain some knowledge and broaden my thinking ability. It helps me remember my major in décor design."

One shop wasn't enough for Al-Sabahi. So she opened more. She promoted her microfinance project to involve three shops, in which she employed six of her colleagues majoring in décor design.

"I need not have a government job, for I have my private project now," she said.

Al-Sabahi's ambitions have not yet been fully realized; she aspires to own a wide range of shops for selling and renting wedding clothing and decorations. She is now taking courses in embroidery and sewing as a side project to go along with her work.

Regarding her work mechanism, she said, "I take second-hand gowns in order to redesign them. Thus, they appear new when selling or renting them. This helps me make a lot of money."

Hanan Al-Haddad, a commerce college graduate, said she found a way to start her own business despite financial obstacles. She opened a beauty salon in the Shu-

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Through her work, she makes enough money to cover her family expenses. Al-Haddad said the only problem facing youth who want to start their own businesses is lack of financial means.

Mohammed Jobran, a professor at Sana'a University's Commerce College, said microfinance takes priority in developing countries'

economic agendas. He said micro-projects are essential to combat poverty and unemployment in Yemen.

Jobran said young Yemenis struggle seeking loans because of the guarantees that must be given to banks in order for a loan to be approved. Moreover, interest added by banks to loans cause additional difficulties.

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