

A prologue to reorganization

Ahmed Dawood

SANAA, Aug. 7 — Monday's presidential decisions, aimed at establishing a Presidential Protection and at joining some Republican Guard and First Armored Division brigades with the military regions where they work, have been met with varied reactions.

Although some deem President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi's decrees a wise step forward, others say these resolutions are beset with dangers.

The decisions come during a time rife with tumultuous and confusing security situations in the country. Last week, confrontations between reinforcement personnel and soldiers affiliated with Abdulkadir Kahtan, the interior minister, broke out at the Ministry of Interior in Sana'a. Similarly, there is an ever-present concern about the role of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) militants in Abyan governorate. Some say AQAP is beginning to rebuild in Ja'ar as a result of a patent absence of security provided by the government.

Hatim Abu Hatim, a leading figure in the Nasserite Wahdawi party, said Hadi's decisions are a step in the right direction. He said the integration of military forces in the days to come is a necessity, along with removing former President Ali Abdullah Saleh's family remnants, so that the army is fully under the control of the president and the Defense Ministry.

Abu Hatim said evacuating military forces from major cities is required; the forces should be positioned in strategic places where Al-Qaeda militants and saboteurs spark havoc.



Soldiers from the 1st Armored Division, one of them wearing a Republican Guard jacket, stand at one of the Change Square's entrances in Sana'a.

Abu Hatim said he is concerned Hadi's decisions could be hindered by the former president's family. He also said he anticipates Saleh's family will hide military equipment in Sanhan, the hometown of Saleh. Abu Hatim said Saleh would do his utmost to derail any stability in Yemen.

Brigadier Mohsen Khasroof opined identically to Abu Hatim. Khasroof said he considers Hadi's decrees a step along the right path and hoped for further changes.

"Rebuilding military forces is a big, complicated process that cannot be realized while the most

equipped and qualified fighting forces are under the control of self-interested individuals," Khasroof said. "This is the major reason behind hindering the development in Yemen."

Since March of last year, the army has been divided. Some follow the First Armored Division; others are affiliated with the Central Security Forces and the Republican Guard. The army has been loyal to personalities instead of the nation, according to writer and political analyst Ahmed Saleh Al-Faqih.

Al-Faqih said the military decisions are a prologue toward the

integration and restructure of military forces. These decrees will not be successful, he said, unless leading military figures—namely, Ali Mohsen, the commander of the First Armored Division, and Ahmed Ali Abdullah Saleh, the commander of the Republican Guard and the former president's son—are removed.

He said appointing military commanders in the First Armored Division and in the Republican Guard was not based on eligibility and integrity. The appointments were based on personal loyalties, he said, adding that those figures will remain loyal to their commanders even if the army is integrated.

The two presidential decrees aim at setting up the Presidential Protection, which embraces forces from the First Armored Division and the Republican Guard. The second decision intends to refer some brigades of the First Armored Division and the Republican Guard to the military regions in which these brigades function.

The decision stipulated that these brigades will be financially independent, and the Defense Ministry is in charge of issuing instructions that regulate the implementation of this decree.

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Controversy regarding ban on strikes in government's oil and gas divisions

Mohammed Al-Samei

SANAA, Aug. 8 — The Yemeni Cabinet's decree regarding banning strikes in gas and oil sections raised controversy among employers.

Fadeem Al-Ariqi, official of Laborers Disputes Syndicate in Yemen Liquid National Gas (LNG) said the cabinet's decision to ban strikes in oil and gas sections affects employers negatively because they could be subjected to abuse by the company they work for or dismissed without being given their rights.

Al-Ariqi, who participated in previous strikes to demand employers' rights, said banning strikes will have a positive effect on Yemen's economy and oil section.

In its weekly meeting, the cabinet decided to ban strikes in all its forms for employers in oil and gas sections, production operations, shipping and storage in the exporting ports, the central processing units, power plants and facilities and petroleum reservoirs comprehensive maintenance.

The cabinet tackled the report presented by the minister of oil and minerals regarding banning strikes in sections producing oil and gas, based on 1995's Labor Law 5 for 1995, which bans strikes



The Yemeni Cabinet opposed strikes by oil and gas employees.

in vocations in which strikes cause stoppage of public services and losses for the national economy.

The cabinet assigned a committee to look into labor disputes and problems in oil and gas sections and to examine employer complaints to solve them.

The cabinet firmly opposed illegal strikes aiming to disrupt public life and essential services provided for residents in different sections, particularly these linked directly to people's lives.

Tawfeeq Al-Budaiji, coordinator

of Transparency and Strategic Industries Control Alliance, said the cabinet's decision is illegal. He said it is strange for the government to ban strikes instead of working on improving employers' living standards.

He said the government should provide more freedom for employers and not preventing them from holding strikes.

"We are living in the time of revolution in which the government is supposed to provide more freedom and space," he concluded.

Eight militants dead, air strikes intensify

Ahmed Dawood

SANAA, Aug. 8 — Air raids targeting Al-Qaeda militants intensified during the past two days in Abyan, Hadramout and Bida'a.

The Ministry of Defense confirmed on its website that two militants were killed in an air raid in Qotn city in Hadramout on Tuesday night.

The ministry said the raid targeted the two militants in a vehicle loaded with large quantities of explosive devices. The ministry indicated that the militants were prepared to carry out acts in Hadramout using the explosives. The ministry reported that the raid resulted in two dead, and the vehicle sustained damages.

Air strikes in Al-Masaneh area targeted Abdullah Awad Al-Maseri, known as Abu Osama Al-Maribi, a leader of Al-Qaeda in Beida'a.

Sheikh Ahmed Zaid, a tribal leader in Rada'a district, said, "Planes flew sporadically on Tuesday in Al-Masaneh in Beida'a governorate and carried out air raids on militants on a motorcycle, resulting in immediate death."

He said one of the two dead militants is Al-Maseri.

He also said air raids on Tuesday occurred in the Sailat Al-Garah and Walad Rabee'a areas, but no information was provided about casualties.

State-run Saba News Agency reported that Al-Maseri, considered one of the most dangerous lead-



Air strikes in three cities have been reported in two days.

ers of Al-Qaeda in Beida'a, was in charge of an explosive plant.

The agency said the air raid resulted in six militant deaths, representing different nationalities. The militants are Abu Ja'far Al-Iraqi, a Bahraini; Abu Al-Bara'a Al-Shorori, a Saudi; Abu Mosa'ab Al-Maseri, an Egyptian; Abu Hafsa Al-Maseri, an Egyptian; Abu Hafsa Al-Tonesi, a Tunisian; and Ibraheem Al-Sakhi, a Yemeni.

The Ministry of Defense said a security campaign, launched in coordination with the People's Committees—civilian fighters who back the military—arrested eight suspects linked to Al-Qaeda. One of them was reportedly caught in

a closet, in Al-Salam area, Jaar, on Tuesday after storming several houses.

The ministry reported that preliminary investigations with previously arrested militants led to the location of those arrested Tuesday. This increases the number of caught militants to 16.

Air raids on Al-Qaeda strongholds come after Al-Qaeda affiliates spread in Abyan, carrying out of a suicide bombing this past week that resulted in more than 45 deaths of People's Committees' fighters in the governorate. The bombing occurred during a condolence service by Abdulatif Al-Sayed, head of the People's Committees in Jaar.

New appointments to head positions

Amira Nasser

SANAA, Aug. 8 — Some Yemeni banks and governmental facilities witnessed new republican appointments on Monday by President Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi.

Ammar Al-Hammadi, an employee in the International Relations department at the Cooperative and Agricultural Credit Bank (CAC Bank) said the is very optimistic about the decision to appoint a new Board Chairman for the CAC Bank.

He said there was difficulty in the administration dealings with the employees in the bank during

the previous period of time, but he said he hopes this will positively change, especially after the speech of a new chairman focused on the importance of creating a direct way of communication between the head and the employees.

Ahmed Saeed Shammakh, an economic expert, praised the changes, describing them as a qualitative.

"For the first time, academics and efficient people are chosen for these positions," he said.

Shammakh hopes these changes will be implemented in all departments of the facilities and for all officials and employees.

Ahmed Saleh Al-Faqeeh, a political analyst, played down the importance of these changes, indicating that President Hadi intends to support himself with well-known personalities on the political and military level to be more noticeable.

Al-Faqeeh said the problem is in the army, because the situation has not changed and the changes which happen may happen as services.

"Some of the changes happened in agreement between former President Saleh and Hadi, and changes could come as a part of personal interests."

President Hadi steps in to assist with Hodeida airport land ownership issue

Ghaida Al-Ariqi

HODEIDA, Aug. 8 — An official delegation of Hodeida governorate met with President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi to discuss the Hodeida airport hijacking by influential figures affiliated with the air force. The meeting resulted in the formation of a committee from the visiting team.

Hassn Haij, general secretary of the local council in Hodeida, revealed to the Yemen Times that the attackers' names are Faisel Ahmed Al-Sulaihi, the commander of the Air Forces; Ahmed Mujahid Al-

Kharashi, the commander of Battalion 30, Air Defense; Abdulmalik Al-Mohammadi, the commander of the air police in the airport; and others.

Haij said lands were distributed to some officers in the 67 Brigade in Hodeida and Battalion 30, Air Defense so as to be their residence. Those officers sold the land under the name of associations at that time.

"Now they return to control the lands by force," Haij said.

"We awaited the defense minister to look into the issue of the hijacking of 2,000 meters of the

airport campus and to pay a visit to us; nothing happens," Ali Al-Twaiti, the deputy head manager of Hodeida airport, said.

He said there was a peaceful demonstration calling for the emancipation of the airport from the hijackers, but it ended after Central Security Forces stopped them.

Al-Twaiti said construction in the vicinity of the airport exposes it to danger of surveillance let alone the airport may flout the standards of international airports.

"The airport could be subjected to closing," he said.

Vessels and oil tankers arrive again at Hodeida and Mokha Harbor sea ports

Muaad Al-Maqtari

SANAA, Aug. 7 — Hodeida and Mokha harbors regained commercial activity after a halt. Vessels moved to Djibouti Harbor and Salala Harbor in Oman, but they have started returning to the Hodeida and Mokha harbors.

Fourteen vessels and oil tankers unloaded approximately 63,512 tons of oil, iron metal, cars, goats and containers.

According to a report issued by the Yemen Red Sea Ports Corporation, six vessels unloaded approximately 5,936 tons of roll iron, 358 cars and 241 containers.

The report found that Mokha Harbor received two oil tankers, loaded with 3,324 tons of diesel and 3,902 tons of gasoline. Moreover, a ship loaded with 4,567 goats and cows arrived at the port.

The port in Hodeida has seen a decrease in its infrastructure and

services, which prompted ships and vessels to move to Djibouti and Salala harbors.

Mohammed Salah, deputy of the Sana'a Commercial Chamber, said the Yemen Red Sea Ports Corporation turns a blind eye to deterioration in Hodeida's port.

He said the Yemeni private sector sustained heavy losses after ships and vessels moved for more than one month. This caused the expiration of many good, later destroyed by the Yemeni Specifications and Standardization Authority.

He urged the government to support the Hodeida port and to work to develop it so it becomes a main port for receiving ships and oil tankers.

Salah said the continuance of deterioration in Hodeida port indicates a real economic catastrophe affecting not only the Yemeni private sector but also Yemen's economy in general—an economy undergoing difficulties, particularly after

last year's uprising.

Salah accused the Yemen Red Sea Ports Corporation of destroying the Hodeida port. He said concerned bodies were contacted to solve the problem, but they paid no attention. This means Yemen's economic and the private sector will continue to sustain losses unless urgent great efforts are exerted to save the ports.

The Yemeni Specifications and Standardization Authority destroyed thousands of tons of food rations, flour and dates because they were inedible and expired.

Destroying goods raised a problem between the private sector and the authority. Private sector traders asserted that these goods were imported according to the required specifications, but they expired because they were delayed for more than a year in the harbors, causing bankruptcy for several businessmen.



Revolutionary activities halt during the Ramadan season



Young revolutionaries gathered Sunday to restore activities and to break the fast.

Mohammed Al-Samei

Yemeni revolutionaries presently endeavor to regain the revolutionary activities in Change and Freedom Squares after a considerable stalemate following the signing of the Gulf Initiative power transfer deal in February of last year.

This year, Sana'a's Change Square appears different in terms of the activities held.

Yasser Aqil, a revolutionary in the square, said 2012 activities are fewer in comparison with 2011, when the revolution was at its peak. The

reason, he said, is the Gulf Initiative that resulted in political reconciliation.

"The square is not revolutionary anymore," Aqil said. "It is just a venue of meetings, political disputes and stick fights now and then. I have been living near the square; I have found no interesting activities."

Jalal Al-Hadad, a pro-revolution youth, said he did not know what is taking place in the square; he knows nothing about revolutionary activities.

Many youth have complained about the current situation in Yemen, saying the revolution has not yet achieved its objective.

Omar Al-Omaisi, an activist from Hajja, said youth in the squares complain political parties marginalize them; they are left helpless in Change Square in particular after political parties signed the Gulf Initiative.

He said the square's protestors are resentful about the present situation in Yemen, especially wounded revolutionaries, indicating that the youth who sparked the revolution came up with no advantage.

"The pro-regime supporters are scoffing at the revolutionaries because their objectives are not accomplished in addition to being marginalized by the parties."

The dignity Iftar

On Sunday, some young revolutionaries attempted to restore the revolutionary activities. They held a group Iftar, called the Dignity Iftar, at Al-Zubairi Street as part of activities that the independent youth declared in Change Square.

Prior to sunset, youth flocked to Al-Zubairi Street with food for the Iftar. A group of young people distributed the Iftar meals to bystanders.

Mohammed Al-Mukbili, a leading revolutionary and activist, said this activity is to renew the pledge to the revolution martyrs who sacrificed themselves for the sake of the nation after 33 years of repression and humiliation for Yemen and Yemenis.

Under the same pretext, young revolutionaries in Taiz governorate staged a demonstration called Al-Raiwas (the Reverse), which refers to the revolution's loss of momentum. Complaints about poor government services and common insecurity were also made during the demonstration.

Protesters departing Change Square

Many observers agree that the activities of the revolution are not vibrant as they were in 2011. Furthermore, the number of the youth found in squares across the country is decreasing.

Adualbasit Al-Shaja, a journal-

ist often found in Sana'a's Change Square, said this Ramadan is unlike last year's, when the square was rife with activities.

"Many protesters left for their homes so as to alleviate the suffering of residents living in the vicinity of the Change Square, to end the traffic jam and to acknowledge the calls of the Military Committee in charge of restoring security and stability," Al-Shaja said.

He said that during Ramadan last year, the revolution was at the pinnacle of its strength; the regime was at the apex of its criminality in many Yemeni cities.

Al-Shaja said that though the revolutionary activities decrease in Ramadan, they have not stopped, and some protesters spend daytime in the square enjoying religious seminars. Some protesters educate themselves and invest time through training courses in language, computer, development, law, first aid and drawing, according to Al-Shaja.

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In Yemen, production of fish, revenue wanes

Muaad Al-Maqtari

In a government report released by the Public Authority of Marine Science Center, it was pointed out that Yemen has witnessed an intimidating decline in sea life production over the course of the last years due to pirate activities and illegal fishing by some foreign ships. The impact of 2011's political crisis also played a factor.

The report found Yemen's revenues of fishery exports dropped from \$272 million in 2010 to \$50 million in 2011.

The report also noted that sea life production slumped in 2010 by an estimated \$120 million, indicating

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that the political crisis encountering Yemen since the beginning of 2011 exacerbated the deterioration to 60 percent or 70 percent as in 2011 the sea life production was less than \$50 million.

Yemen's fishery exports reached to \$272 million in 2010 and \$222 million in 2009.

Yemen is characterized by it's 2,500 meter coastline and 450 fish and other marine creatures found in the Yemeni regional waters of the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea. However, only 60 kinds of this fishery wealth are exploited.

Ahmed Saeed Shamakh, a marine affairs expert and economist, warned against threats the fishery sector and marine life is subject to.



Fish export revenues in Yemen dropped from \$272 million in 2010 to \$50 million in 2011.

“This sector is supposed be to the second sector of priority following petroleum with regard to the returns,” he said. “This sector provides more than 100,000 job vacancies in the marine field, industrial fishery field, transportation and other related fields.”

He said there are many reasons behind the decline of fishery exports, including sea piracy, the presence of an international marine force that attacks fishermen by mistake, the political turbulence and the shortage of diesels and petroleum derivatives the fishermen need.

“The fishermen endure big losses,” Shamakh said. “They lose their jobs due to the existence of the international force in the Gulf of Aden; an area that makes up 70 percent of Yemen's fishery production.”

Piracy triggers insecurity economic deterioration in addition to the increase of ship insurance for international companies. The pirates and international forces who attack fishermen in the Gulf of Aden largely influenced Yemen's fishery exports decline.

Fishery wealth revenues from the exports make up 75 percent. The fish are exported to regional, European and Asian markets.

According to Aref Hamoud, a researcher in the authority, there are more than 35 plants distributed between Hodeida, Aden and Al-Mukkala; seventeen of them are authorized to export to the European Union.

Hamoud said 70 percent of fish caught in the Red Sea go to Saudi Arabia and Oman by means of modest merchants on specialized lorries.

“The poor preparation in terms of transporting the fish helps sell them cheaply.”

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Yemeni-Scot filmmaker Sara Ishaq to the Yemen Times:

“It’s silly for the government to restrict the cinema movement.”

Sadeq Al-Wesabi

Armed with dogged determination, high skills and great confidence, Yemeni-Scot filmmaker Sara Ishaq persists in fulfilling her dream of enhancing the reputation of cinema in Yemen.

Unlike Yemeni filmmakers who choose to live outside Yemen, Sara plans to stay in Yemen to improve the country’s cinema industry and to substantially contribute to creating new concepts and styles.

Ishaq said the restrictions she could face from the government or from religious groups would not stop her from working to improve the Yemeni cinema movement.

Recently, she finished her MFA in film directing with distinction from Edinburgh College of Art, University of Edinburgh. In 2008, she received a diploma in Documentary Filmmaking from the London Academy of Radio, Film and TV.

In the past month, her reputable documentary about Yemen’s revolution, “Karama Has No Walls,” aired on BBC and garnered the admiration of Yemenis and non-Yemenis alike. The film was nominated for the BAFTA New Talent Award.

The documentary focused on shedding light on those responsible for the massacre that killed more than 50 people on March 18, 2011. The film also focuses on Yemeni youth persistence and determination.

The 26-minute documentary refutes all rumors about who was responsible for the deadly attack and makes it clear for people to judge who perpetrated the widely condemned crime without accusing any party.

During filming, Ishaq faced several problems and difficulties. It was very difficult for her to move around and film freely because there was a lot of attention, especially on camera people. She, along with her crew, made careful movements throughout the filming process.

Funding was also a challenge. Ishaq produced, directed and edited the documentary herself at a cost of approximately 80,000 pounds.



Sara Ishaq

Biased media

Yemenis have lost their trust in Yemeni state and opposition channels, Ishaq said.

“Both sides of Yemeni media outlets were biased.”

As a result, she never depended on these channels for information, especially for her documentary.

Ishaq said it pains her to see damaged local cinemas such as Bilquis Cinema in Sana’a, which closed in 2004.

“People should take the initiative to develop the culture of art in Yemen,” she said, pointing out that Yemenis are interested in cinema.

Ishaq wants to contribute to improving Yemeni cinema “by running workshops, encouraging and inspiring people to make their films and by educating them about the different forms of documentaries.”

In her upcoming documentaries,

she will focus on human rights issues and cover the problems of marginalized people (Akhdam), Jewish people, refugees and other minorities located in Yemen.

Sara said she firmly believes in the importance of highlighting human rights issues. After four months in Palestine, she realized the importance of short films in shedding light on humanitarian issues.

Cinema as a priority in Yemen

“Art creates a more productive society, and if I were a minister of culture, I’d make cinema my priority.”

Ishaq holds the government mainly responsible for the negative impacts on Yemeni cinema; however, she said society is partly responsible for this deterioration.

Drama, she said, is a particular area that needs improvement.

“We are good at comedy, but Ye-

meni drama needs some work.”

Ishaq is willing to help Yemeni artists improve their performance.

“Improving the cinema situation in Yemen is going to be a huge challenge.”

She stressed the importance of youth in improving the cinema situation and said Yemeni youth are capable of making change but lack confidence.

Currently, Ishaq is working on a documentary titled “Father Land.” It’s been described as a humorous film about her relationship with her father.

One of the film’s aims is to portray Yemeni life.

“People want to see what’s going on in Yemeni houses.”

Ishaq said her family hugely helped her achieve her aims.

“In the beginning they were scared because I was in Palestine, and I had some clashes with them, but then they supported me.”

She said living in Scotland was a challenge, but she learned several things she couldn’t have learned in Yemen, with filmmaking the most important of those things.

“I’m not just a Yemeni woman living in Scotland, but I’m a Yemeni-Scot woman, so I have two different cultural backgrounds. I have an Islamic background, and Yemeni culture is very much ingrained in me.”

Ambitions and challenges

Ishaq is ambitious and optimistic about the future of Yemeni cinema.

“My ambition is to keep making films and establish a cultural center in which artists can gather and meet.”

“I hope to establish such institute in Yemen, but right now the budget is the problem.”

She said if Yemenis have funding, access and support, then Yemeni films will be able to compete at the international level.

For Ishaq, cinema is not just drama or comedy like what is shown on Yemeni state channels. Cinema is multifaceted and can be used as a medium to reflect on issues serious and non-serious, funny and sad.

“In Yemen, you have access to stories and information, and people are willing to help you.”

She said being a filmmaker in Ye-

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men is easy in some ways and hard in other ways, criticizing the government for trying to limit the cinema movement.

“It’s silly for the government to restrict the cinema movement,” she said, indicating that some people, including businessmen, underestimate the significance and the power of cinema.

“Cinema can hugely empower Yemenis and raises awareness of Yemenis about the situation in Yemen,” she said. “We have a rich culture and beautiful scenery. Art can boost economy in Yemen.”

Sara said Yemenis are already infected by cinema.

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Despite the difficulties she discussed, Ishaq is confident the future of cinema in Yemen will be prosperous. Yemen, she said, has talented photographers, talented cinematographers and talented storytellers.

Sara’s filmography

“**Father-Land**”: Feature documentary (In Progress). Director/Co-producer Yemen (2012)

“**Karama Has No Walls**” Debut documentary (26 min.). Director/Producer/Editor, Yemen (2012)

“**Guerrilla Journalism: A Yemeni Revolution**” Video-blog Director/Camera/Editor; Yemen (2011)

“**Yemen Uprising**” BBC Newsnight & Our World Episode (30min.) Camera Operator/Assistant Director

“**Funeral Procession in Change Square**” Video-blog (4:30 min.). Director/Camera/Editor; Yemen (2011)

“**A Peaceful Protest in Change Square**” Video-blog (4 min.). Director/Camera/Editor (2011).

“**Marie, My Girl**” Short Experimental Drama (8:30 min.). Director/Editor, UK (2011)

“**Sheikh Jarrah: Families of East Jerusalem**” Video-blog (12 min.). Director/DoP/Editor, Palestine (2009)

“**Liberation Through Art**” Short doc (4:30 min.). Director/Camera/Editor; UK (2008)

“**Women in Black**” 5-part series (5x30min.). Researcher/translator; UK (2007)

If youth collaborate and use their skills, talents and own equipment to help each other this way, the cinema movement will improve, she said.

“I’m responsible for showing others Yemen’s culture.”

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Civil disobedience and state institution failure

Many Yemeni citizens and commercial and government consumers are convinced the country is experiencing civil disobedience since the crises last year. Taking advantage of the lack of state control, many Yemenis are not paying electricity, water and sewage bills and refrain from paying taxes whatsoever. They say the services are not good enough, so why should they pay.

On the one hand they are right; as residents in Yemen, we often buy fuel to run generators when the electricity is gone—as it often is. We also buy water tankers to compensate for the lack of water services through the national network.

Taxes are another issue. Many companies submit accounts displaying losses to the tax authorities based on the deteriorated economic situation. Other businesses avoid paying taxes—claiming the state does not provide the services it should in return.

These services are not limited to electricity and water, but also roads, communication and other services. Citizens feel the same about other types of services such as education and healthcare.

The attitude is so negative when it comes to the state-citizen relationship that citizens and businesses don't even acknowledge their responsibility toward the state in response to the country's practically failed state status and its lack of services.

The civil disobedience has begun taking its toll on the various government institutions relying on taxes and bills. For example, the Water Local Corporation of Mahwait announced bankruptcy and warned that it will close down immediately since it has not been able to collect any of its revenues since last year. Surprisingly, more than 70 percent of debts owed to the corporation are by government institutions.

Another example is the water authority in Sana'a, which decided to focus on providing quality services to uptown areas to ensure at least some revenue. This is because residents in the poorer neighborhoods cannot pay. This is ironic since the state water services are subsidized, and consequently, rich neighborhoods able to afford buying water at higher prices from the private sector benefit from the subsidies of state services, while the poorer areas are deprived.

The relationship between the state and the citizen in Yemen is very complicated and yet key to stabilizing the country. With the notion of civil disobedience spreading around the country, this relationship has become increasingly strained.

State authorities must realize the institutional and cultural factors in their work and carefully deal with this issue urgently so as to avoid the fate of the Mahwait Water Local Corporation and to regain the trust of Yemenis.

Nadia Al-Sakkaf

When the government kills

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Whether or not it succeeds in court, a lawsuit challenging the killings of Al-Qaeda figure Anwar Awlaki and two other U.S. citizens clearly lays out the problems with the Obama administration's policy of "targeted killings" of suspected terrorists even outside the battle zone of Afghanistan.

Allowing the president of the United States to act as judge, jury and executioner for suspected terrorists, including U.S. citizens, on the basis of secret evidence is impossible to reconcile with the Constitution's guarantee that a life will not be taken without due process of law. Under the law, the government must obtain a court order if it seeks to target a U.S. citizen for electronic surveillance, yet there is no comparable judicial review of a decision to kill a citizen. No court is even able to review the general policies for such assassinations. (Awlaki's family failed in 2010 to persuade a court to enjoin the government from killing him.)

The suit filed this month by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Center for Constitutional Rights seeks an after-the-fact determination that the killings of Awlaki, an associate named Samir Khan and Awlaki's 16-year-old son, Abdulrahman, were not legal. The elder Awlaki and Khan were killed in a drone strike in Yemen in September; Abdulrahman Awlaki was the apparently unintended victim of a strike

two weeks later.

Although it ended some of the Bush administration's abuses in the war against Al-Qaeda, the Obama administration has jealously guarded what it sees as its executive prerogative when it comes to targeted killings. There is congressional oversight of the program, but Atty. Gen. Eric H. Holder Jr. has rejected any role for the judiciary. In a speech in March, Holder distinguished between "due process" to which Americans targeted for killing are entitled and "judicial process."

In the same speech, Holder insisted that targeted killings would take place only when there was "an imminent threat of violent attack against the United States" and when capturing the suspect was "not feasible." But Holder defined "imminently" broadly to include action that would head off "future attacks."

Ideally, this lawsuit would result in a thorough examination of the legality of targeted killings (without the administration hiding behind the

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"state secrets" privilege, as it has done in the past). But it's doubtful whether the plaintiffs will succeed in their effort to collect damages from Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta and other officials. Twice in recent years, in lawsuits against former Atty. Gen. John Ashcroft, the Supreme Court has rebuffed attempts to hold officials personally liable for abuses related to the war against terrorism.

But if the United States is going to continue down the troubling road of state-sponsored assassination, Congress should, at the very least, require that a court play some role, as the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court does with the electronic surveillance of suspected foreign terrorists. Even minimal judicial oversight might make the president and his advisors think twice about whether an American citizen poses such an "imminent" danger that he must be executed without a trial.



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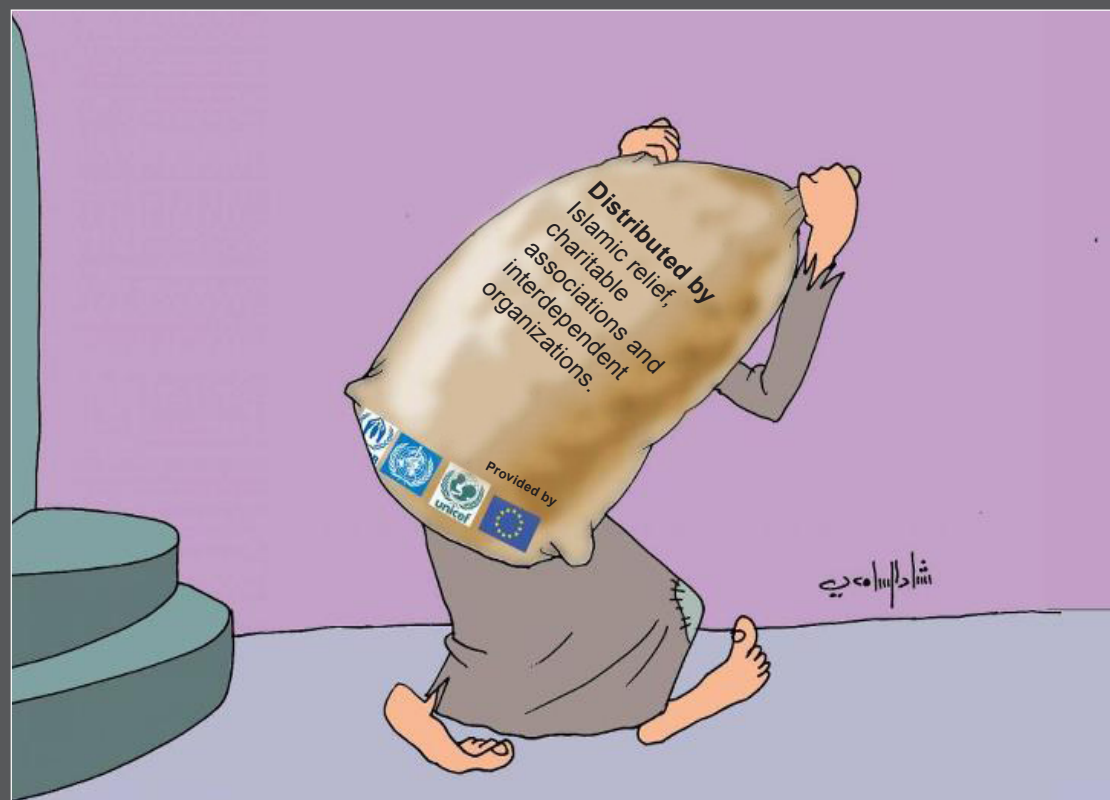
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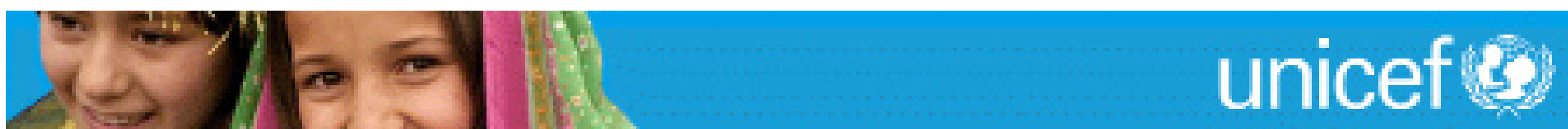
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INTERNAL /EXTERNAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT #29/2012

Title: Programme Officer
Level: NOB
Type of Contract: Fixed Term
Duty Station: Haradh
Duration: One Year (Renewable)

Under the general guidance of the Chief, Field Operations and direct over-sight of the Head of Field Office, Hodeidah contributes to programme design and implementation, evaluation of UNICEF-supported programme/project activities, data analysis and progress reporting in Harad (Hajjah Governorate)

1. Collects and analyzes data on the most vulnerable children in Harad district and in the IDP camps for the Situation Report and other documentation, programme/project planning, management, monitoring and evaluation purposes. Analyzes programme implementation reports and evaluates in relation to established programme recommendations and plans of action within the multi-sectoral Equity, Evidence and Empowerment pillars. Reports the outcome of analyses and proposes corrective actions.
2. Undertakes ongoing visits to UNICEF project sites, assesses local conditions and resources, and monitors UNICEF inputs in conformity with the multi-sectoral Equity, Evidence and Empowerment pillars, ensuring synergy and links between them. Communicates with local counterpart authorities on project feasibility and effectiveness, including the flow of supply and non-supply assistance.
3. Undertakes follow-up actions on programme implementation activities within the multi-sectoral Equity, Evidence and Empowerment pillars and prepares reports. Drafts changes in the programme work plans, as required.
4. Attends technical cooperation meetings, prepares notes and undertakes follow-up actions related to programme implementation and achievement towards planned key results.
5. Selects and compiles training and orientation materials for those involved in programme implementation.
6. Assists in the preparation of the country programme recommendations by providing inputs for drafting CPSS, PSS and other relevant documentation, ensuring adherence to established rules and regulations. Maintains a computerized programme system, and submits necessary reports.
7. Evaluates and analyzes financial and supply reports to ensure that expenditures are within allotments and data is consistent with PIDB/VISION. Reports to the supervisor and/or head of the Hodeidah Field office, detailing the outcome of reviews.
8. Drafts relevant sections of reports (required for donors, management, annual

reports, etc.).

Minimum Qualifications and Job requirements:
University degree in Social Sciences, or a technical field related to the work of UNICEF.

Work Experience :
Two years relevant professional work experience in project administration, monitoring and evaluation.

Language
Fluency in English and Arabic, both oral and written is required.

Competencies required:

- ii) Core Values (Required)
 - Commitment
 - Diversity and Inclusion
 - Integrity
- iii) Core Competencies (Required)
 - Communication
 - Working with People
 - Drive for Results
- iv) Functional Competencies (Required)
 - Formulating Strategies and Concepts
 - Applying Technical Expertise
 - Learning and Researching
 - Planning and Organizing
 - Analysing

INTERNAL /EXTERNAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 30/2012

Title: Education Officer
Level: NOB
Type of Contract: Fixed Term
Duty Station: Sa'ada
Duration: One Year (Renewable)

Under the supervision of the Chief, Field Office and technical guidance of Chief of Education the incumbent shall perform the following main responsibilities:

1. Contributes to the design, implements, monitor and evaluates the education program. Analyses and evaluates data to ensure achievement of objectives and/or takes corrective action when necessary to meet programme objectives with emphasis on equity. In close consultation and technical support of WASH team in Sana'a, review and amend technical terms and bills of quantities regarding activities related to WASH and school environment; contributes to the development and/or introduction of new approaches, methods and practices in project management and evaluation.
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construction/rehabilitation works etc. in schools, through visits to project sites and intensive coordination with counterparts.

3. Participates in intersectoral collaboration with other programme colleagues. Assists in development of appropriate communication and information strategy to support and/or advocate programme development
4. Undertake visits to programme sites as well as conducts periodic programme reviews with government counterparts and other partners to assess and analyse local conditions and resources from a technical perspective aiming at the definition of suitable programme interventions. Compile data and information resulting from field surveys. Contributes towards the preparation of the Situation Analysis and writing of the Analysis. Actively participate and contribute to the development of country program and the Annual Work Plans.
5. Regularly meet with national and international agencies implementing programmes in education, water and sanitation and related field to ensure coordination of activities and maximize the impact of our inputs to the program. Participates in meetings with responsible authorities for programme review, and follows up on implementation of recommendations and agreements. Provides technical advice and assistance to government officials, NGOs and other partners in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programme/project(s).
6. Assists government authorities in planning and organizing training programmes for teachers, school principals and supervisors, community education committees, etc. Identifies training needs and objectives of various categories for the purpose of capacity building, programme sustainability, as well as promotion and advocacy.
7. Ensure proper interfacing between government counterparts and UNICEF through proper coordination and consequent two-directional flow of information between both entities. Provide guidance to UNICEF officers in a manner that clarifies the situation on the ground based on field information and to government counterparts to ensure that their requests correspond to UNICEF nature of assistance.
8. Meets with national and international agencies implementing programmes in education and related field to ensure coordination of activities and maximize the impact of our inputs to the program. Participates in meetings with entities responsible for programmer review, and follows up on implementation of recommendations and agreements.
9. Assists government authorities in planning and organizing training programmes. Identifies training needs and objectives for the purpose of capacity building,

programme sustainability, as well as promotion and advocacy.

10. Coordinates with the Operations/Supply staff on supply and non-supply assistance activities ensuring proper and timely UNICEF and government accountability. Certifies disbursements of funds, monitors and submits financial status reports to the Deputy Representative or Representative, as required.

Minimum Qualifications and Job requirements:

Education: University degree in one of the disciplines relevant to the following areas: Education; Primary Education, Economics, Social Sciences, or a field(s) relevant to international development assistance.

Experience :
Two years of professional work experience at national and international levels relevant to Education programmes. Experience working in the UN or other international development organization an asset.
Background in Emergency programme an asset.

Language
Fluency in English and Arabic (both written and verbal) is required

Competencies required:

- i) Core Values (Required)
 - Commitment
 - Diversity and Inclusion
 - Integrity
- ii) Core Competencies (Required)
 - Communication
 - Working with People
 - Drive for Results
- iii) Functional Competencies (Required)
 - Leading and Supervising [I]
 - Formulating Strategies and Concepts [II]
 - Analyzing [II]
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 - Deciding and Initiating Action [II]
 - Applying Technical Expertise [II]

EXTERNAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT #31/2012

Post Title: Programme Assistant
Contract type: TA
Proposed level: GS-6
Duration : 364 days
Duty Station: Sana'a
Supervisor: WASH Specialist

Under the supervision of UNICEF WASH Specialist, UNICEF Field Officers, and Partners the Programme Assistant will provide administrative support and assist the WASH team in the management of UNICEF expanded WASH sub-programme especially in the emergency component including supplies, logistics, and general support to the WASH team.

1. Collects information mainly from records and reports and prepares periodic and ad hoc reports on programme and project activities.
2. Organizes data and information, prepares and maintains records, documents and control plans for the monitoring of project/ programme implementation.
3. Contributes to the preparation of reports, project documents and submissions to governments by providing information, preparing tables and drafting relatively routine sections. Prepares background information for use in discussions with governments and other organizations. Participates in the briefing and debriefing of project personnel.
4. Scrutinizes plans of operations, exchanges of letters and takes appropriate follow-up action. Assists in the administrative process of government requests for assistance.
5. Assists field officer in preparation of meetings, maintains contact with partner institution and individuals towards programme implementation. May be required to carry out specific administrative operational/control tasks for project/ programme activities.
6. Maintains contact list and prepares correspondences for partners, ensures the organization and filing of programme documents and follow-up with other sections as well as partner
7. Performs other duties as required

Qualification
Completion of secondary education, preferably supplemented by technical or university courses in a field related to the work of the organization.

Experience
Six years of progressively responsible clerical or administrative work, of which at least one year is closely related to support of programme activities.

Language
Working knowledge of English and Arabic is required.

Competencies required:
Competency Profile (For details on competencies please refer to UNICEF Professional Competency Profiles.)

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 - Commitment
 - Diversity and Inclusion
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- ii) Core Competencies (Required)
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Recycling in Yemen a double-edged sword

Story and photo
by Ghaida Al-Ariqi

The responsibility of collecting plastic litter from the streets is a double-edged sword; while the poor take advantage of this work to earn a living, there are no laws in Yemen to regulate the business.

Turkey Ibrahim, who works by collecting plastic bottles, said, "I collect used water containers and sell them to the litter shop based on weight. One sack is sold for YR 1,000."

The plastic plant holders collect the recycled material and clean them. It is then dispatched to cleaning plants before exporting them abroad.



Recycling in Yemen is a tricky business as there are few laws to regulate procedures.

“Recycling waste and exporting them abroad is permissible without paying any customs tariff. No law issued by the Ministry of Trade and Industry prevents exporting plastic waste.

"I was an assistant worker. My job was sorting out litter. I placed it in a cleaning machine and crushed them. These materials later were sent abroad," Ibrahim added.

Mohammed Ali Ibrahim, a trash center owner, said, "I have been working in collecting trash and empty cans, scrap metal and second-hand batteries. I purchase these materials, recycle them and they get exported."

Ibrahim said there are some merchants who buy a huge amount of trash and export to China illegally.

Yahya Al-Aqil, the proprietor of Zinat (Decorations) Yemen Foundation, an authorized recycling company, said the process starts

at the garbage dump after trash is dumped and disposed of. Everything is then sorted. They are washed, crushed and then exported to countries such as Pakistan, Korea and the Gulf area.

Al-Aqil said tremendous obstacles face their business, including disorganized official offices for regulation resulting in manipulation by truck drivers.

"Transporting from Sana'a to Hodeida, for example, costs us YR 160,000. However, it costs YR 400,000 from Mukkala to Hodeida. Al-Mukkala Port is ineffective; this poses further challenges."

He called for the Ministry of Transportation to cooperate and

control such inconsistent procedures and standardize transportation fees so as to stave off extortion.

Al-Aqil explained that there is also additional trouble raised by the General Secretary of Sana'a that refused to improve the Automatic Classification of litter; this will prolong the use of garbage dumps and create many jobs in the field.

Helal Al-Riashi, deputy director of the Epidemiological Surveillance Department in the Environmental Protection Authority, said, "No laws specify the work of those people because they remove pollution. So we can't put restrictions on them since we are encouraging such ser-

vices that benefit our country."

Dr. Mohammed Al-Asbahi, director of the environmental health department in the Public Works and Highways Ministry, said, "A decree issued by the Yemeni Cabinet a year ago ordered the discontinuation of using plastic waste, but it wasn't implemented. Our responsibility is to watch the factories that use plastic substances in food and monitor their effects on people."

For his part, engineer Hadeed Al-Mass, director of Quality Control and Industrial Products Department in the Yemen Standardization, Metrology and Quality Control Organization said there are laws organizing recycling.

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"We regulate plastic bags manufactured to make sure they are biodegradable. However, water bottles are being collected and crushed, but they aren't used to make water bottles again. Instead, they are used to make plastic shoes."

Al-Mass said they preparing to sign an agreement to prevent non biodegradable raw materials from entering the country.

For his part, Mohammed Al-Hakeem, a field taxes collector in Sana'a's tax office, said, "As field employees in the tax office, we don't know any specialized data about the recycling factories that recycle these substances and export them abroad. We often don't know where they are located because they are kept secret and in rural areas."

Intsar Atif, general manager of customs tariff in Sana'a's customs authority, said, "Recycling waste and exporting them abroad is permissible without paying any customs tariff. No law issued by the Ministry of Trade and Industry prevents exporting plastic waste."

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Ramadan in Istanbul



Noman Al-Khadami

When the captain announced that we were close to landing in Istanbul, passengers craned their necks to see out the plane's windows to see the riveting city resembling a glittering pearl.

The plane landed at the airport and people piled out of the plane and headed to the reception hall to smoothly complete some procedures. We all gathered together and were received by representatives of Turkish Airlines. Then we moved by bus to the Crown Plaza Hotel located in the European part.

Arriving in the hotel, room check-ins were finalized, and we had a four-hour rest.

At 2 p.m. in Istanbul, the entire crew gathered in the lobby accompanying our tourist guide, Isa. Our tourist program-we planned ahead-kicked off.

The first destination

On the bus, we headed to Topkapi Palace to learn about the historic landscapes of the Sultan's residential area in addition to being acquainted with how people lived in that ancient time and managed from that palace. The palace has three gates. The first one is the Higher Gate followed by a large garden. The second is Al-Salm (Peace) Gate with a even larger garden and the last is Al-Sa'ada (Happiness) Gate. There is a mu-

seum in the palace displaying the garments of sultans and gifts given to them by princes and kings in the past. The palace also has an Islamic museum with traces of the prophet's footprints and one hair from his beard as well as his sword and some things related to the companions of the prophet. This shows the keenness of the Turkish government to preserve the history of the Islamic people by protecting Islamic heritage and civilization. Finishing the visit to the Islamic antiquities, the team went to a restaurant located in the vicinity of Topkapi Palace. The restaurant overlooks the Istanbul Strait. Fortunately, we ran into scholars, readers and ministers coming from other Islamic nations in a huge gathering aimed to propagate love and peace worldwide. Mohammed Kurmaz, head of Turkish Religious Affairs, invited the Muslim scholars of the delegation and welcomed them to Istanbul. He wished them a holy Ramadan and hoped they would have a good stay and take advantage of the meeting.

For their part, some participants said thanks to the Turkish government in general and Kurmaz in particular for inviting them to this Islamic meeting due to its grand significance and hoped that the meeting would be crowned with success, and the goals would be realized.

After that, the muezzin called for sunset prayer, and Iftar was taken in an outstanding spiritual



atmosphere. Once Iftar was over, we all flocked to the Al-Sultan Mosque inside the palace.

The team headed toward the Blue Mosque (Al-Sultan Ahmed Mosque) to perform the evening prayer and Al-Tarawih where we saw the marvelous aspects of Ramadan. We were surprised to find the mosque filled with worshipers and the overwhelming crowd stimulated the feeling of ecstasy to everyone.

We roamed the nearby streets seeing people's eyes full of exhilaration, and excitement ensued from the extremely captivating rituals.

On the second day, took a marine tour to Istanbul Strait and got acquainted with antiquities and tourist locations that please all.

We went to the Telefreak Station and came to a high park overlooking Istanbul Strait. The scene was magnificent, and we all took pictures as a memory for when we returned to our countries.

When our tour finished; we went to the Abu Ayoob Al-Ansari mosque, a prophet's companion. On the road to the mosque, we walked near cemeteries. Once we arrived at the mosque, we saw a multitude of sitting fasters waiting for free food offered by the Istanbul Municipality. It was striking that those people were completely organized in their places and sparked no disturbances.

It is worth mentioning that the Istanbul Municipality distributes food in several districts and mosques.

The team later went to a restaurant to have Iftar and to listen to Islamic music and chants.

Touring many streets and restaurants, we found a lot of families have Iftar in restaurants and rejoice in Ramadan rituals in Istanbul.

The Iftar and dinner came to a close. The head of the Turkish Airlines Board, Temel Kotil, visited us, welcoming all in attendance to the city of Istanbul and wishing us all happy times in our second home. In his delivered speech in the presence of journalists, he stressed his care for Arab Islamic nations; thus, efforts are being made to open different agencies in every country.

"There are 200 destinations worldwide; Arab hands are need-

ed to strengthen relations with the Arab World. Regarding Yemen, Turkish Airlines will set up flights in Aden to contribute in increasing tourism in the country."

On the last day of the visit, it was an open day for all to go shopping and buy gifts. Time passed, reminding us of the departure moment from this unmatched city in which we lived some of our best moments. We hope for another opportunity to pay a second visit to this beautiful country.

Finally, the departure moment was due, and we felt certain that everyone knew it was time to leave for their nations. They all had fantastic impressions of Turkey. At the last moment, we shook hands and hugged all those we knew in this occasion, bidding them farewell.





Inventory Control Coordinator
Position # (31-21 / 1286) – CPF -Hadramout
For Yemeni Nationals Only

Basic Function :

Creates and edits Material Master data for PetroMasila into ERP as directed by the Inventory Control Supervisor. Reviews MRP controls, weekly orders, and stockout situations to add value through lowered orders and optimized inventory. Coordinates complex ERP data manipulations to ensure data is verified and system parameters are operating correctly and to expectations. Check and coordinates corrections to materials specifications and rectifies duplications.

Job Duties:

- Reviews PM purchase requisitions for quality control and checks that existing stocks and / or material masters should be utilized instead of new purchases.
- Creates new Master Data when appropriate, conforming to corporate standards for the proper structuring of stock descriptions to promote standardization and reduce duplication.
- Enters approved changes to the Material Master Reorder points, Order to Maximum, Fixed Lot, Lead Times or Safety Stock levels from MRP Change Request forms, for PM
- Confirms material specification changes as presented by receiving, warehouse or end user prior to data entry in the Material Master. Assists in securing material data information from the end users when clarification is required by the various purchasing Groups to complete the procurement process.
- Processes Weekly MRP check for plant 4102 Terminal Warehouse. Forwards to the Material Supervisor for review. Deletes Purchase Requisitions on Material supplied from CPF Warehouse.
- Assists Inventory Control Supervisor in the review of slow moving or obsolescent material.
- Rectifies any duplicate material masters detected to reduce and optimize inventory holdings. Requires recalculations of average values, coordinating with warehouse staff to relocate and remark inventory, ensuring that superceded items are properly deleted, adjusting order controls, outstanding orders and requisitions, blanket agreements, reservations and other ERP requirements.
- Reviews new hazardous materials requests to ensure that the Responsible Care process for the setting up of new chemicals has been followed and signed off by proponent manager, HSE&SR manager, and manager of supply management
- Changes the Material Master Purchasing Group host sites as requested by the Procurement group for PM.
- Assists Inventory Control Supervisor in the review of slow moving or obsolescent material for PM
- Assists in securing material data information from the end users when clarification is required by the various Purchasing Groups to complete the procurement process
- Actively Participates in annual PM inventory audit.

Minimum Requirements:

- Completion of grade12.
- 3 to 4 years of experience in warehouse operations or equivalent.
- Good PC skills required. Showing proficiency in Excel and Word.
- SAP knowledge an asset.
- Good Arabic and English language skills (oral and written).
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Procurement Administration Assistant
Position # (98132 / 98184) – CPF -Hadramout
For Yemeni Nationals Only

Basic Function :

Provides Junior Buyer support to the Buyer 1 position: reviews vendor quotations, prepares bid tabulations and issues purchase orders where supply agreements exist. Provides support to Expediting through vendor contact to ensure timely delivery of orders. Provides additional administrative support to the overall Procurement Section. Manages filing of purchasing documents to ensure appropriate documents are in order for cost recovery purposes. Provides direction to contract labor through the labor foreman to carry out clerical requirements on a daily basis..

Job Duties:

- Directs contract labor through the labor foreman to carry out activities in the organization of procurement records.
- Performs Junior Buyer function by creating purchase order releases against supply agreements as directed by buyers. . Interfaces with end user to clarify vendor queries on technical specifications.
- Manages filing of purchase records correspondence and associated documents for PSA compliance to ensure complete audit trail for cost recovery purposes.
- Receives, organizes, consolidates and files records from Dubai, Calgary and Sana'a for audit and PSA compliance.
- Responsible for faxing purchase orders, request for quotations, and bid clarifications to vendors. Follows up for receipt confirmation with vendors to ensure no undue delays in purchasing process.
- Maintains activity log for all priority code shipments and single source purchases.
- Assists in the filing and maintenance of the OS&D log and register. Provides support to the filing and registration of all export documentation.
- Participates in annual inventory audit.
- Assists Expeditors to ensure the timely delivery of materials. Contacts vendors for updated delivery information. Resolves shipping discrepancies, OS&D issues (Overage, Shortages and Damages). Advises end user on any late deliveries, and remains in close communication with vendor to minimize any shipping delays.

Minimum Requirements:

- Completion of grade12.
- Minimum 2 years experience in an office environment. Knowledge of filing system's fax operation and basic computer skills.
- Excellent English skills, spoken and written.
- Advanced PC Skills.
- Basic understanding of accounting practices.
- SAP skills preferred.
- Ability to work in a multicultural environment.

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REPUBLIC OF YEMEN
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POPULATION (MOPHP)
SCHISTOSOMIASIS CONTROL PROJECT (SCP)

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

The Government of the Republic of Yemen has received a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of its Schistosomiasis Control Project (SCP), and intends to apply the proceeds of this grant for the payment of goods, and consultancy services. This project includes two components Component 1: Preventive Chemotherapy for Schistosomiasis Control (estimated US\$22.65 million). This component will support two anthelmintic drug delivery strategies: (i) campaign-based preventive chemotherapy using fixed and temporary sites; and (ii) routine preventive chemotherapy. Component 2: Independent Monitoring/ Audit, and Project Administration (estimated US\$2.35 million). This component will support activities related to the independent monitoring of project targets and audit of project campaigns.

The Project Administration Unit (PAU) within the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MOPHP) intends to hire an individual consultant who will be contracted to carry out the following tasks:

Overall Purpose of the Assignment and Specific Objectives:

The overall communication objective of the Schistosomiasis control program interventions is "to raise public awareness on drug availability, access to drugs, drug safety and utilization; and to promote behaviour modification among targeted communities where feasible.

The purpose of this assignment is to support achieving the project above mentioned objective during the planning, implementation, coordination and follow up on various communication interventions needed at the first year of the program. Specifically, the objectives of the assignment are:

- Provide strategic technical support to the national project team and other national counterparts in the area of communication by developing a comprehensive communicating strategy and detailed action plan and following up on its effective implementation and coordination.
- Lead the design and implementation and utilization of the communication research including a national behavioural baseline survey and a post campaign snap shot survey (after the first national campaign).
- Lead the design and implementation of the communication capacity building initiative of local health education teams on the central and governorate levels and implement needed activities to strengthen the team's capacities.
- Coordinate with various concerned national partners the plans, progress and outcomes of the communication interventions so as to ensure the full understanding, consensus and satisfactory outcomes of the communication interventions.

Proposed Tasks of the Consultant:

Strategic Technical Support and Coordination
The incumbent is expected to provide full strategic communication support in coordination with the MOPHP and other GOY partners in terms of the following tasks:

- Upon hiring the incumbent, it is expected that he/ she will conduct a review of project documents, meet with different counterparts, draft the outline and key areas for implementation under the communication strategy and possibly provide a revised work plan of the one included under this Terms of Reference. These revisions and proposed strategic directions are to be presented and discussed in a consensus workshop within the first two weeks of hiring to reach final agreement.
- Develop a comprehensive national and sub national communication for development strategy and action plan including a clear description of the strategy phases, levels of implementation and different audience to be addressed at different strategic times. Key messages of the strategy will be fine tested as part of the baseline research exercise and fine tuned after the completion of the baseline study (listed under component 2).
- Review the communication strategy and key messages and target audiences could be done to ensure effectiveness in the following year, 2011, in light of the end of the year snap shot post campaign survey exercise (listed under component 2) and lessons learned from the field implementation during the 2010 campaign.
- Support and technically oversee the design, development and review of the relevant IEC materials to be produced (e.g. leaflets, posters, flyers, banners...etc) as well as other communication tools (national media campaign spots, press advertisements, mobile cars messages...etc.) to ensure their satisfactory quality production by the responsible agency.
- Provide technical support during the implementation of the national and sub national communication interventions. Examples include supporting GOY and the implementing communication agency (to be appointed) in designing, implementing and following up on the national media campaign, planning with local authorities the social mobilization campaigns to be done on the governorate levels, following up with local health education teams the implementation of the planned social and community mobilization interventions in the pre and during the campaign implementation...etc.

Communication Monitoring and Evaluation and Research

Given the scarcity of public health data particularly as related to health communication and health behaviours,

research under this assignment is considered one of main strategic components to be undertaken. Accordingly, the following are the key tasks required for undertaking by the incumbent:

- Develop a monitoring and evaluation results framework for the entire planned communication interventions along with the relevant communication indicators in conjunction with the above mentioned strategies and interventions. The results framework would become the main monitoring tool for measuring the progress made and to follow up on any set back.
- Develop needed guideline and research protocols to undertake one national behavioural baseline survey and another post campaign snap shot survey. The incumbent will be the team leader in charge of designing and implementing data collection phase, data analysis and report write up. Needed staff to support the data collection, data entry and other research activities will be recruited through the available capacities of the Ministry of Health, hence needed training on data collection and data entry is expected to precede the research conduct.
- Provide full update on research results and suggested modifications to the messages, communication strategies and interventions as well as the communication plan for 2011.
- Submit two research final reports including one for the baseline research to be implemented immediately upon hiring and the second for the snap shot survey by September 2012.

Capacity Building and Training

- Conduct quick training needs assessment of the relevant ministry of health department involved in health education activities on central and / or local levels capacities in communication for development.
- Develop a training and capacity building plan based on the results of the assessment that outlines different capacity building activities on phases that align with the overall project work plan.
- Develop the training content for the relevant training activities to be implemented during the first year as part of the capacity building plan (e.g. building communication skills for planning and implementing social and community mobilization campaign, simple research methods and data collection...etc.) and undertake these training activities.
- Submit one report on the outcomes of the implemented training activities and next steps.

Duration of the Assignment:

The expected time to finish the work is one year.

Required Qualifications and Experience of the Consultant:

Qualifications would be the following. However, experience and performance in prior assignments would also be a key factor in the selection process.

- Good conceptual understanding of issues related to health systems reforms, public health, chronic diseases.
- Proven record of conducting public opinion research and/or designing public information and communication mechanisms and strategy in the health sector or health issues (manifested knowledge of communications approaches, tools, and methodologies for planning, executing, and monitoring internal and/or external communication strategies, e.g., campaign management, audience outreach, message targeting, etc).
- Proven experience in health communications, preferably in Arabic countries.
- Proven experience in training activities.
- Broad experience of quantitative and qualitative analysis
- Proven experience in conducting integrated marketing campaigns.
- Excellent interpersonal and diplomatic skills.
- Excellent oral and written communications in English and Arabic
- Desirable
- Experience in working with Health Ministries in Middle East countries or other development countries.
- Proven similar experience in World Bank-financed projects.
- Demonstrate and provide references attesting to his/her experiences in the field.

Selection of consultants will be in accordance with the Procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines Selection and Employment of consultants by World Bank Borrowers May 2004, Revised October 2010. Interested applicants, who meet the above requirements, may submit their applications with their CVs and supporting documents to the address below by **August 29, 2012**.

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Ramadan desserts considered an annual treat

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The Ramadan sweets in Yemen are many such as Rawani and Shawbia.



In many streets of the capital, Sanbosa, dates and sweets vendors spread since the outset of Ramadan.



Children recite chants at the nighttime of Ramadan displaying their elation with this month, and by the end they seem eager to welcome Eid.



Yemeni people in Ramadan experience different spiritual rituals. They avidly read the Holy Book.



The Ramadan meal is peppered with various kinds of Yemeni-spiced food



Yearly, I prepare myself to sell Ramadan desserts including Rawani; there is a huge demand for sweets in Ramadan.

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