

# Torrential rains, serious damages

Story and photo by Ahmed Dawood

SANA'A, Aug. 12 — Heavy rains witnessed nationwide last week resulted in cracks in many buildings in the capital city, the destruction of historic sites in Zabid and rock erosion in Hajja governorate that left six people dead.

The Grand Mosque in Zabid was subject to damages and fractures due to the heavy rains of the past two days. The mosque is considered one of the most ancient mosques in Yemen.

Engineer Abdu Al-Habeeb Al-Dabhani said four planks fell from the fourth floor of the mosque because of decay and old age.

The fallen wood is not historically important, he said, expressing his concern about the continuity of the

lumber's fall.

"The time may come for the decorated, historic lumber (to fall)."

Al-Dabhani said if action is not taken to rehabilitate the mosque, the mosque will be exposed to complete destruction in the days to come, particularly considering the heavy rains. He held the government and the Antiquities Public Authority accountable for the mosque damages.

Hamood Ubad, the Minister of Endowment, said a technical committee was organized Sunday to make prompt field visits to Zabid, located in Hodeida governorate, to assess the damages exposed to the historic city by the heavy rainfall.

The technical committee will immediately start field visits to tackle the damages and to ensure the preservation of the historic Islamic site.

Damages caused by heavy rains have not been confined to historic sites; rock erosions took place as well in other governorates, resulting in many deaths and property damages.

A rock erosion in Kahlan in Hajja governorate claimed the lives of six people, including women and children, on Friday.

Hadi Wardan, a local council member in Kashr district, said the heavy rains were the reason for these erosions; some people fled to safe places in fear of further dangers.

Many cars were covered in floodwater during the past few days in Sana'a, and traffic was paralyzed in Al-Syala district, in addition to causing cracks in some houses in Qa'a Al-Qaidi district, located in south Sana'a.



In Sana'a, substantial rains have flooded many streets, leaving cars stuck in the dirty water.

# Coastal security procedures uptick to stave off Somali extremists to Yemen

Muaad Al-Maqtari

SANA'A, Aug. 11 — Yemeni coastal forces joined together to increase security measures along the Gulf of Aden through intensifying patrols and inspections of boats arriving from African nations.

Shuja'a Mahdi, the Operation Department head of the coastal forces, said these procedures were put in place in anticipation of the arrival of extremists from Somalia aiming to infiltrate Yemen and to support Ansar Al-Sharia, an Al-Qaeda-affiliated group in Yemen.

Coastal forces intensified security procedures in reaction to a

pledge by Islamist Somalis to send a number of fighters in support of Al-Qaeda members in the Arabian Peninsula, centering in remote rural areas of Yemen, Mahdi said. The promise of support came following the last strikes directed at Al-Qaeda by Yemen's military.

"Patrols and inspections of coasts have been intensified; helicopters and thorough inspections of African boats to know the identities of those on board and the motives of their coming to Yemen were among the procedures," Mahdi said.

The website Somali Today quoted Saeed Raji, minister of Ports

and Anti-Piracy in Putland, as saying Somali security forces confiscated a boat loaded with smuggled weapons from Al-Qaeda militants in Yemen to Al-Qaeda militants in Somalia on Saturday.

Raji said the security forces confiscated the boat and the Yemeni man aboard.

He was also quoted as saying the boat carried explosives, rockets, firearms, ammunitions and rocket-propelled grenades; these weapons were smuggled and meant to arrive in the hands extremist Islamist youths in southern Somalia.

Last year, Al-Qaeda militants and the Youth Movement declared

the integration of their forces.

In addition, coastal forces in Yemen warned against swimming in the water during the coming days because of a potential monsoon and strong tides that will last until the end of September.

The statement, released by coastal forces at the Gulf of Aden, said diving teams affiliated with the coastal forces in the Gulf of Aden found the body of a Yemeni man, Fadl Ahmed Mohmood Nasser, 28, who drowned in Gold Moor coast.

The statement noted that the diving teams rescued two other people who were drowning.

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## Committee organized to investigate human rights violations nationally

**Amal Al-Yarisi**

SANAA, Aug. 8 – Minister of Legal Affairs Mohammed Al-Mikhlafi said the cabinet tasked the Legal Affairs Ministry on Tuesday to choose a mechanism to set up a committee addressing human rights violations.

He said he assigned the task of reshaping the decision and developing the final draft to the committee in order to okay the proposal. He said drafting the decision would finish during the coming two weeks.

"This decision is a positive step on the side of the reconciliation

government," Al-Mikhlafi said.

The cabinet agreed on the republican decree with regard to establishing a committee to look into allegations of human rights violations presented by Human Rights Minister Horia Mashhoor.

Khalid Al-Anisi, a lawyer and human rights activist, said the decision was adopted in advance of any foreign investigative intervention, noting that a biased committee and popular persons will be nothing but a means to hide these crimes.

The fact-finding committee ought to be unbiased and should not be formed by the government,

according to Al-Anisi, who said that half of government officials are accused of executing these violations.

"There are some particular ministers accused of committing crimes against protesters in 2011."

Revolutionary youth called for investigations into contraventions that they were subject to during last year's events. They also demanded the immediate release of all detainees and the closing of "illegitimate" jails.

The president of the republic and the prime minister said their demands should be met with respect.

## Taiz Oil Company employees refuse decree banning strikes

**Mohammed Al-Samei**

TAIZ, Aug. 12 – Personnel of the Oil Company, Taiz branch, have refused Minister of Oil Hesham Sharaf's decree banning strikes in the oil and gas section.

Mohammed Al-Dohaili, head of the Syndicate Committee in the Oil Company and a member of the Coordination Council of the Company, Taiz branch, said the Syndicate refuses the decree that bans strikes in the company because

it is illegal, it prevents freedom of demands and it aims to quiet those who demand their rights.

"The majority of the employees in the company demand their rights," Al-Dohaili said. "They receive low salaries and live in difficult situations."

Al-Dohaili said the workers will put on red signs in Sept. 1. Then, they will begin a strike for two hours per day, beginning Sept. 4, until their demands are met.

Nabeel Abdulqawi, an employee

in the company, said employees have no rights. Abdulqawi said money is taken out of their salary illegally, and money is taken out of their salary if a worker takes leave, though labor laws grant paid leave for employees.

"There is an attempt to cause deterioration in the company and privatize it," he said. "People think that to be a worker in the oil company means that you are highly paid, but the truth is that we live in bad situation.

## Expired food products burn away



An estimated 120,000 tons of expired food were destroyed Saturday.

**Story and photo by Samar Qaed**

SANAA, Aug. 11 – The Public Works and the Highways office beside the local council in Sana'a burned an estimated 120,000 tons of expired food Saturday after the food went through Environment Health office controls.

The food included commodities such as dates, cooking oil, cheese, yogurt, juice and gas beverages, in addition to child-related things such as napkins and milk.

The Yemen Standardization Metrology and Quality Control Organization turned down shipments of 1,000 tons of expired dates through different customs crosses that were en route to the

markets in Yemen at the start of Ramadan.

Ameen Mohammed Juman, the general secretary of the capital city, called the Environment Health office to exert the utmost pressure in order to eliminate this phenomenon of expired goods in the days to come, indicating that a large amount of inedible food was found in the markets during the past evaluation period.

Juman said expired food materials have been commonplace in all districts of Sana'a and in some other governorates. He urged companies, merchants and shopping centers to fear God and not to sell these detrimental goods to people because of the potential harm to human health and to the

environment.

"Inspection teams have intensified their campaign since the outset of Ramadan," Dr. Mohammed Al-Asbahi, the Environment Health office general manager said, adding that the Public Works and Highways office will take legal procedures against anyone proved guilty of selling expired food.

"Anyone caught red-handed will be referred to the judiciary in accordance with the Inspection Law pertinent to food materials."

Expired goods spread in the Yemeni markets and streets due to the inadequate inspection; therefore, Yemenis resort to buying them for their low prices.

See page 8 for further details.

## Hajja landslides leave six dead

**Ashraf Al-Muraqab**

HAJJA, Aug. 12 – Tens of residents in Kahlan district in Hajja have been displaced from the area after six people died in landslides Friday morning, according to Hadi Wardan, a member of the Hajja Local Council.

"People are afraid that landslides may happen again, particularly because of heavy rain in the area," Wardan said.

He said charity associations have provided camps and food for the displaced people in response to the landslides. He also condemned the absence of the government and of concerned authorities in helping those residents affected by the disaster.

Hajja is located northwest of

Sana'a.

Majed Al-A'war, a Hajja resident, said four women died in the landslides, and others were taken to hospital. The women were buried immediately, on Friday afternoon.

Al-A'war said the landslide happened while the women were performing the Fajr (Down) prayer. When their bodies were found, they were wearing prayer clothing.

Doctor Ayman Ahmed Mathkoor, general manager of Health Office in Hajja governorate, said a team of doctors rushed to the scene and worked to save tens of people caught in the landslide.

"Heavy rain in the area caused rocks to slide from the mountain located under Kahlan fortress,"

Mathkoor said.

Elsewhere, official sources said two people died and tens were injured in landslides Thursday in Al-Mahweet governorate, in northern Yemen.

Doctor Ahmed Saif, a geology professor at Sana'a University, said sedimentary rocks spread widely in Yemen. They slide due to heavy rain.

More than 70 percent of Yemen is mountainous and reaches 3,666 meters above sea level. There are many cracks in these mountains that can cause landslides, according to Saif.

Saif said the government must make citizens aware that they should not build under slopes and hanging rocks, particularly in Hajja and Mahweet.

## Land Transportation Company to resume work after two-year halt

**Ghaida Al-Ariqi**

SANAA, Aug. 12 – The Land Transportation Company announced it will resume travel at the end of Ramadan after a more than two year suspension of work due to technical defects and a shortage of spares.

"We will resume travel at approximately the end of Ramadan via five buses," Jamal Al-Shawbali, the Land Transportation Company general manager in the capital city, said. "We are now working to fix the defects. We still have a team of 15 buses that require high technical fixing and spares so as to operate anew."

He added that, as a government institution and an "effective partner in development," the government should be held responsible for the company.

"The government should provide

us with engineers to fix the buses and provide us with spares," Al-Shawbali said.

He said the Finance Ministry still pays the salaries of the Land Transportation Company's employees as a temporary solution until travel resumes so that the institution can autonomously fund itself.

Nassr Al-Harbi, the Economic Department deputy at the Ministry of Finance, said certain procedures and solutions that could contribute to restoring the activities of the company were agreed on. The goal is to help the company depend on its own resources.

"It was decided that the institution's subsidiary land be sold in order to purchase a flotilla of buses that could help resume travels in addition to paying off the debts," Al-Harbi said.

The debts owed by the institution

to the Finance Ministry are estimated at 80 million riyals, and it is comprised in part of employee salaries for four years, let alone its debts to the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Water Public Corporation and other private ones, Al-Harbi explained.

Saleh Al-Wali, the head of Land Transportation Authority at the Ministry of Transportation, said, "We are partly responsible; we will provide buses in support of the institution's flotilla. We agreed with a Kuwaiti-Saudi Company to provide the institution with buses ... First, we want to support and qualify them."

"The institution has a qualified, excellent staff able to create partnerships with the private sector; improve its flotilla, establish technical research centers and create job vacancies once restored," Al-Wali said.

## Saudi consul's release unconfirmed

**Amal Al-Yarisi**

SANAA, Aug. 12 – Inconsistent reports continue with respect to the release of Saudi Deputy Consul Abdullah Al-Khalidi, who was abducted by Al-Qaeda four months ago in Aden.

Prominent Sheikh Tareq Al-Fadhli confirmed to Al-Masdar online news website on Saturday that Al-Qaeda members released Al-Khalidi on Saturday evening; however, a tribal mediator who spoke with various publications said that Al-Qaeda retreated from setting Al-Khalidi free due to disputes over ransom. Reports

suggest Al-Qaeda has doubled the ransom to \$20 million.

Al-Khalidi was kidnapped while leaving his house in Aden this past March. His kidnapping resulted in the close of the Saudi embassy for months.

Mohammed Al-Mawiri, information assistant at the Interior Ministry, said that, to date, the veracity of the news has not been proved or disproved.

There is news about the release of Al-Khalidi, yet it has not been confirmed as yet, said Ismael Al-Mabari, a reporter at the Interior Ministry. Al-Mabari said it is likely Al-Khalidi has been

released.

"Perhaps the Interior Ministry obscures his release for the purpose of some security procedures," Al-Mabari said.

A source from the president's office told many publications that Al-Khalidi will return to his home in the company of President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi, who will go to Saudi Arabia to attend an Islamic summit slated to be held there.

The Yemen Times attempted to contact the Saudi embassy in Sana'a to obtain further details but was unable to reach anyone in the embassy.

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# Politically independent youth propose national conference

Ahmed Dawood

Change Squares across Yemen are flooded with the same young people who took to the streets in 2011 demanding change, including the toppling of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh's regime and the reforming of economic and social issues and policies.

The youth in these squares are diverse according to their partisan political associations. Some follow particular political parties and are adherent to all of that party's views. Others adopt specific views of certain parties like the views of the Houthis in the north and the



In 2011, during the high point of youth activism in squares such as Change Square in Sana'a, young people gathered to demand political, economic and social change.

views of the Southern Movement in the south. Others still have their own views and remain politically independent.

Saddam Al-Ahdal, an activist in Sana'a's Change Square, said independent youth represent the power that balances disputes between different parties because they tend to side with the people and the country.

Al-Ahdal said he believes independent youth were marginalized and excluded by Yemeni political parties, which sought to share power at the expense of independent youth. He said the youth were disappointed because they dream of constructing a civil state.

During the past four months, many independent youths began working to gather other independent youth and to join together under a youth bloc. The bloc would represent their independent views away from views of the political parties in Yemen.

On Thursday, youth from Taiz, Sana'a, Aden, Ibb, Beida'a, Hadramout, Hodeida, Shabwa and Marib gathered and held a meeting in Sana'a.

During the meeting, they agreed on a draft of the "Independent Youth National Conference Project" and decided to introduce it as soon as possible.

#### A civil state

Mansour Al-Ashmali, coordinator of the project, said young people work together to achieve the conditions and requirements necessary for establishing a modern Yemeni civil state. Moreover, they intend to spread civil society culture, requirements of constructing a civil state and rule of law and civil rights. The group is also calling on all social and political parties to

end fights and to involve themselves with civil society, which Al-Ashmali said is based on respect, peace, social security and tolerance.

Al-Ashmali said the project targeted 300 young men and women in nine governorates who share the same viewpoint: forming a youth bloc to participate in constructing a democratic Yemen.

This bloc will put pressure on those in leadership positions in order to achieve comprehensive change. It will also call on the youth to renounce sectarian, regional and tribal fanaticism and to address the problems of society and seek suitable solutions.

#### Renouncing fanaticism

Doctor Sultan Al-Akhali said the goal of these young people is a big responsibility requiring great efforts. He said young people should take advantage of lessons learned in the past.

He also noted the importance of constructing a new Yemen, which isn't controlled by a particular sectarian, tribal or political group—a Yemen with a reformed constitution designed according to these principles.

Al-Akhali said independent youth are capable of achieving these goals.

The independent youth try to gather the largest number of young people on the condition that participants practice all political and civil rights, according to project principles.

Moreover, the participants must sign an agreement pledging they will not join any political parties, will renounce fanaticism, will be loyal to their country, will work to achieve aims of revolution and will combat corruption and human rights violations.

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# Al-Sabeen accidents speed up



Speeding, a lack of traffic signs or signals and the continuous change of barrier locations have been attributed to the number of traffic accidents on Al-Sabeen, according to Hamza Al-Ashwal, head of the Public Works Office in Sana'a.

Amira Nasser

“I feel that I am at a death race; you never know from where a car will crash into you.”

Inas Shubail, an employee in a communications company, said her heart throbs when she drives on Al-Sabeen road because of the cars that suddenly emerge, traversing the highway dangerously.

Al-Sabeen, located in the center of Sana'a, near to the presidential palace, has witnessed numerous serious car accidents this year.

The accidents have caused grave injuries to drivers on the street.

Carmen Nasr, a student in Sana'a University, said it worries her when she drives across Al-Sabeen because of the open barriers, which change without giving notice to drivers.

“You don't know when it's a one-way street or not; the only sign is to see the fast cars moving against yours,” Nasr said.

Abdul-Elah Nwairah, the former head of the traffic office in Sana'a, said statistics for traffic accidents on Al-Sabeen Street during the first six months of 2012 are 24 accidents—11 car collisions, six incidents of hitting pedestrians and two instances of vehicles hitting street barriers.

“The recent accidents caused serious cases, including death for five people, 19 permanent cases and six temporary cases,” he said.

Hamza Al-Ashwal, the head of the Public Works Office in Sana'a, said the reasons behind these accidents are speeding, which he attributed to teenage drivers, as well as the lack of traffic signs, especially while the continuous and sudden changes of barrier locations persists.

Al-Ashwal said it is important to raise the public's awareness about the consequences of speeding.

“Traffic controllers should use media to increase the awareness of speed risks; they should also use the streets signs to do so,” Al-Ash-

wal said.

He said in addition to the role of media, organizing streets, traffic signs and imposing fines for breaking traffic laws could help improve road safety.

### Accidents across Al-Sabeen Street

Salah Salam, 20, from Sana'a, barely survived a collision on Al-Sabeen. During Ramadan, just before Iftar, a car appeared next to him going the opposite direction.

“The barriers, which should be closed to create specific lanes for the cars, are now open, and the cars come from all the sides of the highway,” he said.

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Zaid Dammaj, 26; Ammar Al-Haj, 27; and Jobbari Mohammed, 31, died in a car crash accident July 29 on Al-Sabeen street.

“We received three road casualties to the hospital,” Amer Al-Rammadi, a nurse at the Science and Technology University Hospital, said. “However, we couldn't do anything because they were already dead.”

As Mohammed Ali, the neighbor to the crash victims, narrates the story, their vehicle was hit from the side by another car.

Al-Ashwal said serious steps have been taken by Secretary of the Capital Abdul-Qader Ali Helal, with the cooperation of the technical committee in the capital in the Public Works Office, to make effective changes to Al-Sabeen and to guarantee the decrease in the number of accidents.

“There will be new solutions such as implementing cat's eyes, making an organized u-turn area and installing traffic signs on Al-Sabeen Street as well as imposing fines to limit cars' speed.”

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# Yemenis take polarizing stances on fighting, bloodshed in Syria



In July, Yemenis gathered for a demonstration in support of the revolutionaries fighting against the Syrian government.

## Mohammed Al-Samei

What is happening in Syria has people talking in Yemen. Yemenis hold differing viewpoints with regard to the political and social unrest. Some say there is a repressive regime—which spares no tyranny—being faced by an overwhelmingly popular revolution in the country. Others say it is all a conspiracy engineered by other countries in order to demolish Syria and the Syrian regime because it stands in the face of America and Israel.

“The majority of Yemenis are siding with the Syrian revolution,

except for the rest (Houthis who side with the Syrian government) who opt to be armed thugs in Syria, though they stick up for the Yemeni revolution,” Abdulfatah Al-Batool, a researcher and writer, said.

Al-Batool said he questioned the double standard of some Yemenis who don't acknowledge the Syrian revolution, yet they support Yemen's revolution. Al-Batool hailed the Syrian revolution as the greatest one in the Arab Spring.

He said he expects the overthrow of Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad in the foreseeable future, saying the revolution started near Al-Assad's palace in Damascus in order to wring his neck.

Al-Batool said there is no doubt

fended the Free Syrian Army, saying the group uses weapons because of the excessive and brutal use of power by the regime to crack down on revolutionaries. He said the revolutionaries attacked by the regime aim to rescue thousands of women, men and children.

He also said the entire world sides with the Syrian revolution except Iran, Syria and China, describing the stand of these countries toward Syria as “unwise.”

Al-Batool said Syria has been oppressed since the regime of Hafez Al-Assad, Bashar Al-Assad's father, noting that the increasing defection of officials is an indicator that the regime is on the brink of collapse. According to an Aug. 6 BBC report,

the Syrian regime will fall, simply by virtue of the Syrian revolution's overwhelming presence in rural and urban areas. The revolution is within an ace of holding Halab (Aleppo), the largest city in Syria.

Al-Batool attacked the Iranian government and Hezbollah, accusing both of backing the Syrian regime and taking part in the daily killings of Syrian revolutionaries, women and children.

the most recent official to defect is former prime minister Riad Hijab, who defected after less than two months on the job in order to join the revolution.

Majdi Mahroos, a revolutionary youth in Yemen, said the events in Syria indicate a genuine revolution. Mahroos said he is deeming Syria's revolution as one of the most courageous revolutions in the Arab Spring region.

“This revolution is not a plot, yet there is a plot on the revolution to be hijacked,” Mahroos said.

Saleh Al-Mansoub, an activist from Dale governorate in south Yemen, said there is a conspiracy against the Syrian revolution and regime by many countries worldwide.

He said he believes there is Qatari-American support for overthrowing Assad's regime.

“I side with the Syrian revolution and (the people of the) nation,” he said, indicating that Qatari-Saudi support for removing Al-Assad led to his repressive behavior toward the people in Syria.

## Conspiracy against the Syrian nation along with the regime

A Central Committee member of the Socialist party, Mohammed Al-Makaleh, said what is taking place in Syria is a conspiracy. He said the U.S., Israel and Saudi Arabia desire to destroy the Syrian nation because of its “rebellious” stance toward Israel and American involvement in Arab affairs.

Al-Makaleh denied claims that the regime in Syria is at the helm Syrian civilian deaths. He said Al-Qaeda and Islamists are currently behind the bloodshed in Syria.

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fighting against the Syrian regime, yet it raises no fingers,” he said.

Al-Makaleh said he questioned photography and video of the deaths by some media outlets. He said these outlets are anti-truth and claim the regime is murdering locals.

“There are some Islamist Yemenis who battle against Assad's regime,” he said. “This is a war against the government of Syria.”

Al-Makaleh said the Free Syrian Army are terrorists because they killed many Syrian military personnel, executing them in public.

“The situation in Syria is a plot; why isn't this point of view respected?” he asked.

Al-Makaleh said if there is oppression in Syria, then the Saudi regime is more oppressive. The status quo in Syria coerces the world into following it, according to Al-Makaleh, saying that the people of Syria still rally around the regime.

He said media outlets distort the facts to show that Syrians are calling for the overthrow of the regime.

“If Assad relinquishes power, Syria will be razed.”

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# Yemen's priorities Feed the starving children or security?

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At the beginning of Ramadan 2012, recognition of the urgency of the humanitarian crisis in Yemen is welcome, despite being so badly delayed. But who needs help most?

Good news, Yemen is in the news again. Better news, it isn't because of Al-Qaeda. Now for the bad news: it is that finally, after months of hard work from NGOs and the humanitarian community, the media are showing some interest in the desperate humanitarian crisis faced by the Yemeni population.

Unfortunately for them, Yemenis are not in the habit of setting off on roads to nowhere carrying what little possessions they have and heading for borders or other places in the hope that somehow help will come to them in camps run by the U.N. and humanitarian organisations. So the world has easily failed to notice the poverty and starvation which have worsened dramatically in the past year and have now reached the point of extreme crisis with pictures familiar from African famines of starving and dying children too weak to cry and desperate parents whose distress is only too visible in their eyes.

In recent times Yemen has featured in the news usually because of the activities of Al-Qaeda and associates, or thanks to the revolutionary movement which has brought about fundamental but more gradual change than in more prominent Arab countries. Always the least noticed country in the Middle East, Yemen's revolution is not often recognized as such for its transformational potential. But now, at the beginning of Ramadan 2012, recognition of the urgency of the humanitarian crisis is welcome, despite being so badly delayed.

Poverty in Yemen is not new: the country has a history of outmigration going back centuries, due to its inability to provide sufficient income for its population largely due to its limited agricultural potential and water scarcity. Most recently, prior to the uprisings in January 2011, Yemen was already the poorest country in the Arab World. It had a rural poverty rate of 50 per cent and a national one of 43 per cent, both of which were increases

over the previous few years and both considered underestimates by many Yemenis and other close observers.

## Why the current widespread hunger?

As well as the 'occupy' movement which started and grew throughout the country in all the major cities and some towns, the simultaneous power struggle between the ruling Ali Abdullah Saleh clique and its rival Al Ahmar group contributed to reducing the majority of the population to destitution. While foreign involvement focused primarily on 'the war against terror' and secondarily on addressing the internal political struggle, the country's already dire economic situation was allowed to deteriorate. This went alongside a number of events which seriously worsened the overall economic situation:

- drought which affected the survival of all rural households (over 70% of the population still lives in rural areas), as rain-fed agriculture produced less than ever
- frequent and major fuel shortages combined with the multiplication of fuel prices by up to 4 times meant that farmers could not afford the diesel needed to operate their irrigation systems for vegetables and other high value crops
- the economic crisis reduced the limited earning opportunities for casual labourers in building and elsewhere; the majority of rural families are nowadays dependent on the earnings of their young men in towns and cities; this has become their number one source of income
- widespread and lengthy urban power cuts reduced work opportunities in factories, in trade and throughout the economy,
- insecurity and lack of policing ensured that men were very reluctant to leave home and their families without protection
- fighting at different times in different places discouraged further movement; moreover the economic situation being dire throughout the country, there was little point in moving from one

place with zero potential to another one with the same potential

- reduced operation and even sometimes complete stoppage of welfare payments
- with the simultaneous rise in price of basic foods on the international market, retail prices of cereals and vegetables reached levels which were way beyond the reach of the majority of the population.

## Current humanitarian aid situation

While some elements of the U.N. system and NGO humanitarian agencies continued throughout to try and raise the concern of the 'international community' to the seriousness of the humanitarian situation, their cries mostly addressed deaf ears. The U.N.'s Consolidated Appeal Process which tried to raise just under USD 600 million for 2012 had only received 43% of the needed funding by July 2012. These funds are not primarily intended to address routine poverty and hunger in the country; 45% of this is allocated to refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. After various other costs, this leaves significantly less than half to address the needs of the 5 million poor, food-insecure population living at home.

The prime beneficiaries of this aid are Somali and other refugees, as well as Yemenis displaced by the fighting. Both of these groups deserve a few words. There are about 210,000 Somali refugees in Yemen. While many of them are officially based in the large Kharaz refugee camp in the southwest of the country, the majority live and work in the cities. Their main advantage over Yemenis is their access to regular supplies of food and other basic necessities through the U.N. In addition, those living in the camp, as well as the small villages surrounding them, have access to a level of social infrastructure which is far superior to those of the rest of rural Yemen. Other official refugees in Yemen are Palestinians and Iraqis who are integrated into Yemeni society and economy.

There are two main groups of Internally Displaced People: about 200,000 in the north west of the country, most of whom are in Haradh, near the Saudi Arabian

border, living in and out of U.N. camps. These people have been displaced by the conflict between the central Government and the Huthi movement in the Sa'ada governorate, a conflict which has seen a series of wars since 2004. The second group are those displaced for just over a year by the fighting between the government forces and al Qaeda in Abyan Governorate: a further 200,000 or so people have been affected, the majority going to Aden where they live in schools and other buildings with others joining relatives and friends in al Baidha governorate.

## Who needs help most?

While these groups are assisted by the U.N. humanitarian system, mostly through contracts with international and local NGOs, the vast majority of Yemenis, and particularly rural Yemenis, have been left out of what humanitarian support loop operates. Their conditions have deteriorated to the point of desperation which they have now reached. With the estimate of 10 million food-insecure and over 5 million 'severely food-insecure', ie hungry and with no access to cash or food, the UN appeal only proposes to address the needs of about 6 million people, still leaving many in desperate need and without any planned, let alone actual, assistance. Indeed, with a funding shortfall of 57% for the CAP, even these 6 million are hardly likely to see a solution to their problems.

Hence scenes of emaciated children close to death are likely to be repeated throughout the country, in towns and villages alike; the fact that we don't see them on our TVs doesn't mean they are not happening and people continue to suffer and die. There is no doubt that CAP priorities need to be reviewed to give priority attention to the mass of ordinary rural and urban Yemenis whose needs have become more than urgent and whose lives are now at stake, particularly in the case of the most vulnerable, young children and the elderly.

Yemen has a history of food shortages and famines. The country's culture means that the majority of those suffering retreat to their homes, close the doors and wait for death. Public admission of poverty and destitution are perceived as shameful, so people do not advertise their desperation. Scenes such as those portrayed in last week's BBC news are examples of a situation which is replicated throughout the country, and most extreme in remote rural areas where there are no medical services, let alone any emergency supplies.

## The 'international community' and the emergency

The main international financiers, in the west and in the Gulf, all claim that money is available for Yemen, so one is left to wonder why the CAP is not fully funded, why the urgency of the situation is not being addressed? Why are other

basic development needs not being addressed? Why are health services and emergency supplies not being distributed? There is little doubt that aid for the fight against terror is available, as was shown by the recent most welcome victories of government forces over Al-Qaeda associates in Abyan. But to retain popular support, the new regime needs to address the needs of its population. Abyan has now been re-taken but its 200,000 IDPs cannot go home until the area is cleared of mines and their houses, schools, health centres, water supplies and roads restored to a usable condition. This emergency reconstruction aid should be a priority for the 'donors'. What are they waiting for?

The BBC news item, meanwhile, ended with an interview with the well-fed General Yahia Mohammed Saleh, second in command of the Central Security Forces who asserted with a broad smile that the fights against Al-Qaeda and 'security come first'.

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## Bold decisions, drones and suicide bombings

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Yemeni President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi has taken the long awaited step to strengthen his hold on a split army as an upper commander.

He has reduced the influence of two military commanders who divided the army into two hostile to each other groups since March last year.

The two commanders themselves remain in their positions but their powers will become less until they become like any two commanders in the army that is being restructured and reunified.

President Hadi took two decisions on Monday, Aug. 6, to take military powers from these two commanders. Hadi took three brigades (about 5,000 soldiers each) from the Republican Guards, and one brigade from the First Armored Division to form what is called "the Presidential Protection". These units will be completely independent of the two commanders.

The second decision was to take four brigades from the Republican Guards and four from the First Armoured Division and put them under other commanders in two different regions, which means these two commanders will lose more than 60 per cent of their forces.

The two decisions reduce the military powers of defected General Ali Mohsen, commander of the First Armored Division, and the elder son of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh, Ahmed, commander of the Republican Guards.

The two formed the most powerful military centres of influence during the political crisis over Saleh's presidency.

It would be extremely difficult for President Hadi to sack Ahmed and Mohsen who constituted an equilibrium of forces during the crisis. After Hadi was elected president in February this year, he needed this equilibrium to protect himself as a new president from any possible military coup.

President Hadi's bold decisions came amid the continued implementation of a Saudi-sponsored and U.S.-backed deal that resolved the Yemeni political crisis on a basis of consensus rule between Saleh's party and opposition parties.

Meanwhile, the deputy chairman of Saleh's party, Abdel-Karim Al-Eriani, was elected Monday as chairman of the 25-member preparatory committee for the national dialogue that will be held in November. The woman lawyer Rakia Humaidan, from the Socialist Party was elected as first vice president, and secretary general of the Nasserite Party Sultan Al-Atwani was elected a second vice president. The human rights activist Amal Basha was elected spokesperson.

Ahmed Awadh was elected a reporter. The 25 members of the preparatory committee represent all different groups that will be involved in the dialogue, which is due to reach agreement on a new constitution according to which presidential and parliamentary elections will be held in 2014.

Meanwhile, U.S. drones killed six Al-Qaeda operatives and a sui-

cide bomber killed or injured 95.

The war between the U.S.-backed government and Al-Qaeda continues. The U.S. drone killed an Al-Qaeda leader and his friend while riding their motorcycle early Tuesday, Aug. 7, in Kaifa area, Radaa, in Al-Baidha province, southeast of the country.

Security forces identified the killed leader as Osama Al-Marebi. His friend was not identified. This was the first drone attack on a motorcycle since Al-Qaeda urged its members to use motorcycles to avoid the air strikes two months ago.

On Monday, a U.S. drone killed four Al-Qaeda operatives while driving in their car in the area of Qutan west of Sayoun town in Hudhramout, east of Yemen. The four operatives were driving a model 87 Land Cruiser, which was completely destroyed.

Eleven terrorists -- mostly foreigners -- were arrested on Monday in Jaar of the southern province of Abyan after a suicide bomber killed and injured around 90 people.

A young man in his 20s infiltrated Sunday night a large tribal gathering for expressing condolences and blew himself up, killing at least 50 and injuring 40 more.

The suicide bombing was in the house of Abdel-Latif Al-Sayed, chairman of the anti-Al-Qaeda popular committees. Al-Sayed defected from Al-Qaeda before it was driven out of Jaar last May. Al-Sayed survived, but three of his brothers were killed.

Al-Qaeda has been trying to retake the town of Jaar for the last two weeks.

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By Rashad Al-Samei



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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.

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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.

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3. 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.
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**Proposed Tasks of the Consultant:**

Strategic Technical Support and Coordination

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

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4. 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.
5. 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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Provide full update on research results and suggested modifications to the messages, communication strategies and interventions as well as the communication plan for 2011.
4. 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**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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**.

**Attention: Dr. Abdul Hakim Al-Kohlani; Project Director**  
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Schistosomiasis Control Project (SCP)  
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Al - Hasabah - Mazda Street - Sana'a - Republic of Yemen  
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# Expired goods infiltrate Yemeni market

Story and photos by Samar Qaed

This year, Yemeni markets witnessed an increase in demands for goods compared to last year, in which the economy suffered from a recession.

Counterfeit goods have their own customers and are popular among Yemenis. Sellers know that improv-

erished Yemenis prefer these goods because they cost less, according to Yassen Al-Tamimi, a researcher in the field of environment and consumer protection.

Al-Tamimi said the Standardization, Metrology and Quality Control Authority's declarations about holding large quantities of dates that don't conform to standards indicates ugly practices of merchants that have never happened before.



Large quantities of dates did not conform to food safety standards, so they were destroyed.



Counterfeit or nearly expired goods make up nearly 60 percent to 70 percent of the Yemeni food market. The government is trying to control the spread of expired goods by collecting and destroying anything that does not meet standards for food safety.

"In the previous years, the unsold dates remained in stores for next year," he said. "Then they are mixed with the newly imported dates, and tea is added to them in order to make them attractive."

Al-Tamimi said these practices are applied to all goods with increased demands during Ramadan such as oil, milk, flour and sugar.

China is the largest industrial country with counterfeit products that flood Yemeni markets. It surpassed other countries such as India and Taiwan in this field.

Waleed No'man, a member of the Yemeni Industrialists Association, said new merchants are young men and sons of former officials. They own money, but they lack human conscience. He said those merchants import food supplies, toys and medicine from China.

Al-Tamimi said the problem isn't linked to importing goods with low quality.

"Unsold goods are being stored in bad conditions, which cause their expiration," he said. "But greedy merchants don't give up and try to find a suitable solution. For example, if wheat decays, they grind it and sell it to consumers."

No'man said a lack of consumer knowledge among Yemenis makes them easy prey for selling expired and counterfeit goods.

Sometimes, he said, people resort to buying expired goods because of low income.

"The expired and counterfeit goods, particularly food and raw materials, contain poison materials, and sometimes these goods are being made locally, which affects the national economy negatively," No'man said.

Yemen is considered one of the ten poorest countries in the world, where poverty rates reach 60 percent to 70 percent. Therefore, the ability to buy high quality goods is low, so people resort to buying goods that aren't up to standard.

Ahmed Saeed Shamakh, an eco-

nomist expert, said Yemen depends on imported goods from abroad by 90 percent and on local production of goods by 10 percent. Moreover, counterfeit goods and nearly expired goods represent approximately 60 percent to 70 percent of the market.

Yemen has a coastline of about 2,500 square kilometers and land entrances, making the accusation direct toward concerned bodies charged with watching these borders and entrances.

"The reason behind that is the rampant corruption and false economic policies," Shamakh said.

Al-Tamimi said that in the previous period, there was cooperation between importers and decision makers.

"Senior merchants have a strong lobby in the government, and so we faced many problems in combating practices done by some merchants," he said.

Al-Tamimi said that the Consumers Protection Association is among the associations unwelcomed by government authorities because it fails to fulfill its responsibilities. The government is bothered by the association's declarations about counterfeit and expired goods in Yemeni markets, he said.

## Absence of control and censorship

No'man said he questions Standardization, Metrology and Quality Control Authority's role, which is to oversee what happens in markets. He described the procedures taken by the authority as unsuitable due to a lack of labs used for checking samples before giving approval for goods to enter to the country, particularly if these goods quickly expire.

No'man said there are negative effects to not having enough labs.

"Once, the authority took a sample of sauce cans arriving in Hodeida port to be checked in the Central Laboratory in Sana'a," he said.



This year, Yemen has witnessed an increased demand for food supplies during the Ramadan season.

The samples took 14 days to check, which caused expiry of the sauce due to high temperatures. The authority requested the merchant to send it back to the source, but he couldn't. Therefore, he was allowed to sell it in markets with low prices."

Shamakh said there are extortion practices against consumers. In spite of issuing statements and declarations either by official or private authorities, the expired and counterfeit goods increased in local markets.

"People buy these goods because they don't know about them or because of low income. The declarations and statements don't affect these goods due to lack of effective censorship. Even cancer, kidney failure and stunting patients are being treated with counterfeit medicine that causes death."

The Standardization, Metrology and Quality Control Authority said it is doing its best to control the spread of expired goods and to make consumers aware, according to Abu Al-Hassan Al-Nehari, director of the authority's Quality Con-

rol Department.

"The authority launched its second awareness-oriented campaign in Ramadan to boost awareness among consumers and merchants when buying and selling and introducing them to the most important specifications of the goods demanded in Ramadan," Al-Nehari said.

Doctor Mohammed Al-Asbahi, director of the Environment Health Authority, said the authority works according to food censorship law. The work of the authority starts by checking goods by the Standardization and Metrology Authority before entering the country.

"Our role is to watch markets and visit markets daily to look for expired goods and destroy them," Al-Asbahi said.

Al-Tamimi said it is important to provide the authority with money to adopt the program of issuing a certificate of goods in the country of origin and also to sign agreements with labs in these countries to check the goods before sending them, instead of checking them in Aden or Sana'a, which takes time.



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

### Humanitarian Programme Officer- (1 position)

**Location: Sana'a**  
**Contract Duration: 7 months**

#### The role

Assist in the preparation and monitoring of project budgeting; facilitate administrative requests; collect, analyze and disseminate data on the progress of the response on a regular basis. You will support the programme to report against objectives through regular production of Situation Reports and develop accurate and timely figures for reporting, accountability, and communications purposes. You will be coordinating inputs, writing content and collating the monthly staff newsletter; updating the system (OPAL) as required; and ensuring filing is regularly updated.

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We are looking for someone with experience in humanitarian work gained through professional work who has excellent organizational, administrative, and communication skills. You will have well-developed interpersonal skills, proven ability to be flexible in demanding situations, proving your resilience and ability to work under pressure in a team environment. You will have strong attention to detail, be familiar with budget preparation, demonstrate good oral and written communication skills in both English and Arabic with the ability to convey complex information (in English), and possess good computer skills.

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**Location: Hodeidah**  
**Contract Duration: 6 months**

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

**Closing date for applications is 01<sup>st</sup> September 2012**

Please apply immediately as we will be interviewing suitable candidates before the closing date

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & IRRIGATION  
WATER SECTOR SUPPORT PROGRAM(WSSP)  
NATIONAL IRRIGATION PROGRAM (NIP)  
(IDA GRANT: H-449 RY)  
**CONSULTING SERVICES**

## Re-announcement for Expressions of Interest

This request for expressions of interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business No. (758) dated September 16, 2009 and updated on September 16, 2010. The Government of Republic of Yemen has received a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of implementation of the National Irrigation Program (NIP) under Water Sector Support Program (WSSP), and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for the Consultancy Services for carrying out a Comprehensive Study for the Restructuring of NIP in line with the Irrigation Strategy of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MAI). The said Study shall broadly cover the following aspects:

### 1-Tasks to be performed by the Consultant:

It has been agreed that a qualified Consulting Firm (providing a team comprising: one International Institutional Specialist and two Local Yemeni Consultants: one irrigation/institutional specialist and another legal specialist) will be hired to propose an objective assessment of Yemen's irrigation sector model as a whole and propose alternative modality that is suitable for Yemen and its responsibilities and functions based on the above scope of services.

The Consultant team will work for six months. The international consultant shall oversee the activities of the national consultant and guide them in fulfillment of their tasks indicated below.

The tasks to be performed by the Consultants shall meet the above objectives and shall include assessment of the roles and responsibilities of various sub-sectors implementing irrigation projects in Yemen and to advise how to better restructure the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MAI) to optimize its functions – in terms of policy making, irrigation services delivery, and regulatory functions keeping in view the relevant laws and bylaws and suggest necessary changes in the laws and bylaws as may be required.

### 2. Qualification and Experience of the Consultants' Team

#### A): International Consultant (1 No.) is expected to have the following:

- At least MS degree in irrigation or institutional organization and capacity building aspects or equivalent field.
- Experience of at least fifteen years related to the tasks particularly the water resources development programs and water sub-sectors as well as the related laws and by-laws and institutional development aspects. Meeting the specific experience in similar assignments shall be a must for selection of the candidates.
- Proficiency in English language shall be a must knowledge of Arabic will be desirable.
- Proficiency in report writing and usages of computer.

#### B): Yemeni Consultants (2 Nos.) are expected to have the following:

- At least BSc. degree in Civil Engineering for the Irrigation/Institutional Specialist and legal/institutional aspects for the Legal Specialist.
- Experience of at least ten years related to the tasks particularly the Water Sector Support Program (WSSP), water sub-sectors as well as the related laws and by-laws.
- Good Knowledge of writing, reading, and speaking Arabic and English languages.
- Proficiency in report writing and usage of computer.

### 3. Duration of the Assignment

The assignment is expected to be carried out in a total period of 6 months including submission and approval of reports. The team input shall be as follows:

International Consultant:	6 months (4 months in 2 spells in Yemen & 2 months at firm's home including preparation of reports)
National Consultant Institutional Specialist	6 months in Yemen
National Consultant Legal Specialist:	3 months in Yemen

The National Irrigation Program (NIP) now invites eligible consulting firms to express their interest in providing the services for the above mentioned fields. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consulting firms may associate to enhance their qualifications.

The Consulting Firms must identify the team members and provide their CVs along with two alternate CVs (total 3 CVs) for each of the team members to enable the Client to select the best.

Any Consulting Firm which fails to provide the above details regarding the firm and all the team members shall not be considered further. Consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank dated January 2011.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below:

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 15/09/2012 at 11 a.m.

Director of National Irrigation Program (NIP)  
Irrigation & Land Reclamation Sector – MAI  
Al-Mithak Street, Near Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation  
Sana'a – Republic of Yemen  
Tel : 967(1)228594  
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## Yemen International Telecommunications Co. (TeleYemen) Vacant Announcement

Yemen International Telecommunications Co. (TeleYemen), invites qualified Yemeni national candidates to apply for the following vacant post.

### Purchasing & Contracting Controller

#### \* Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Manage and provide effective leadership that ensure the success of the overall logistics, procurement and contracting activities, including solicitation processes, evaluation, selection and contract issuance (i.e. RFQ, RFP, direct contracting, open/limited competition, contract types, contract negotiation and management, shipping and insurance, etc); while ensuring efficient utilization of resources in accordance with TeleYemen procurement and contracting procedures.
- Assist in preparing a comprehensive procurement plan taking into account strict adherence to deadlines, priorities, availability of financial resources, operational feasibility, procurement modalities, alternative scenarios, etc;
- Establish and maintain logistic, procurement and contracting systems and processes that ensure effective ability to source and deliver quality goods and services, including vendors' database, prequalification of suppliers, standardization of equipment, simplification and grouping of procurement processes, etc.
- Prepare monthly reports on the status of the overall procurement and contracting process.

#### \* Qualifications :

- University degree in Business Administration, Logistics/Procurement, Economics, Finance or equivalent disciplines;
- Minimum 5 years of progressive relevant experience in procurement and contracts management with solid administrative background.
- Proficiency in Arabic and English.
- Good skills in MS Office software.

#### \* Competencies :

- Strong focus on client-satisfaction and quality results;
- Resourceful, dynamic, self-starter, mature, tactful and team-player;
- Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain effective work relationships;
- Ability to establish priorities and to plan, coordinate and monitor own work plan and those under his/her supervision;
- Ability to draft clear concise procurement and contracts documentation;
- Well knowledge in Yemeni Tendering Law.

Interested candidates requested to submit their application and CV by mail to:

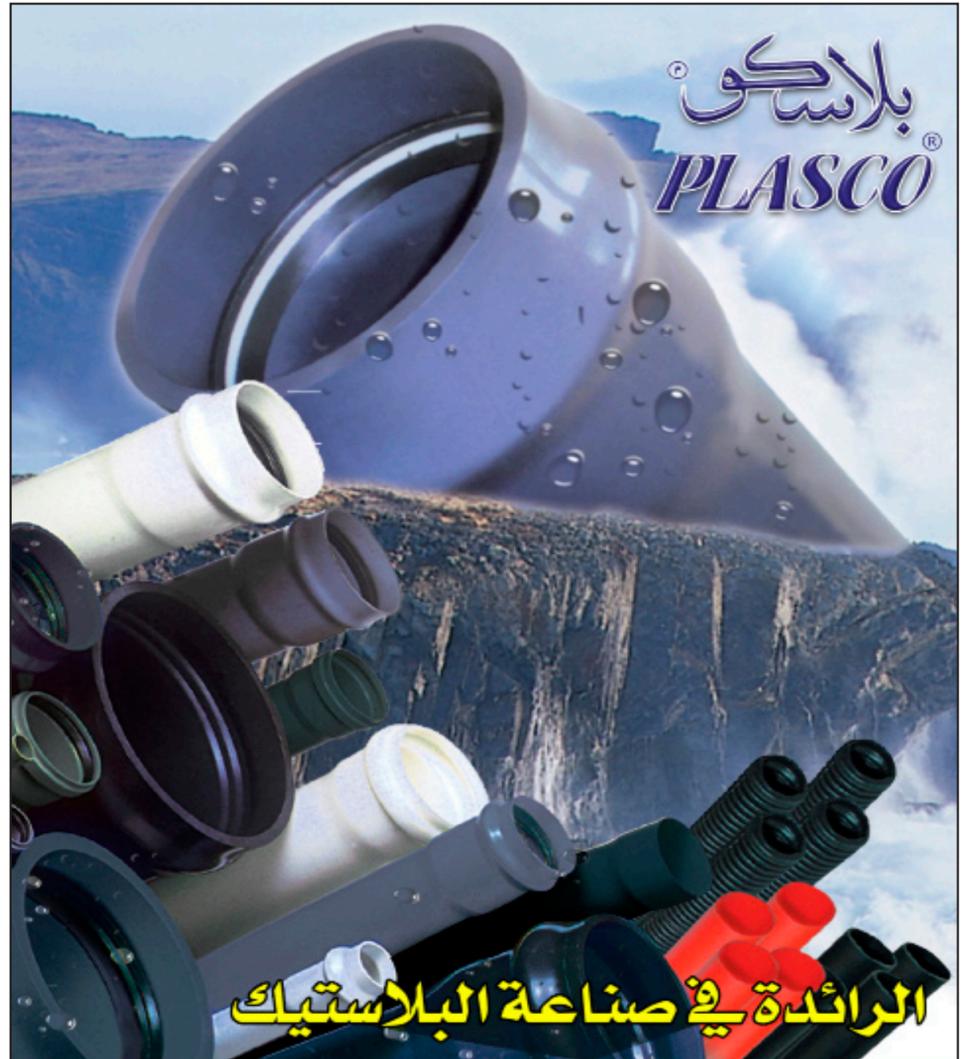
E-mail : [jobs@teleyemen.com.ye](mailto:jobs@teleyemen.com.ye)

Response will only be made to short listed candidates.

The deadline for application is Saturday 1st September 2012.

[teleyemen.com.ye](http://teleyemen.com.ye)

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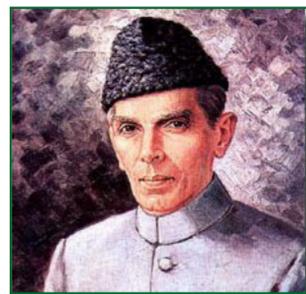
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65 TH INDEPENDENCE DAY OF PAKISTAN( 14 AUGUST. 2012)

# I AM PAKISTAN



## PAKISTAN AND YEMEN

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H.E. DR. IRFAN YUSUF SHAMI, AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN



I would like to extend heartfelt felicitations to all my compatriots in Yemen on the 65th Independence Day of Pakistan. This year's Independence Day is indeed special since it coincides with the blessed month of Ramadhan as was the case in 1947. I would also express my profound gratitude to the brotherly people of Yemen who have always stood by Pakistan. I particularly

commend the efforts of Yemen-Pakistan Brotherhood Association, under its dynamic President Eng. Aiyed Shamiri, for strengthening the bonds of friendship between our two great countries.

14 August reminds us of the miraculous success achieved after enormous sacrifices and a sustained struggle for an independent homeland waged by millions of Muslims of South Asia, under the charismatic leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Quaid-e-Azam envisaged a democratic and welfare state of Pakistan. He championed the rule of law, democracy and social justice for harmonious socio-economic development. 14 August calls for the renewal of our pledge to these noble objectives and shaping our lives in accordance with the Quaid's golden principles of Unity, Faith and Discipline to make Pakistan a strong and prosperous country.

The 65th Independence Day is being celebrated at a time when our beloved country is confronted with multiple and daunting challenges. Our nation has demonstrated its ability on several occasions and has successfully overcome all previous challenges and Inshallah it will do so this time as well. The brotherly country of Yemen is also confronted with similar challenges. We note with satisfaction that significant progress continues to be made since the signing of the landmark GCC deal. I strongly believe that Pakistan and Yemen can learn a lot from each other's experiences and can cooperate in various fields to overcome these common challenges and steer their respective peoples towards stability and prosperity.

My Independence Day greetings will remain incomplete without acknowledging the dynamic and vital role being played by the Pakistani community in the development of Yemen. I sincerely pray that through their dedication and hard work they will continue to maintain and project an excellent image of their motherland.

As envisaged by the great Quaid, promotion of strong relations with brotherly Muslim countries remains a cornerstone of Pakistan's foreign policy. In this regard, the brotherly Muslim country of Yemen offers great opportunities and potential. Since my arrival in Sana'a six months ago, I have continued to vigorously pursue several projects, particularly in the education, health and trade sectors. I am confident that, with the cooperation of my Yemeni brothers, my efforts would bear fruit and further strengthen our brotherly relations.

Pakistan Zindabad and long live Pakistan-Yemen Friendship

## I AM PAKISTAN

I am a country of 180 million people. I am strategically located on the cross roads of Central, West and South Asia. I am home to the ancient civilizations of Indus Valley, Moenjodaro, Taxila and Harappa. I boast all types geographical terrains and climatic conditions. The gigantic mountain ranges of Himalayas and the Hindu Kush guard my frontiers. The mighty River Indus irrigates my rich agricultural lands and flows all across my territory. The world's second highest mountain, K2, is my identity. I am Shandur, the highest polo ground in the world. I am Gwadar, one of the world's largest deep seaports. Karakoram Highway (the historic silk route), the eighth wonder of the world, traverses my terrain. I possess Khewra salt mines, the world's second largest and oldest mines. I am proud of Shah Faisal Mosque, the ninth largest mosque in the world. I am culturally and religiously diverse, multi-ethnic and I speak more than 60 languages.

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I am one of the proudest nations in the world.  
Yes, I am Pakistan.

## An Overview of Pakistan-Yemen Relations



Close relations with the Islamic world has been a cornerstone of Pakistan's foreign policy ever since its independence in 1947. Yemen, being a strategically important Muslim country, figures prominently amongst the closest friends of Pakistan. The two brotherly countries enjoy a long history of cordial and cooperative relations, which

dates back before their emergence as independent sovereign countries. The people of the regions constituting Pakistan and Yemen were long interacting and conducting trade through the Arabian Sea routes linking Karachi and Mekran with Aden and Mukalla. The advent of Islam in the 7th century and its subsequent expansion to South Asia further fortified these fraternal bonds and gave the people of both regions a common ideological perspective and a complete code of life.

The present day relations between Pakistan and Yemen are based on these strong historical links, common faith, common set of cultural and moral values and convergence of perceptions on a host of regional and international issues.

The bilateral trade volume is much below its true potential. It reached US\$ 167 million during 2010-11, mostly comprising imports of rice, pharmaceuticals, foodstuff and electrical items from Pakistan. Both countries enjoy robust cooperation in the educational field. Forty scholarships are annually offered to Yemeni students for studies in Pakistani universities. Yemeni graduates from Pakistani universities have formed a Yemen-Pakistan Brotherhood Association, which is an effective bridge between the two countries. There are presently over two thousand Pakistanis living in Yemen, who are contributing to the economic development of Yemen.

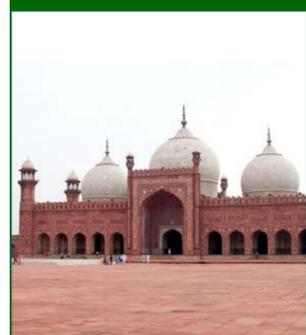
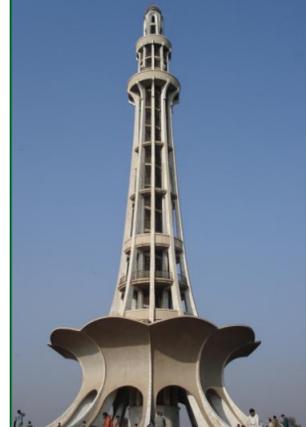
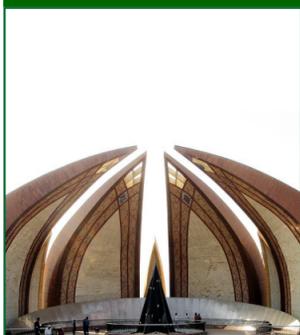
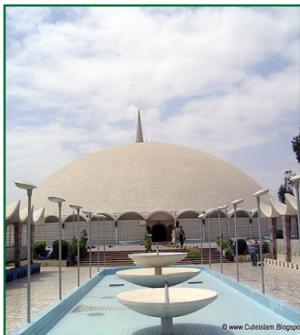
Pakistan School Sana'a is the first foreign English medium school in Yemen, which has been serving the children and youth of Yemen since 1984. Presently, there are about 600 Yemeni students studying in the Senior and Junior Sections of the School. The School's alumni continue to achieve positions of influence in the Yemeni society.

There is considerable scope for enhancing defence and security cooperation between the two brotherly countries to cope with the common threat of international terrorism.

A Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC) oversees and steers development of bilateral relations in various socio-economic fields. The 7th session of the JMC is scheduled to be held in Islamabad before the end of this year. Similarly, the second session of bilateral political consultations is scheduled to be held in Sana'a in October this year.

There is great scope for expansion in bilateral cooperation in all fields, as Yemen moves ahead in rebuilding itself during its crucial transitional period. The Government and the Embassy of Pakistan remains fully committed to achieve this common objective.

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