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Handguns confiscated inside biscuit cartons in Aden

Amal Al-Yarisi

ADEN, Nov. 4 — Customs authorities in Aden reportedly confiscated a container loaded with a large quantity of handguns inside biscuit cartons in the Free Zone of Aden on Saturday.

The state-run Saba News Agency reported that an official in the customs authority said that the container coming from Turkey initially raised eyebrows during the censoring process.

An X-ray revealed that it contained substances different from what the importer had listed on required documents.

Fathi Bin Lazraq, editor-in-chief of the Aden Al-ghad news website, told Yemen Times that customs authorities continued to sort the container through Sunday morning and found that it contained 384 biscuit cartons with handguns inside.

According to a report by the AFP, the Defense Ministry's website, 26 September, reported that the ministry did not identify either the sender or the recipient of the cargo.

Several attempts were made to contact officials in Aden harbor, but they declined to comment.



Biscuit containers were used to hide a large shipment of handguns from Turkey that were found by authorities in Aden on Saturday. According to several published reports, no one has claimed responsibility for the package to date.

Justice Minister calls on Hadi to release jailed journalist

Nadia Haddash

SANAA, Nov. 4 — Yemen's Justice Minister Murshid Ali Al-Arashani called on President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi to issue an amnesty decree to pardon journalist Abdullah Haider Shaye of the remaining 27 months of his five-year prison sentence.

Shaye gained attention as a journalist in 2009 after his reports suggested that the Al-Majalah village bombing in December 2009, which led to the deaths of numerous women and children, was launched by the United States and not by Yemen. He frequently reported on Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. In August 2010, Shaye was arrested on terror-



Many claim the jailed journalist has been treated unfairly due to international influence. Advocacy groups have recently stepped up efforts calling for Shaye's release.

ism charges. After much pressure, then-President Ali Abdullah Saleh was set to release Shaye in February 2011, but a personal call from U.S. President Barack Obama reportedly influenced Saleh, and Shaye remains in prison.

To date, Shaye has spent 31 months in prison.

Lawyer Abdulrahman Barman said the justice minister sent a memorandum to Hadi requesting him to forgive Shaye for the remaining sentence time.

Barman confirmed to Yemen Times that the memorandum is based on Article 539 of the Penal Procedures Law, which enables the president to grant amnesty for prisoners who have served a portion of their punishment and to terminate the punishment or reduce it.

The International Journalists' Union and the Journalists' Syndicate have staged several protests, most recently in mid-October, in front of the Ministry of Justice demanding Shaye's release, according

to Barman. He said the syndicate's members met with the minister of justice and called on him to talk with Hadi and influence him to release Shaye.

For his part, Kamal Sharaf, a caricaturist and a close friend of Shaye, said Shaye's release isn't in the hands of Yemen's government but depends on the U.S. government and the U.S. Ambassador, Gerald Feisterstein. He said the new Yemeni government must adopt an independent attitude away from U.S. interference.

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Numerous accidents, numerous deaths during Eid

Ashraf Al-Muraqab

SANA'A, Nov. 4 – Last week's Eid holiday led to number of water, weapons and traffic-related deaths and injuries.

Fifteen people died in Yemen from drowning accidents, including seven children and two girls. Another 21 were rescued. In addition, there were 10 weapons-related deaths and 19 injuries reported. In Sana'a, 24 people died in traffic accidents and another 124 were reported injured.

A report prepared by the Media Security Center, which follows the Interior Ministry, found that Hodeida governorate ranked first in the number of drowning incidents with seven deaths and 15 rescues. Aden governorate came second with three deaths and six rescues, according to the report. It was also reported that two people died in Marib, and there was one death case each in Hadramaut, in Dale and in Mahweet.

Nasr Al-Khamisi, an employee at the Operation Department of the Interior Ministry, confirmed the locations of the drownings.

Abu Ahmed, a tourist in Aden, said the rescue team was not present at beaches where people tend to flock toward during Eid. He said he witnessed drowning accidents, and locals attempted rescue because the rescue team arrived hours later.

Ahmed also said he thinks the lack of safety guidelines on the shore largely contributes to drowning accidents.

The reason behind the drowning accidents is that victims don't abide by the guidelines and instructions of the coastal forces and civil defense, according to Al-Khamisi. He also cited as causes for these accidents both an inability to swim and the inadequacy of the educational programs highlighting the dangers of drownings in coasts, water canals and dams where people swarm to during Eid.

Meanwhile, between the first day of Eid Al-Adhaha through Oct. 30, ten people, among them four children, died from weapons-related instances. Nineteen total injuries were reported, among them eight children.

The Media Security Center re-

port noted that the first days of Eid witnessed 24 weapons misuse accidents in thirteen governorates; Seven accidents were reported in Taiz, followed by Ibb with three accidents. The remaining accidents took place in Damar, Marib, Haja, Raima, Abyan, Amran, Sa'ada, Dale, Hodeida, Sana'a and the capital city.

Regarding traffic accidents, Qais Al-Eryani, the general manager of Sana'a city traffic, said traffic accidents killed 24 people and injured another 124 people during the first three days of Eid.

The traffic-related death cases took place in Damar, Taiz, Ibb, Haja, Sana'a, Dale and the capital city, according to Al-Eryani.

He said the reasons behind traffic accidents include speeding and the recklessness of the drivers and pedestrians. He also cited qat chewing and the use of cellphones while driving. Al-Eryani said there are other reasons, including the technical repairs of roads and the neglect of the vehicles' periodical maintenance, which might have contributed to the traffic accidents.

Transitional justice law facing hurdles in advance of government endorsement

Mohammed bin Sallam

SANA'A, Nov. 4 – In a continued onslaught of hurdles facing proponents of the transitional justice law, revolutionary youth declared Friday on the Al-Jazeera television channel that they reject the project of the transitional justice law.

The House of the Representatives and the Yemeni state are scheduled to endorse the law prior to this month's National Dialogue Conference.

The transitional justice law guarantees that the public will know the perpetrators of crimes and that war crimes will be made clear to society.

Those objecting the law say it has not made any mention of the issues and the crimes committed before the unity in May 1990, and

there is no mention of looted property in the north and south following the unity.

Not everyone rejects the law, however.

Minister of Legal Affairs Dr. Mohammed Al-Mikhlafi said those rejecting the law have not carefully read through it, adding that the 11-member Committee of Justice and Reconciliation will be formed to help reconcile with Yemenis because of the fallout of the political disputes and to address those whose rights were violated or who suffered from the disputes.

"The committee will investigate on the basis of the complaints and notices presented in regard to the human rights violations that took place due to political disputes, and it will search for those disappeared whose destiny is unknown as yet," Al-Mikhlafi said. "The committee

will work based on the notices and complaints it receives."

Sadeq Ghawth, a lawyer in the National Committee for Defending Rights and Freedoms, said, "I am with this law as long as it will address all the crimes that occurred since the September revolution in 1962 until today. Everyone who committed crimes should be held responsible."

He said the committee must not thwart anyone in the court from asking for his rights or the rights of his family.

Many Yemenis have said they think different powers are working to foil the transitional justice law by means of extortion, intimidation, concealment of the truths, faking the documents, providing false witnesses and bribing the families of the victims in fear of being pursued.

Workshops ushers Yemen toward focusing on good governance, social accountability implementation

Sadeq Al-Wesabi

SANA'A, Nov. 4 – The Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in the Arab World (ANSA-AW) held its first workshop Sunday in Sana'a with the participation of dozens of representatives from the government, NGOs, the private sector and media.

The network, launched in March 2012 with support from the World Bank and the participation of 7 countries, including Yemen, aims at raising awareness about the concepts and practices of social accountability and participatory government. It also works to improve and support other organizations interested in implementing and boosting the social accountability

concept in the Arab World.

Social accountability is defined by ANSA-AW as a means used by citizens, civil society and media to assess and evaluate concerned governmental bodies and to inform citizens about performance and quality of services.

Olayan Al-Haisami, a network founder, said the most important factor of good governance is based on social accountability that aims to improve community services.

"We cannot implement this concept if we don't create means and mechanisms that contribute to conducting social accountability for the government," he said. "Establishing this network is one of the best ways to strengthen the concept of social accountability in Yemen."

Abdul-Moiz Dabwan, the coordinator of the network in Yemen, said ANSA-AW is a first step toward reinforcing good governance in the region.

"The network came as the Arab World witnesses radical changes in different aspects," he said.

Dabwan said he thinks the network will be an important pillar of institutionalization for these changes.

He said Yemeni citizens would benefit from this network the most, noting that social accountability doesn't mean revenge against government and government officials.

ANSA-AW is a regional network that includes all parties involved in participatory governance and social accountability.



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New report: 51,000 Ethiopian refugees to Yemen since July



Yemen's proximity to the eastern coast of Africa has led to the influx of refugees from embattled African countries.

Amal Al-Yarisi

A new report released by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) found that approximately 51,000 Ethiopian refugees entered Yemen since the end of July.

Yemen has continued to see an influx of refugees from different embattled countries, including Ethiopia. The majority of the Ethiopians enter Yemen illegally by small boats coming from Djibouti, Puntland and Somalia, according to a 2012

report released by the DRC, a private humanitarian group.

Allen Jelich, the DRC manager in Yemen, said Ethiopians often immigrate due to the deteriorating economic situation in their country.

He said the council works to assist Ethiopian refugees in Yemen by helping to improve living standards.

"The situation of the Ethiopian refugees and immigrants has worsened in line with inadequate reporting on these issues," Jelich said.

There are three groups of Ethiopians in Yemen, he said. The first has

job opportunities and stable social relations in the country. The second one plans to spend time in Yemen to collect money for smugglers and then go to Saudi Arabia. The third uses Yemen as a stepping-stone to Saudi Arabia. Jelich said Yemen often hosts immigrants who are illegally smuggled to Saudi Arabia.

The difficulties of the immigrants

The refugees undergo harsh treatment while en route to Yemen.

Criminal gangs manipulate and abuse them to extort money. And at

sea crossings, military vessels often attack, according to the report.

The report quoted one Ethiopian girl as saying, "I met with an Ethiopian man in Hodeida. He said he would take me to the Saudi Arabia in return for YR 40,000. After I offered him the sum; he and a group of Yemenis took me to a distant place and beat me until they broke my hand."

The report mentioned another story of an Ethiopian man who traveled in 2011 by a small boat with seventy others; among them there were young girls. On the boat,

there were four Yemeni smugglers who publicly raped the girls and then sold the girls to Yemenis who exercise human trafficking, according to the report.

Yemen is receiving a constant stream of immigrants from many countries at a time when Yemen itself is passing through a transitional phase and enduring a deteriorating economy.

"Nowadays, Yemen has its own national economic concerns," Jelich said.

Fawzi Al-Zyood, the project manager for the International Organiza-

tion for Migration, said Yemen faces huge challenges with regard to accommodating these immigrants.

"Yemen has been sharing the suffering with these refugees," Al-Zyood said. "We thank Yemen for doing that. There should be coordination between the Ethiopian and the Yemeni governments in regard to aiding the Ethiopian refugees."

The report found that Yemenis complain about the involvement of the Somalis in insurgent groups and terror organizations, which contributes to Yemeni disapproval Ethiopian migration to the country.

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Ibb man fights judicial system from behind bars

By: Sadeq Al-Wesabi
Photos courtesy of
Mohammed Samoon

For 14 years, Mohammed Taher Samoom, 27, has lived in a small prison in Ibb governorate, awaiting news of his release.

In 1999, Samoom was a typical student, wrapped-up in his usual routine of going to school and then helping irrigate local farms in the valley for work.

He didn't expect that 1999 would be the year his life changed forever.

That year, the 13-year-old was accused of killing one of his friends. Samoom says he was playing with a gun in his village that he thought was unloaded when he fatally shot another boy.

He was immediately taken to prison and later appeared in court, facing a murder charge.

Samoom's family was unable to prove manslaughter or prove that he should be charged as a minor.

"They brought a medical examiner to me to set my age and [they] gave the authorities an age that was greater than my real age, and then the court sentenced me to death," Samoom said from inside his prison cell.



Having spent over a decade in prison, Mohammed Samoom remembers the innocent boy he once was (left and right). From his cell (center), he not only advocates for his release, but for other children who face the death penalty as minors.

He has been taken to the execution field 8 times, but every time human rights organizations have succeeded in postponing the death penalty until they are able to provide evidence that he's not guilty of a deliberate crime.

The one-time ambitious and enthusiastic student, is calling on the government and all concerned bodies to review his case and release him.

"I've lost my life here. It's enough for me to lose 14 years far away from my beloved family...nobody follows my case except my father and the Seyaj organization. Now, my destiny is vague," Samoom said.

Ahmed Al-Qurashi, chairman of Seyaj Organization for Childhood Protection (Seyaj), said Samoom's case is proof of faults with Yemen's judicial branch.

Seyaj has played a major role in

promoting Samoom's case. They have requested the Ministry of Justice and other concerned authorities provide him a fair trial or release him.

Taher Samoom, Mohammed's father, said he has spent the past 14 years trying to release his son.

"Social leaders let me down," he said. "They promised me to make efforts to release my son, but they didn't."

Repeatedly, the distressed father travels between Sana'a and Ibb to find solutions for his son's case. Although there is support from some organizations, he remains weary of his son's destiny.

In the past month, Seyaj reported there are 26 minors in Yemen who are facing death sentences. There are another 170 awaiting trials where the death penalty could be handed down.

Although he is in prison, Samoom spends his time advocating for minors who have been sentenced to death or exposed to the risk of a death sentence. He has access to the Internet and uses it to share with the world his suffering and the plight of others in similar situations.

"If they release me, I will choose to be strong advocate for the human rights of children," he said.



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Ahmed Saif Hashed to the Yemen Times:

“The future will reveal who stands by the side of people and who seeks authority.”

Ahmed Saif Hashed is an independent parliamentarian and the head of the Save Revolution Front, a group that effectively and noticeably participated in the 2011 political uprising.

Hashed is a controversial figure, who openly criticizes opposing political affiliates, especially the Islamic Islah Party.

In an interview with the Yemen Times, Hashed discussed several political issues currently facing the country.

Interviewed by Mohammed Al-Samei

To start, why does the Save the Revolution Front organize protests?

Actually, we feel that the revolution started to deviate from the right way because some people attempted to make it meaningless. This set the revolution up for danger, and consequently we have tried to regain its spirit.

Most of the revolution's aims weren't achieved due to the political compromise so we will continue our sit-ins in change squares to resist this compromise.

Some say that the Save the Revolution Front was established through external support?

That isn't true because we only count on our people. Some people accuse us of treason, but this won't make us stop the work we started. We will continue our way and allow time to prove who supports the revolution and who opposes it.

We depend on the people's trust and stand by their side and not by the side of regional powers, particularly Saudi Arabia, that want us to be part of them.

Do you think that the General People's Congress (GPC) and the Joint Meeting Parties (JMPs) opposed the revolution because they signed the Gulf Initiative?

I think they wanted to implement their agendas through the revolution and to continue holding the rein of the revolution. Some political parties attempted to control the revolution, but eventually they obeyed the Gulf Initiative because of their mutual interests with Saudi Arabia.

You always criticize Saudi Arabia, but it is said, that you are loyal to Iran?

This is false, and there is no evidence to prove it. What is true, is Saudi Arabia provides huge sums of money for Sheikhs and influential political figures. Also there is the Special Committee. The names of those people were published in Al-Sharea's newspaper. The general prosecutor was supposed to investigate them.

Money was provided for some political parties and some tribal figures admitted receiving money from Saudi Arabia but because of the clear Saudi influence that dominates all state operations, they can't be investigated.

So, you opposed the Gulf Initiative and organizing protests “the government just to spite Saudi Arabia?”

No we aren't retaliating, but we feel that Saudi Arabia's political containment affected the September 1962 Revolution, and now it attempts to affect this revolution by sharing power between political parties.

The Revolutionary Civil Alliance, a component of the Save the Revolution Front, presented a vision for a technocrat government, but it was rejected because this government will work on constructing a civil state based on integrity and justice.

If you were you a minister in this government, would you have organized the same activities “the government?”

The future will reveal who stands by the side of people and who seeks authority. I always stand by the side of people and even when I was supported by the GPC and the Socialist Party in Parliament, I didn't stand by their side.

What are the most important revolutionary factions that backed the Save the Revolution Front?

There are 51 revolutionary and youth factions in Taiz, Aden and other governorates, and they are working to sustain their presence [so they can] support the people.

Some say the Front is funded by the Houthis since they opposed the [political] compromise in Yemen?

These are untrue claims. The Front is composed of multiple components.

Including the Houthis?

No, the Houthis aren't members in the Front.

What has the Front done so far?

It is enough that we didn't join or follow anyone. We focus on the deficits and stand by the side of the people, but what is currently going on leads only to an impasse.

What are the most prominent activities the Front [has organized] because we only know about the protests?

We hold press conferences, workshops and protests and in the near future we will have more activities. Some of the protests we staged put pressure [on those in power] to achieve certain things. For instance, we staged a protest in Aden to demand terminating the contract with Dubai Ports International Company.

Though some politicians deemed it impossible to cancel, it was possible by virtue of the efforts of Dr. Waad Badeeb, the Transportation Minister. Now Aden's port is controlled by Yemenis.

But who was responsible for the attack you experienced during this protest?

Unfortunately, the attackers are affiliated with the Southern Movement (Hirak), and I believe they defamed Hirak, as well as the Southern issue. The leaders of Hirak didn't even condemn the attack.

We struggled to regain control of Aden's port and to eliminate the corruption there - to pass on a message that it was a source of income for the people who suppressed the protests, but we were surprised that Hirak opposed it. We also offered to stage protests that demanded good electricity and water services. In general, we don't oppose Hirak and deem the Southern issue fair.

Some state that Ahmed Saif Hashed disapproves of the gov-

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However, I am against the culture of hate and racism that distorts the awareness of the people in the South.

ernment, the Southern Movement and the Islah Party. Why is this so?

I have my own perspective. I may agree with you on an issue and disagree with you on another. It is possible to side with the Southern Movement because it is a fair issue and a popular movement that stands for the demands of people. However, I am against the culture of hate and racism that distorts the awareness of the people in the South. It is also possible to say Sa'ada was subject to six wars, though some say I support the Houthis. It is difficult to please all. Anyway, we may agree or disagree depending on the issue.

How do you evaluate the Save the Revolution Front, a front that aims to save the South from further deterioration?

The front adopted documents that were already adopted by the Change Organization for Rights and Freedoms in Beirut. There were outcomes of such documents including giving the Southerners what they wanted. What the Southerners want should be implemented.

Thus far, are these legal demands?

The Southerners have the right to decide what suits them.

Will you side with them in case they decide to secede?

This is their business. Personally, I am a politician that thinks there are possible and impossible things. Also, as a human rights activist, I think people have the right to determine the appropriate thing. Politically, federalism is possible. Secession is a legitimate right that is still overwhelmed with colossal dangers that could lead to further complications and polarization.

You said separation could pose dangers. Do the secessionists not heed such dangers?

The wrong government practices in Sana'a and other political powers, particularly the Islah Party, left people intimidated and convinced them that separation is the best alternative.

What makes the Islah Party afraid of secession?

Many figures in the Islah Party have huge interests in the South. There were lands hijacked following 1994 War. Some people became billionaires. These people do realize that there will be a collision between secession and their interests. Thus, the situation has reached the point of confrontation between the Islah Party and the Southern Movement supporters.

It has been reported that there are some groups in the South funded by Saudi Arabia and others by Iran. In your opinion, why are there many different factions and interests in the South?

It can be hailed a leadership crisis. There are internal political powers that have an impact on the Southern scene. I am against treason. People have the right to consider their interests and receive aid to support their issue. This is not the problem. The problem is relevant to the leadership.

In case this situation goes on unchanged, will the Southerners receive their demands?

I earlier said the Southern issue is a fair one, but there are some who attempt to distort it.

As a political and human rights activist, [do you believe] the Southern secessionists are larger in number than the proponents of unity?

Many bad practices have incited the Southerners to call for secessionism. Sheikh Sadeq Al-Ahmer, who headed the conference of Yemeni Tribes Alliances, told the Southerners to yield to the dialogue or go to war. Such talk of war makes others uncertain of a safe future. Therefore, the tendency of Southerners to secede is on the rise.



Ahmed Saif Hashed rallies others during a protest. The outspoken leader believes the South has serious grievances that politicians need to address.

Some say the former regime is the reason behind the recent calls for secession.

I think what was possible yesterday is impossible today. The practices currently exercised by certain political powers, including the Islah or other influential figures, make

the Southerners appear firmer in their demands. What is taking place in the South resembles occupation. The Southern locals cannot have a two-meter plot of land. By contrast, the influential control 50 to 1000 hectares [of land], guarded by military vehicles.

The same is applicable in the North. Some Northerners are not allowed to own even a small piece of land.

The Southerners let go of their state, institutions and oil. Over 50 percent of income [there] is from Hadramout. People in the South feel exceedingly mistreated.



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