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Marib pipeline attacked, electricity towers sabotaged



The army in Marib inspect the scene after a pipeline was sabotaged.

Amal Al-Yarisi

MARIB, Dec. 2 - Marib resident Mohammed Kalfoot has been accused of sabotaging electric-

governorate, resulting in power governorates, according to Mohammed Amir, an employee in house Saturday.

ity towers in the northern Yemen the Marib operations center.

Amir said the act was a form outages across numerous Yemeni of retaliation against shelling by military forces that hit Kalfoot's

Amir said that Kalfoot stands accused of detonating the oil pipeline and making unknown personal demands to the government.

Ghaleb Bin Mo'aili, the oil director in Marib, confirmed Kalfoot's involvement. He said Kalfoot sabotaged the oil pipelines across a 40 km area.

The pipelines had just undergone repairs which were finished on Friday.

Amir said military forces pursued Kalfoot and shot at his house, but he didn't surrender.

According to Bin Mo'aili, the oil pipeline that transfers crude oil from Safer refinery to Issa Harbour was halted because of sabotage, but it will soon be repaired yet again.

"Yemen heavy losses estimated to be billions of dollars due to the destructive acts on oil pipelines and electricity towers," he

Pipeline sabotage has become a common occurrence. On Nov. 11, the same pipeline was blown up, resulting in production halts and delays.

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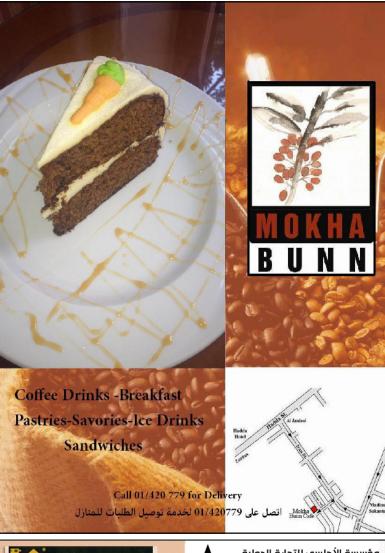
Dr. Mohammed Abdul-Malik Al-**Mutawakil to the Yemen Times:** "If the state and good governance are absent, nothing will be achieved."

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Aden security halts smuggling of counterfeit electrical cables



in Aden Harbor, who spoke on cesses in Yemeni harbors, said the the condition of anonymity, said harbor security prevented a bus leaving the harbor that was loaded with 130 cartons of counterfeit electrical cables previously confiscated by customs in the Free Zone of Aden.

The source said people in three buses broke into the containers and smuggled the cables from customs early Sunday morning.

He said the cables were initially confiscated Aug. 9 by the Yemen Standardization Metrology & Quality Control Authority and marked as counterfeit. The Chinese-made cables resemble Jeddah Cables, which are made in Saudi Arabia.

The cables were marked as being owned by businessman Ali Mohammed Al-harazi, with cus-

Marzooq Yaseen, a journalist ADEN, Dec. 2 — A security source interested in the smuggling prosmugglers took advantage of security vulnerabilities that occurred during the Nov. 30 national Independence Day holiday.

"Removing confiscated containers from the harbor, in spite of the presence of security guards,

is very dangerous," Yaseen said. "Tension intensified in the area, and Republican Guard forces attended to the scene and caught four suspected people.

Aden Harbor has witnessed 531 smuggling attempts in the past \sin months, including the smuggling of generators, arms, gun sights, telecommunication devices and medicine.





Weapons war campaign is waged by Ibb security forces



Ashraf Al-Muraqab

IBB, Dec. 2 - Security forces in Ibb governorate continue their campaign dedicated to confiscating illegal arms. Officials report that an estimated 200 arms were recently apprehended. They also say 20 wanted criminals are now in custody as a result of the security intensification.

This campaign comes at the heels of reports indicating a disquieting weapons increase in the governorate.

Mohammed Safi, head of the local council in Damt District, told the Yemen Times that the carrying of arms in Ibb has noticeably escalated in the area and weapons dealers have moved their sales operations to public spaces.

"The current situation in Yemen has aided in the proliferation of arms due to the security vacuum in the governorate," he

However, Safi says the security campaign has been successful in reducing the number of weapons in operation in Ibb.

Staff Brigadier Fuad Al-Atab, Ibb's Security Director, said in a statement on the website, 26 September, that the security campaign has been moving steadily ahead since it began a little over a week ago.

In the same statement, Al-Atab called on residents to cooperate with officials in order to achieve its ultimate goal of stability in the governorate.

An owner of a stationary shop in Ibb, Musaed Al-Salemi, is in favor of the campaign. He said he has noticed a change in atmosphere in Ibb.

On Saturday, Ibb security forces arrested two citizens wanted for the Friday murder of a man in Dhi Al-Sefal District. Investigators are currently making court preparations for the accused.

The future of business is youth

Samar Qaed

SANA'A, Dec. 2 - The first Youth Businessmen Conference was held Sunday, sponsored by the General Union of Yemeni Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Yemeni Youth Businessmen Com-

across the nation attended the conference to discuss the future of business and promising investment sectors.

"The conference aimed to develop the youth and increase their role in developing the economy of

the country and to reach solutions for the challenges they face," said Nabeel Al-Maznai, head of the Yemeni Youth Businessmen Com-

Multiple challenges face youth in the business sector such as a weak infrastructure and a lack of awareness of current laws, ac-Over 200 participants from cording to Mohammed Al-Thawr, the support coordinator for young

> Conference attendees said many young business-minded people study abroad in more economically developed countries like the United States or Canada, but feel

hindered when they return to Yemen as investment opportunities are limited. However, many budding entrepreneurs see Yemen as an opportunity waiting to be developed as it is strategically located and has a wealth of untapped economic resources and human

A large portion of the conference focused on microfinance projects, which represent a prominent section of Yemen's current development plan according to Mohammed Al-Qofla, the director of the General Union of Yemeni Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Gulf Initiative patrons welcome Technical Committee decision, Yemeni parties raise objections

Mohammed Al-Samei

SANA'A, Dec. 2 – On Sunday, the and its operational mechanism welcomed the Technical Committee's Wednesday announcement regarding the breakdown of representation of Yemeni political powers for the National Dialogue Conference (NDC).

In a statement made by the ambassadors of the ten countries, the patrons asserted that the representation-related decision has eliminated the major obstacles in front of starting the NDC, thus paving the way for a dialogue where balanced and just solutions to the basic issues facing the country can be seriously discussed.

The statement read, "We con-

sider such decisions tangible steps toward holding the NDC."

Although the Gulf representaten patrons of the Gulf Initiative tives praised the breakdown, some political parties raised objections to the number of seats given to them for the conference.

> The Ba'ath party conditioned the execution of the 20 points presented by the Preparatory Committee. The leadership of the party held a meeting and released a statement of objection to its allotment of five seats.

The statement said the preparatory procedures for the NDC are not based on national interests and the sacrifices of the youth; these procedures are subject to serve certain powers at the ex-

pense of the national interest. Furthermore, the Popular Union Powers also raised objections, saying they would not participate in the NDC. In a press statement, the party said it is committed to the goals of the youth revolution.

Political Analyst Ahmed Saleh Al-Fageh said the NDC would have no positive results considering many southern factions would not be represented in the commit-

"The dialogue will be between the General People's Congress and the Opposition Coalition Parties in order to share power and control the country," Al-Faqeh said.

He said the NDC couldn't fulfill the aspirations of Yemenis who revolted against the former regime, led by Ali Abdullah Saleh, in hope of a better future. These parties came to share power, he said.

Campaign fights discrimination against people living with HIV

SANA'A, Dec. 2 - The secretary general of the local council in Sana'a, Amin Joma'an, launched a campaign on Sunday to fight discrimination against people living with HIV

"It's the right of people living with HIV to have access to education and health services, as well as jobs. All these rights are guaranteed by law for people living with HIV," Joma'an

"While we affirm the right people [living with HIV], we also affirm the right to live in an AIDS-free society."

In honor of World AIDS Day, Dr. Fouzia Gharamah, the U.N. AIDS country officer, said they are also conducting a campaign aimed at encouraging youth in the battle against the disease. Projects directed towards this goal include a media day in schools and information contests about AIDS.

Gharamah said that about 6,000 children in 15 schools in Sana'a will be targeted through this awareness program.

According to the National AIDS Program in Yemen, more than 3,000 people are currently living with HIV in the country.



Message from UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on World AIDS Day 2012

The Millennium Development Goal for HIV/AIDS is clear: to halt and begin to reverse the epidemic by 2015. Thanks to the determined efforts of governments and civil society, success is in sight.

The UN AIDS World AIDS Day Report for 2012 reveals significant progress in preventing and treating HIV/AIDS in the past two years. The number of people accessing life-saving treatment rose by 60 per cent and new infections have fallen by half in 25 countries - 13 of them in sub-Saharan Africa. AIDS-related deaths have dropped by a quarter since 2005.

Half the global reductions in new HIV infections in the last two years have been among new-born babies. I urge Member States to intensify their efforts to eliminate mother-to-child transmission, and to work to ensure all HIV-positive mothers can survive and thrive.

I also urge stronger efforts to eliminate the stigma and discrimination that increase risk for vulnerable populations. The Report of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law: "Risks, Rights and Health" emphasizes how outmoded laws, misguided judiciary systems and punitive policing practices based not on science but on fear and prejudice - fuel the epidemic. We must make information, testing and treatment available to all, so every man, woman and child can enjoy their fundamental right to the medical care and essential



services that will end this devastating epidemic.

Zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination, and zero AIDSrelated deaths by 2015 are achievable. On this World AIDS Day, let us commit to build on and amplify the encouraging successes of recent years to consign HIV/AIDS to the pages of history.



Report 3 December, 2012

Weapons and revenge at local arms market



Market.



There is no shortage of ammunition or weapons at Juhana Arms dealers report a dramatic increase in prices since the revolution.

Story and photos by Ahmed Dawood

or more than 20 years, Juhana Market in the heart of Khawlan Al-Tial District, just north of Sana'a, has been selling weapons to local tribes. Although the large commerce center also provides its 200,000 residents -dispersed across the district in about 20 villages - with their daily commodity needs like food and medicine, for tribesmen in the area, the market is the place to stock up on pistols, rifles, machine guns and ammunition.

The tribes of Khawlan are known to live in a constant whirlwind of conflict because of disputes between opposing forces that often result in injuries and deaths. Many residents in Khawlan call the Juhana Market a catalyst for these bloody clashes. Mohammed Abdulwali, a district

local, said Khawlan tribes always carry weapons wherever they go. He says weapons are now ingrained in the culture.

"It is rare when the tribes have no disputes. Some tribes have rifts among themselves or [often conflicts are] between two tribes, one against the other," he said.

Because people are able to amass weapons and ammunition quickly at the Juhana Market, Abdulwali says people are able to turn to war as a means of resolving conflicts.

Ali Al-Hameedi, another local, agrees with Abdulwali. He recalled numerous times over the past several years when civilians were killed in the market because of tribal disputes. On one such incident, he said three people from the Bani Dhabian tribe were killed in the name of re-

"What is worrying is that security forces are absolutely absent, and many tribes enter tribal conflicts



Many blame the notorious market for the role it plays in tribal conflicts.

and wars that last hours without the interference of the government," said Abdullah Mahdi, a resident of

Mahdi also says the social status

of his district is exacerbating the problem.

"It is painful that education in Khawlan has deteriorated, and the health centers are almost non-

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existent. The judiciary is unavailable and locals have no access to electricity. The state ignores what is happening in Khawlan and doesn't

work to help the problems," he said. Because of tribal conflicts and the lack of work opportunities in Khawlan, locals often turn to a life of smuggling arms across the Saudi Arabian border. The arms market in Khawlan provides easily-accessible cargo for these smugglers.

This practice is very lucrative because according to Mohammed Dawam, an arms dealer, the cost of weapons is on the rise.

"Last year, the price of one single bullet used to cost YR 100, but now the same bullet is sold for YR 250. A rifle used to sell for YR 100,000. Now it costs YR 300,000," he said.

Although media reports have indicated a proliferation in weapons possession in various governorates across Yemen, Dawam says that since the revolution ended last year people have been buying fewer

Although Dawam and other dealers' finances are taking the hit, many believe this is a sign of increased stability in the area.





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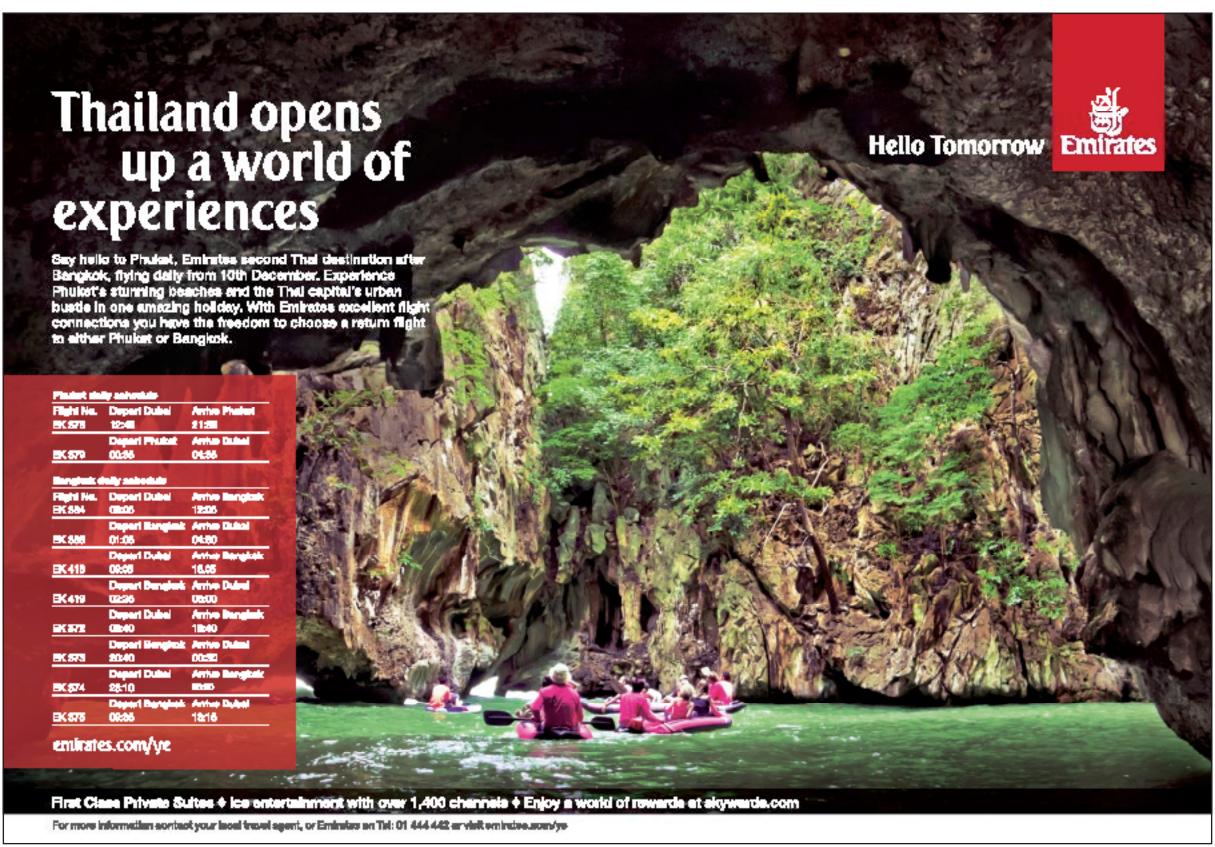
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Obama breaks the golden rule on drones

Thom Hartmann and Sam Sacks Truth-out.org First published Dec. 1

ne day after his reelection President Obama ordered yet another drone strike in Yemen, killing an alleged Al-Qaeda operative. In the process, our nation's moral standing in the world was further downgraded.

Family members of the man killed are outraged and bewildered, wondering why their loved one was sentenced to death from above, rather than arrested and put on trial. They say that while Adnan Al-Qadhi may have held an extremist ideology and may have lent some low-level support to Al-Qaeda, he was not actively engaged in any terrorist activities. Relatives say the drone strike was a complete shock and that Al-Oadhi could have easily been arrested, and, had he known he was being targeted, then he would have cooperated with authorities.

The details of this latest drone strike appear to violate the rules of engagement laid out by the Presi-



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Stephanie Speirs

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Johnsen's characterization

of United States policy to-

ward Yemen and the man

who leads it, John O. Bren-

nan ("The Wrong Man for the

Mr. Johnsen claims that United

States policy is myopically focused

on counterterrorism. In reality, this

White House takes a broader view,

and American assistance empha-

sizes governance and development

The real "Yemen model" during

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dent's own counter-terrorism adviser John Brennan, who in April suggested drone strikes are only used when, "A significant threat might be posed by an individual who is an operational leader of Al-Qaeda or one of its associated forces" and "capturing the individual is not feasible.'

As Al-Qadhi's brother told Mc-Clatchy news, "We could have made sure he turned himself in. If [he] was guilty of any crime, then arrest him, put him on trial."

The United States used to stand for the rule of law. We used to pride ourselves as the moral beacon for the rest of the world. We didn't summarily execute people without a trial. But those days are long Rule - "Treat gone, replaced by a semi-covert drone warfare program started by former President George W. Bush and ramped up by President Obama who has his own "kill list" and has ordered the drone execution of American citizens without due process, most notably Anwar Al-Awlaki and his 16-year-old son who were blasted away in Yemen in

Driving this arguably illegal drone warfare program is a poisonous concoction of fear and nation-

The post-9/11 epidemic of fear that swept across the nation let Bush and Cheney completely remake America. It happened here at home, with a massive surveillance state and the destruction of civil liberties. And it happened abroad with a drone warfare program that is killing handfuls of terrorists while radicalizing thousands of average citizens. In countries we are not even at war with, people live in constant fear of robots in the sky and watch with horror as these aerial robots create cratered, bloody messes in their communities.

When Pakistan's Foreign Minister was asked why so many people in Pakistan hate America, she responded simply, "Drones."

And we're doing all this in the name of stopping terrorism.

But the reality is Americans really don't have much to fear when it comes to terrorism. Every year for the past decade, more people have died from slipping in their bathtubs just here in the United States than have been killed by Islamic terror-

The thrust of Yemen policy

the Arab Spring sought not only to

protect American lives but also to

support the Yemeni people's aspi-

rations for political change, despite

warnings from some that doing so

would disrupt counterterrorism co-

operation. The model was hardly all

about airstrikes. It was about how

Yemen, with international support,

averted a civil war by beginning a

Mr. Johnsen says airstrikes are

driving the growth of the group

known as Al-Qaeda in the Arabian

Peninsula. In fact, it was expand-

ing long before American counter-

terrorism activities escalated, to

several hundred members by De-

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political transition.



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ists worldwide...which has to be making bathtub manufacturers a little nervous.

But the greatest tragedy in this drone war is how we've forgotten the most basic moral principle of all: the Golden Rule - "Treat others as you wish to be treated." It applies not just to preschoolers but also to global superpowers.

Consider this scenario: the Mexican government receives intelligence that a known narco-terrorist is holed up in a house in Arizona. They fly a drone over downtown Phoenix, fire on the building, completely destroying it and killing their target along with a handful of American civilians. How would we react? Fox so-called News would be calling for a return of the Mexican-American War!

What if a known terrorist affiliated with Basque Separatists was riding in a car down Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, and a Spanish drone flying above the city launched a hell-fire missile - obliterating the car, killing and injuring dozens of nearby civilians, and leaving a giant crater in the middle of a busy Manhattan street. Do you really

period when no airstrikes were

unrest and an influx of foreign

extremists, but membership has

declined after the signing of last

Yemen's challenges are enor-

mous and the situation fragile. But

in contrast to many other Middle

East countries, Yemen is now a

model for democratic possibilities.

John Brennan crafted the United

States policy that helped realize

The writer served as director for

Yemen at the National Security

year's transition deal.

AQAP grew in 2011 because of

conducted.

this outcome.

Council. 2011-12.







Expression of Interest for Short Term Local Specialists/Trainers

Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor's Restructuring Project, funded by EU and implemented by ICON, is calling for short-term local consultants and trainers; the project goal is to enhance, implement and strengthen efficiency, effectiveness and accountability in the areas of Labour and Social Protection and to enhance MoSAL's capacities to deliver social services to the Yemeni citizens. Therefore the project is in the process to recruit local specialists and trainers in the following areas:

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think Americans would say, "Well,

those drone things sure are a nice,

Drone technology isn't exclusive

to the United States. In the not-

too-distant future, any nation with

a couple million dollars - which is

pretty much every nation on earth

- can have weaponized drones.

And, tragically, by firing drones

into a nation that we're not even at

war with, we're setting a dangerous

moral precedent for the future of

A Washington Post/ABC News

poll shows that 83 percent of Amer-

icans support the Bush/Obama

drone policy. We can't imagine that

one day these same drones might

be used against us – by states or by

well-funded terrorists simply fol-

lowing our example – or that our

policies will probably spark a fren-

zy of drone wars around the planet.

The hysterical fear of terrorists that

Bush and Cheney hyped up so badly

has caused us to lose touch with the

America needs to claim the mor-

al high ground and stop – or limit to combat situations - our use of

drone warfare.

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Former leader of the Joint Meeting Parties Dr. Mohammed Abdul-Malik Al-Mutawakil to the Yemen Times:

"If the state and good governance are absent, nothing will be achieved."

A prominent politician, academic and former leader of the Joint Meeting Parties (JMPs), Dr. Mohammed Abdul-Malik Al-Mutawakil sat down with the Yemen Times to discuss the JMP, the General People's Congress (GPC) and what has been achieved in the one year since the GCC power transition deal was signed.

Al-Mutawakil said the JMP and the GPC are hindering the political process in the country because they do not care about building Yemen. He also said he thinks Yemenis are not impressed by what's changed in the past year, adding that for Yemenis, the real achievement will be the creation of a civil, democratic and fair state.

Interview by Mohammed Al-Samei Photo by Sadeq Al-Wesabi

the signing of the Gulf Initia-

So far, we agreed on many things that prepare the framework for development. Since the signing of the Initiative, Ali Abdullah Saleh has left his position, early presidential elections were held and a reconciliation government was established. These are all preparations for what must be done and not things that have already been done.

Do you think Yemenis are contented with what has been achieved?

No, they are not satisfied because in the end the real achievement must be the establishment of a fair and democratic civil state. All the problems that are currently happening, from the issues in Sa'ada and the south to the economic problems and corruption, have resulted from the absence of the state.

If the state and good governance are absent, nothing will be achieved. People are waiting for the fair, democratic civil state that reflects their aspirations.

Do you think the current regime and the government are working effectively on establishing a civil state?

Firstly, we mustn't forget that the government is one of the state's institutions and not the whole state. The state must be composed of several institutions that work simultaneously such as the military, the parliament, political parties and the civil service; otherwise, the cabinet won't be strong enough.

But some say the former regime is the reason behind the problems Yemenis are currently suffering from?

The problems are the result of the absence of a state and good governance. To overcome these results we mustn't pay attention to the results but to the reasons and factors that created these results.

I have told many people not to pay attention to corruption and the problems of Sa'ada because when the state is absent, nothing will be



Those who criticize me don't know my values or my morals. **Differences** must not spoil intimacy.

What has changed a year after achieved. I have also discussed with several southerners who are interested in federalism and told them that federalism is a part of the state and it may be given to them, but without democracy, it will simply result in more fighting.

Do the political bodies that signed the Gulf Initiative agree on the construction of a civil state?

Unfortunately, they pay no attention to this issue.

Both the General People's Congress (GPC) and the Joint **Meeting Parties (JMPs)?**

Yes. The JMP only paid attention to job distribution, and I criticize them for that because jobs are for all people. They have to pay attention to state construction and development. When we develop a fair state, a fair judiciary system and military institutions based on the correct foundations, we can move to the rule of law and constitution, and everything will fall into place.

Some say they were excluded from their posts in the past, but all they do is want to marginalize others in return. They should file a case when we establish a fair judiciary system, but they shouldn't do the same thing that the former people did to them because it will entrench backwardness.

Many JMP leaders say Ali Abdullah Saleh and his regime obstruct political reform?

I don't know who hinders the political compromise, but I think that all of them are obstructing it since they don't pay attention to the state's construction. Frankly the GPC will have no future if it doesn't develop a new project and political agenda. I have told Saleh to participate in the National Dialogue with the fair democratic state project because it will help the GPC to remain a political party.

Even foreign countries are ready to support this with the U.S and its partners wanting Yemen to stabilize to protect their interests in the seas and the Gulf. I once asked the Americans whether it is possible for Yemen to be stable without the construction of a fair, civil, democratic state, and they said no, asserting their willingness to help any people working on this issue.

In an interview with a political analyst, Saleh said Yemen became a field for external powers that care only for their interests?

I assert that they don't pay attention to the good of Yemen but they want Yemen to be stable so that their interests won't be negatively affected, as the Americans told me. Fortunately, their interests are connected to Yemen's stability, and stability is connected to the construction of a fair and democratic civil state.

Are you contented with what has been politically achieved after signing the Gulf Initia-



"This is just a temporary government," Al-Mutawakil said. "I don't blame or thank it."

So far, not many things have been achieved, but frankly, the fundamental focus should be the construction of the state. If no attention is paid to the construction of the state, nothing will be achieved, and fighting will continue.



Federalism is a part of the state and it may be given to them, but without democracy, it will simply result in more fighting.

What hinders leaders of political parties from building the state, though they are continuously calling for that?

After I received treatment in Jordan, I came back longing to see the reconciliation that had been achieved in Yemen, but when I met with sheikhs and leaders of parties, I found that they still focus on insulting one another. I told them that insults result in nothing and detract from the necessity of agreeing on the state we want to form in the future.

Some of them said they want to reorganize the military, but when I asked them about the method they wanted to use, they said by excluding Saleh's relatives and Ali Mohsen. For me, this doesn't solve the problem or military reorganization and could cause issues.

There is a disagreement regarding whether to start the reorganization before or after the National Dialogue. What do you think?

I suggested we start the dialogue and discuss the military reorganization and its standards and procedures as the first issue. The military should be used to protect the state and not individuals.

Pro-revolution people are continuously calling for military restructuring. Do you think the current regime can work on that without obstructions? I suggest that we start the dialogue

and then establish a core committee composed of neutral military and civil forces to set-up the foundations of the army and agree on an independent judiciary system and constitution. Others, outside of this core committee, can help in the deliberation process.

At the time of Saleh, specifically in 1994, clergy men came to Saleh and told him that they will agree to his presidency instead of the establishment of a presidential council on the condition that he inserts what they wanted in the constitution. As they said Yemen's constitution at the time stipulated that all people are equal in their responsibilities and their rights without prejudice based on gender, thought and ideology. The clergy wanted to delete "without prejudice" to take away women's and non-Muslims citizenship rights. They said that women have the rights mentioned in the Sharia, but I personally think it's their own version of Sharia.

The United Nations warned of sanctions against those obstructing the political reconciliation in the country. What reconciliation do you think?

At present, everyone obstructs the political reconciliation unless they agree on the way the state will be built. I have never seen anyone striving to build-up the state. Thus, I cannot mention particular names. I say: if they don't care about the state, they are all obstructers.

Are you optimistic about the **National Dialogue?**

Honestly speaking, I am. There is no alternative to the dialogue. God told us all: God will not make the villages perish if they are righteous. Where are the honest and the righteous? If they do exist, the dialogue will succeed.

Are the political parties earnest to make the National Dialogue successful?

Let us wait. At the moment, I cannot accuse anyone of obstructing the dialogue specifically. Frankly, we should all be striving to build a civil state.

The constitution will be discussed in the National Dialogue as a main issue. How do you see the suspension of the membership of the two members of the committee, namely Majed Al-Madhaji and Radia Al-Matwakil?

I read their statements. I agree they were suspended without justifications. It is true they trust [U.N. Special Envoy to Yemen] Jamal Benomar, but this trust should not prevent them from adopting or voicing their viewpoints. They should have the right to their own opinion.

With regards to the issue of representation in the National Dialogue, the former president Ali Abdullah Saleh raised an objection and called for 50 percent for the GPC. Is this an obstruction to the dialogue?

Just like the Opposition Coalition Parties, the GPC has rights. There must be equality. I cannot side with this or that. I say they must agree to reach a united stand. Do they want their own interests or the interests of the nation? Do parties serve the country or just themselves?

you want to be discussed in the National Dialogue?

For the dialogue to be successful, it must discuss the military forces restructure, the country's security apparatus, the independent judiciary alongside the development of the constitution and the rule of law.

If we agree on these things we will position, early If we agree on these things, we will have no further rifts.

There were widespread criticisms about your visit with the former president. The opposition and the revolutionary youth deemed such an act undesirable and unacceptable.

Those who criticize him today used to visit him when he was in office. Now why don't they visit him after relinquishing power? They behave on the basis of self-interest. My behavior is not based on self-interests. I used to criticize Saleh when he

at my articles. I went to Saleh because he is no longer president. Furthermore, as the head of the GPC, I wanted to suggest to him that he should convince the GPC to adopt the civil state in the dialogue. Those who criticize me don't know my values or my morals. Differences must not spoil intimacy.

was president. You can have a look

Some say you have had disagreements with some leading figures from the opposition parties.

I have had no rifts with anyone. Today, I refuse to have disagreements with anybody. It is normal to have a different opinion, but I don't conceal enmity. I frankly refuse antagonism as I consider it backwardness. I have no enmity with Ali Abdullah Saleh or the opposition coalition. It is a matter of a variety of opinions.

They have asserted that you are exempted from leading the Popular Powers Union, a party in the opposition coalition, because you have developed a closeness to the former regime.

I don't know what the motives were, but I say they did a good job in exempting me because I did not attend the meetings of the general secretary. They have the right, for I didn't do my job. They are free to take their decisions. The supreme committee contacted me to appoint me as deputy head of the committee, but I told them that I want to be with all parties for the sake of the country and against all parties for the sake of Yemen.



What are the major issues that Since the signing of the initiative, Ali Abdullah Saleh has left his presidential elections were held and a reconciliation government was established.

At present, everyone *obstructs* the political unless they agree on the way the state will be built.

How do you evaluate the performance of the reconciliation government?

The government can do nothing unless it builds a genuine state. Where is the parliamentarian apparatus? Where are the parties, the army and free media? Where is the security? This is just a temporary government. I don't blame or thank it.

Has the government achieved something important so far?

As long as the absence of the state continues, the performance of government offices and ministries will be ineffective. How will the ministries work in line with the absence of a state, the army and resources? How will the ministers work in the absence of a parliament that holds them responsible and parties that criticize their performance?

د. محمد عبد الملك المتوكل ليمن تايمز

«أريد أن أكون مع كل الأحزاب من أجل الوطن، وضد كل الأحزاب من أجل الوطن»

قال السياسي والأكاديمي البارز والقيادي السابق في تكتل اللقاء المشترك الدكتور محمد عبد الملك المتوكل إن المؤتمر والمشترك معيقان للعملية السياسية في البلد لأنهما لم يهتما ببناء الدولة.

وأضاف في حوار خاص مع يمن تايمز إن الشارع اليمني غير مقتنع بما تم إنجازه بعد عام كامل من التوقيع على المبادرة الخليجية، لأن الإنجاز الحقيقي الذي يجب أن يتم هو إيجاد الدولة المدنية الديمقراطية العادلة. وحول أداء الحكومة أوضح المتوكل أن الحكومة لا تستطيع عمل شيء مالم تبني الدولة المتكاملة، فهي «حكومة مؤقتة لا أستطيع أن ألومها أو

الماضية، وأنت أقصيت هل تريد إقصاء

الآخرين كما أقصوك؟!. عندما نبني الدولة

والقضاء المستقل العادل، قدم دعوة إلى

القضاء وهو يحكم لك، أما أن تقوم بنفس

العمل الذي قام به من سبقك والذي تنتقده

الكثير من قيادات المثمترك تقول

أن على عبد الله صالح ونظامه السابق هم من يعيقون التسوية

انظر، أنا لا أستطيع القول من الذي يعيق

ومن لا يعيق، لأنه حتى اليوم لا أجد أحداً

يهتم بقضية الدولة وبنائها، وطالما أنه لا

أحد يهتم بذلك فكلهم «معيقون للعملية

السياسية»، ونقول بصراحة للمؤتمر

الشعبى العام «إنه لن يكون لك مستقبل

إذا لم يكن لك مشروع جديد»، وطرحت

هذا الموضوع على على عبد الله صالح،

وقلت له أن يدخل الحوار بمشروع الدولة

الديمقراطية العادلة، فمن الممكن أن

يساعده ذلك على البقاء كحزب من الأحزاب

ويساعده على بناء توازن القوى، وبالتالي

لأنه حتى الأمريكان يسعون لأن يستقر

اليمن لكي يحموا مصالحهم في البحار

والخليج. أنَّا سألت الأمريكيين وقلَّت لهم:

هل بالإمكان أن تستقر اليمن دون الدولة

الديمقراطية العادلة؟ قالوا: لا يمكن؛

وأنهم على استعداد أن يساعدوا أي أناس

يعملون في إطار قضية الدولة المدنية

في حوار سابق مع باحث سياسي

قال إن اليمن أصبحت ملعباً وميدانا

للخارج الذي يهتم بمصالحه ولا

أنا أؤكد لك أنه لا يهمهم مصلحة اليمن،

هم يهمهم مصلحتهم، وهم في رأيهم،

كما قالوا لي الأمريكيون: نحن لا نحتاج

شيء منكم، لا يوجد معكم شيء، نحن نريد

الاستقرار لليمن كي لا نصاب بضرر عدم

الاستقرار، نحن بيننا تنافس، نحن وروسيا

والصين وإيران، ونخشى إذا انهارت اليمن

يهمه تضرر اليمن؟

السياسية في الوقت الحالي؟

وتعمل عليه ثورة يبقى هذا تخلف.

حوار: محمد السامعي تصوير: صادق الوصابي

سنة كاملة مرت على توقيع المبادرة الخليجية.. ما الذي تغير؟ حتى الآن قبلنا بالمبادرة الخليجية، على عبد الله صالح ترك موقعه، وأجريت انتخَابات رئاسية مبكرة، وانتخب الرئيس عبد ربه منصور هادی، وأنشأت حكومة مشتركة بين الأجزاب والسلطة؛ هذه عبارة عن إنجازات وإعدادات لما يجب أن ينجز،

هل تعتقد أن الشارع اليمني مقتنع بما تم إنجازه حتى الآن؟

الشارع غير مقتنع، لأن الإنجاز الحقيقي الذي يجب أن يتم في النهاية هو إيجادً الدولة المدنية الديمقراطية العادلة، كل المشاكل التى تحدث اليوم سواء مشكلات صعدة أو مشكلات الجنوب والاقتصاد والفساد كلها ناتجة عن غياب الدولة، وغياب الحكم الرشيد. فإذا لم توجد الدولة والحكم الرشيد؛ فمعناه أنه لن يتم تحقيق أي شيء، حتى الناس ينتظرون الدولة المدنية الديمقراطية العادلة التي تستطيع أن تحقق أحلامهم.

هل تعتقد أن النظام الحالي أو الحكومة الحالية تعملان الآن من أجل الدولة المدنية العادلة؟

أولا: يجب أن لا ننسى أن الحكومة هى مؤسسة من مؤسسات الدولة، وليُّست هي الدولة؛ الدولة لابد أن تكون مؤسسات متعددة، مؤسسات القوات لمسلحة والأمن والبرلمان والأحزاب، وكل المؤسسات الإدراية؛ إذا لم توجد الدولة بكل مؤسساتها فلا يكفى أن توجد رئاسة وزراء أو غيرها.

البعض يقول إن المشكلات التي تعاني منها اليمن في الوقت الحالي هي بسبب النظام السابق؟

هي ظواهر لغياب الدولة والحكم الرشيد. يجب أن لا نشغل أنفسنا بالظواهر بقدر ما ننشغل بالأسباب التي أدت إلى هذه الظواهر، وهي غياب الدولة والحكم الرشيد، فيجب صنع ذلك كي نتغلب على هذه الظواهر. أنا تناقشت في إحدى المرات مع عدد من الأخوة الجنوبيين المهتمين بالفيدرالية، وقلت لهم إن الفيدرالية جزء من الدولة، قد يعطوكم الفيدرالية، ولن يعطوكم الديمقراطية، وتتقاتلوا بها كما تتقاتلون بالفيدرالية.

هل الجهات السياسية الموقعة على المبادرة الخليجية متفقة على الدولة وبنائها؟

للأسف الشديد لم يهتموا بذلك جميعا.

المؤتمر والمثنترك بشكل عام؟

نعم، لأن المشترك انشغل بقضية توزيع الوظائف، فالوظيفة العامة ليست تابعة للأحزاب، فهي ملك الناس كلهم، ولهذا أنا من الناس الذين ينتقدونهم على ذلك. عليهم أن يهتموا ببناء الدولة، فعندما توجد الدولة العادلة، والقضاء العادل،

والمؤسسات الأمنية والعسكرية على أسس

بعضهم يقول: تم إقصاءنا خلال الفترة

صحيحة سيتم تصحيح كل هذه الأشياء.

دولة وإمكانيات، كيف يعمل الوزراء ولا يوجد برلمان يحاسب، وأحزاب تنتقد وتعمل شيئا.

ماذا ستعمل الوزارات

ولا يوجد جيش وأمن

المؤيدون للثورة ينادون ببثبكل

مستمر بضرورة هيكلة الجيش،

هل تعتقد أن النظام الحالي

يستطيع العمل من أجل ذلك دون

علينا أن ندخل الحوار ونتفق على

الأسس، ويتم تشكيل لجنة، وكل

السياسيون يوافقوا عليها، اللجنة تشكل

من قوى محايدة مدنية وعسكرية،

وبإمكان الآخرين المساعدة في ذلك بحيث

نضع أسس للجيش ونتفق على الأشياء

الأخرى وعلى القضاء المستقل العادل

ومسألة الدستور.. في عهد على عبد الله

صالح عام ٩٤ عدد من رجال الدين قالوا

له: أنت رئيس للجمهورية ولا نريد مجلس

رئاسة لكن أدخل ما نريد في الدستور. ما هي الأشياء التي تريدون؟، قالوا عندنا في

دستور الوحدة المواطنون جميعا متساوون

في الحقوق والواجبات دونما تمييز في

الجنس أو الفكر أو العقيدة. قالوا نحذفُ

«دونما تمييز». حذفوها لأجل ماذا؟ لأجل

أن يخرجوا النساء من المواطنة، ويخرجوا

غير المسلمين من حقوق المواطنة،

وقالوا: النساء لهن من الحقوق والواجبات

لا تستطيع الحكومة

عمل شيء ما لم تبني

الدولة المتكاملة، أين

الأحزاب والصحافة

الأجهزة البرلمانية، وأين

والجيش؟ وأين الأمن؟

د. محمد عبد الملك المتوكل

أن تتأزم مصالحنا في البحار أو الخليج، هم في الحقيقة يدافعون عن مصالحهم، ومن حسن الحظ أن مصالحهم مرتبطة باستقرار اليمن؛ واستقرار اليمن يرتبط بالدولة المدنية الديمقراطية العادلة. العالم الخارجي مستعد لدعم هذا الاتجاه

هل أنت راض عما أنجز سياسيا خلال الفترة الماضية بعد توقيع المادرة الخليجة؟

إلى حد الآن لم يتم صنع الكثير؛ لكن هذه خطوات وتهيئة، لا بد بصراحة من إنجاز الشيء الأساسي والتي هي الدولة. إذا سوى استمرار الصراع.

قيادات الأحزاب بشكل عام ينادون ببناء الدولة المدنية، فما الذي يمنعهم كي يعملوا على

عندما رجعت من الأردن بعد العلاج، عدت وأنا مشتاق لأني تابعت في التلفزيون الوفاق، وأن اليمنيين عادوًا للإيمان والحكمة، فسألت عدد كبير من المشايخ والأخوان في الأحزاب حول الموضوع، فإذا الذي يشتم على عبدالله صالح وجماعته، والذي يشتم علي محسن وجماعته، والذي يشتم الإصلاح وجماعته، والحوثي وتابعيه. قلت: ما شاء الله على الوفاق. هؤلاء كلهم في مرحلة لا يستطيعون عمل شيء، علي صَّالح قد ترك الرئاسة، فقلت: دعوَّنا نتفقُّ حول ما هي الدولة التي نريدها.

كان البعض يقول: نريد هيكلة القوات المسلحة، سألتهم كيف سيتم الهيكلة؟ قال البعض: نبعد أولاد علي عبد الله صالح،

ما زال هناك خلاف حول مسألة هل الهيكلة قبل الحوار أم الحوار الوطني قبل هيكلة الجيش، ڪيف تري؟

أنا طرحت أنه يجب أن ندخل الحوار، وأول قضية نبحثها هي مسألة القوات المسلحة، ما هي الأسس، وما هي المعايير، وماذا نريد؟ بحيث نبني جيشا للدولة، لا لأفراد، ونبنى جيشا بشكل قوي وصحيح، وإلا فالكثير من هؤلاء كل واحد يبحث عن

ما تفرضه الشريعة الإسلامية. أي شريعة؟

هل أنت متفائل بانعقاد الحوار الوطنى؟

أنا بصراحة من الناس المتفائلين وليس هناك خيار، والله قالها لنا جميعا: (وما كان ربك ليهلك القرى بظلم وأهلها مصلحون). فأين المصلحون والمخلصون، فإذا وحد هؤلاء بالإمكان ذلك.

هل هناك إخلاص من قبل الجهات السياسية المختلفة من أجل إنجاح الحوار الوطنى؟

لا أستطيع أن أتهم أحدا بعرقلة الحوار، نحن نسعى بصراحة لبناء الدولة، المؤتمر الشعبى والقوى التى ستوافق على بناء الدولة المديمقراطية العادلة بأسسها الصحيحة بين المواطنين جميعاً، فالدستور مثلا في قضية غير المسلمين، قالوا رئيس الدولة لا بد أن يؤدي الشعائر الاسلامية، قالوا عضو البرلمان لا بد أن يؤدى الفروض الدينية، ورئيس الوزراء والوزراء لا بد أن يؤدوا الفروض الدينية، أخرجوا غير المسلمين من كل هذه الأشياء. إذا نحن نعمل عمل خارج إطار الإسلام.

المجتمع اليمني معروف أكثر من ٩٩٪ مسلمين؟

أقول أعطي الحق للآخر، وفي الديمقراطية ما يخَّتاره الناس، فلنعطى، فلاُّ يجوز أن نمنع أحدا، لا في الدستور ولّا في القانون ما ينص على أن تمنع مواطنا من حقه. الرسول محمد عليه الصلاة والسلام عندما عمل دولة المدينة عمل فيدرالية لليهود، وفيدرالية للمجوس، وفيدارلية للمسلمين، وقال لهم: أنتم أمة من دون الناس.. جمعهم في القضايا العامة.

الدستور سيتم مناقشتها كقضية أساسية في الحوارالوطني، لكن أنت كيفّ تنظر إلى تعليق عضوين في لجنة الحوار أعمالهما في اللجنة؟

أنا قرأت بنانهما، وأثَّفق أنه سحب منهما اختصاصاتهم دون مبرر. صحيح هم يثقون جمال بن عمر، لكن لا يعنى أن تمنعهم من أن يكون لهم وجهة نظر، وأن يكون لهم رأي. يقولون: سحبوا منا اختصاص أساسي، نعمل ماذا، نتفرج؟!.

بالنسبة لسألة التمثيل في مؤتمر الحوار، الرئيس السابق اعترض على مسألة التمثيل وطالب ب٥٠ ٪ من نسب التمثيل للمؤتمر، ألا يعدهذا عرقلة لعمل الحوار؟

هل لا يوجد لديه حق؟، المؤتمر الشعبي مثل المشترك لأن لديه حلفاء، يجب أن يكون هناك مساواة، لا أستطيع اليوم أحكم مع هذا أو ذاك، لكن أقول: يجب أن يتفقوا جيمعا هل يريدوا الوصول إلى مشروع أم لا؟ هل يريدون مصالحهم أم مصالح الوطن؟ هل الأحزاب في خدمة الوطن، أو الوطن في خدمة الأحزاب؟.

أبرز القضايا التي تريد أن يتم نقاشها في الحوار الوطني؟

القوات المسلحة وبنائها، لأنها أحد أسس الدولة، الأجهزة الأمنية، القضاء المستقل والعادل.. لابد أن تدرج في قضايا الحوار، والشيء الآخر الدستور وسيادة القانون، إذا اتفقنا على كل هذه الأشياء فلن يكون بيننا خلاف.

هناك انتقادات كبيرة لك عندما

وينتقدونه، لماذا اليوم لا يزورونه وقد ترك الرئاسة؟ لأنهم كانوا يرتبطون بمصالح، أنا

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United Arab Emirates celebrates 41st national day

Story and photos by Ashraf Al-Muraqab

n Sunday, the United Arab of Emirates' embassy in Sana'a celebrated the anniversary of declaring the unified U.A.E. in 1971, in attendance of multiple ambassadors, officials, businessmen and Yemeni social figures.

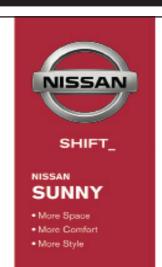
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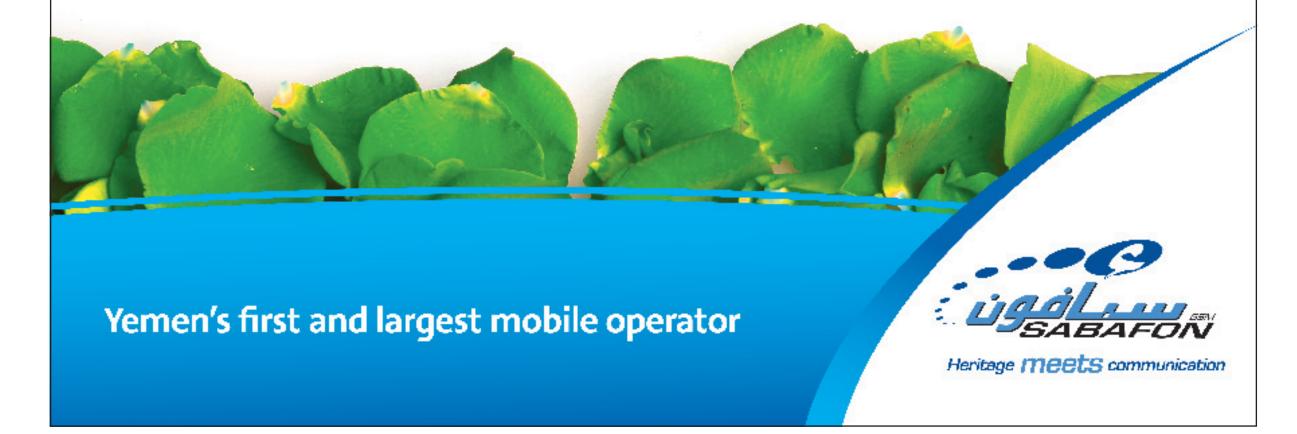




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Malnourishment threatens children in Yemen

Amal Al-Yarisi

atima Ahmed carries her emaciated four-yearold son in her arms. Her daughter stands close to her. Ahmed is raising six children in her Bajil district home. Four of them suffer from malnour-

She blames her low income for being unable to provide "good, hygienic nutrition" to her children. The harsh reality for her is that making ends meet is near impossible.

"Most days we eat nothing but bread and tea," Ahmed said.

As her children became more and more ill from the lack of food, Ahmed reached out to a local health facility, looking for some sort of treatment to improve their health.

It is common for mothers in Bajil to come to the health center seeking treatment for their children, who suffer from mild to severe malnour-

Latifa Baltifa, a nutritionist working for the World Food Program, said the number of malnourished children in Yemen has grown considerably since 2009.

"Malnourishment reached 22 percent in Hodeida," Baltifa said. "This percentage is very high."

Baltifa said high poverty and low awareness of health issues in the rural areas of Hodeida are major factors for the extreme malnutrition facing children in the governorate.

While Hodeida is an example of a governorate with some of the highest concentrations of underfed children, the numbers remains high throughout the country.

"The percentage of malnourishment reached 15.5 percent in all the governorates nationwide," she said. "This percent is high in accordance with international malnutrition standards.'

UNICEF reported that 57 percent of young Yemenis— approximately 250,000 children—suffer from chronic malnutrition.

According to UNICEF, "Malnutrition occurs as a consequence of insufficient food consumption and the repeated appearance of infectious diseases.

Baltifa said nutrition and food consumption must be taken into account in the embryonic stage until the child is two years old.

Chronic malnutrition, as explained by Save the Children, is when children "fail to grow to their full genetic potential, both mentally and physically." According to Baltifa, stunting is a common symptom of chronic malnutrition alongside brain disorders and weak immunity against diseases.

"This could expose the child to

Looking for solutions

Because of the high percentage of malnourishment among children in Hodeida, some countries have partnered with the World Food Program to support Yemen in tackling this

The World Food Program recently provided Yemen with \$15 million, in addition to a 17,000 metric ton shipment of wheat from the U.S.

Countries provide donations to the World Food Program, which then distributes food and money to countries that need support, Balatifa explained.

The program currently concentrates on three groups: children younger than two years old to protect them against malnourishment, children who are more than two years old and suffer from malnourishment and mothers who suffer from malnourishment.

The Turkish connection

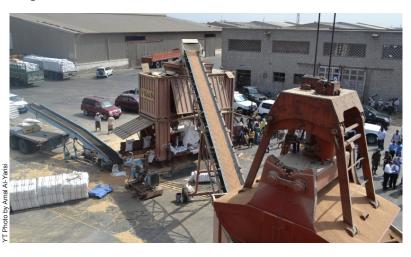
Ahmed Lutfi Akar, head of the Turkish Red Crescent, said during a trip to Yemen on Thursday that Turkey is on its way to supporting Yemen's health field.

Akar visited health facilities in Hodeida to observe the needs and problems of facilities that tackle many diseases.

Akar said in the months to come, many activities would be dedicated to discussing the health situation with the Ministry of Public Health and Population.



A young girl is checked for signs of malnutrition in a local



The World Food Program delivers emergency food to parts of Ye-

"Our stamp will be present on the healthcare field in Yemen," Akar

Fazli Corman, the Turkish ambassador to Yemen, said health problems increased because of the political turbulence the country has undergone since the start of the 2011 uprising.

The support of the World Food Program and countries such as Turkey will improve health services in Hodeida and help provide relief to the highly malnourished region, according to Hodeida Governor Akram Abdullah Atia.

In Hodeida, the percentage of malnutrition has increased over the last few years. According to Atia, long-term investment could help children access improved health services and clean drinking water.



Child malnutrition has significantly increased in Yemen since the civil unrest in 2011.

Marie Stopes International Yemen commemorates their midwives for their dedication to saving lives





Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

180 midwives gathered at their annual Rayaheen MARIE STOPES Conference under their slogar, or a solution mother and child". The conference was organized by INTERNATIONAL ciation with the General Association for the Yemeni Midwives, and the Dutch Embassy in Sana'a (EKN). The conference praised their improvements in family planning healthcare, and highlighted future strategies for continuing their successful partnership.

The deputy of the Ministry of Health and Population, Doctor Najeeba Al-Shawaffi, talked about the important of role that midwives play in delivering quality health care. She discussed the importance of empowering midwifes, and praised them for reducing the mortality rate of children whose mothers died during birth.

She added that according to surveys produced by the World Heath Organization (WHO), approximately two thousand Yemeni women die every year during

The government now has plans to establish more midwifery curriculums across Yemen to promote the employment of more women upon completion, and to develop the capacity of reproductive health services in the country. Dr. Al-Shawaffi illustrates this by stating "teaching and developing the skills of women is a





symbol of development in Yemen"

She also highlighted the positive role that MSIY has played in producing successful reproductive health programs, expanding family planning projects, and offering training courses to mid-

The Ministry of Health and Population have developed several surveys demonstrating that Yemen has one of the highest rates of maternal mortality in the world. Dr. Alshawaffi, therefore, emphasized that Yemen will require a great deal of support from governmental facilities, international donors and organizations to address and tackle this problem.

Dana Hovig, Chief Executive Officer at Marie Stopes International also stressed the importance of developing joint privatepublic sector initiatives to improve reproductive Health in Yemen.

He stated that "Only by working together to save women and children's lives, is how we will be able to achieve our goals because partnerships are founded on the principle that everyone

Mr. Bouwe-Jan Smeding, Deputy of Development Programs for the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands said that emergency family healthcare is essential to building a strong country. He confirmed the Dutch Embassy's support for develop-

ing Yemen's pre and post-natal healthcare system. Mentioning the events of 2011, he said that Yemen has gone through a tough political transition period which has been carefully watched by the international community who are keen to make sure that the country's economy recovers

He eloquently stated that "If women and youth don't have what they deserve, there will be no new Yemen"

EKN believes that the future strategy for improving healthcare in Yemen will be focused on increasing delivery services in rural and urban parts of the country though government hospitals, centres, and referral systems. The future will need to witness an increase in knowledge sharing between the public and private

sectors in order to facilitate improvements in reproductive health

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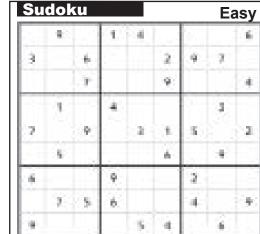
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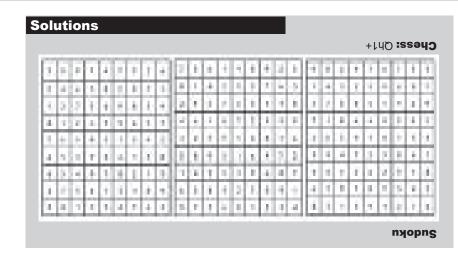
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