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## First Armored Division to leave 'home' at Sana'a University

**Ashraf Al-Muraqab**

SANA'A, Dec. 23 — Doctor Abdulhakeem Al-Shearjabi, chancellor of Sana'a University, said that an agreement has been reached with Ali Mohsen Al-Ahmar, the former commander of the First Armored Division (FAD), to remove all soldiers from the Sana'a University's campus in a week. Several students were injured on Saturday in a protest against the military presence.

This agreement puts an end to the deployment of soldiers and military affiliated with the FAD at the university. They have been there since Al-Ahmar joined the 2011 revolution.

Al-Shearjabi told the state-run Saba News Agency that lessons will resume at the university next Saturday with the military completely gone, according to the agreement.

Al-Shearjabi praised Al-Ahmar's cooperation in providing an appropriate ground for the educational process and also his determina-



Protestors and security clash during the protest.

tion to keep the university away from political conflicts.

This agreement comes at the heels of a mass protest Sana'a University students staged after complaining about the presence of soldiers and demanding their removal. Thousands of Sana'a University students, political activists and academics gathered on Saturday and demanded that soldiers be

removed from the campus. Raising banners at the entrance of the university, they called on Al-Ahmar to evacuate his soldiers.

Rana Al-Absi, one of the protest's organizers, said that the protest headed towards the Ministry of Higher Education and handed over a statement to a representative of the Ministry, demanding the speedy removal of the soldiers

from the university.

Abdulrazaq Al-Azazi, a student activist, said the Cabinet guards fired bullets to break up the protest and used batons to beat the protesters minutes after the protesters arrived at the front of the Cabinet building.

Hundreds of students of Sana'a University and dozens of activists flocked on Saturday to the eastern entrance of the university in response to the Ana Nazel (I'm participating) campaign and chanted several slogans demanding the removal of soldiers from the campus and entrances of the university.

Several days before the campaign, university students and activists used Facebook to call on students to participate.

Majed Al-Sho'aibi, an organizer of the campaign, said that the students have repeatedly demanded that the FAD soldiers be replaced by civil guards but no action was taken.

During the clashes with the pro-Saleh forces last year, the soldiers of the FAD shielded themselves in the buildings of the university and built several barricades there.

## Eight prison inmates suffocate to death in fire in Ibb Central Prison

**Ahmed Dawood**

SANA'A, Dec. 23 — Eight people died and three others were injured in a fire inside the Central Prison of Ibb on Saturday afternoon.

Fuad Al-Atab, Ibb Security Director, said that prisoner Abdulkareem Rashid Al-Ba'dani, a prisoner accused of murdering a person and sentenced to death, caused the blaze by setting his mattress and clothes on fire.

He said 200 prisoners were in the cells at the time. The eight who died suffocated to death.

Al-Atab said prison guards were able to get the other prisoners into a prison courtyard, saving their lives.

Anti-riot forces and fire trucks then arrived at the scene.

He said that a committee from the Criminal Investigation, Prisons Authority and the General Prosecution has been established to investigate the matter.

The committee started working Saturday night. Initial findings of the investigations confirm the fire was started by Al-Ba'dani.

Ali Al-Ghani, the former head of the prison, who was replaced two weeks ago, said that the new administration had provided mattress for the prisoners.

According to Al-Ghani, on a previous visit to the prison, he suggested the security administration move problematic prisoners to other places. He says this request was ignored.

The prisoners who died during the fire suffered from psychological disorders and were unable to escape when the fire broke out he said.

Al-Ghani explained that the prisoners started screaming immediately after Al-Ba'dani set his clothes and mattresses on fire, but the guards' intervention was delayed.

The event is the latest in a series of protests over the last few months at the prison.

In October, three inmates were injured when prison guards opened fire on them after they staged a protest.

Subsequent protests erupted when one prisoner shackled another inmate and beat him.

In the same month, some prisoners set their mattresses ablaze to protest mistreatment in the prison, according to the media reports.

In December, two prisoners cut their ears off, and the third cut off his finger in another protest against mistreatment.

Al-Ghani denies accusations of abuse

He said he built a medical lab for the prisoners, and met all the prisoners to listen to their grievances. He concluded that he exerted his utmost to perform his duty in accordance with the law.

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## Attacks on Marib power station unstoppable



**Amira Nasser**

SANAA, Dec. 23 — The Marib Power Gas Station was completely shut down because of attacks on the first electric circuit in Al-Jadan on Saturday. A couple of hours after the first attack, the second electric circuit in Al Shabwan district sustained a hit, according to Harith Al-Amri, the deputy manager of the Public Electricity Corporation.

He said the saboteurs aggressively attacked the second electric circuit so as to bring operations to a halt. Abdulrahman Saif, the general director of the Public Electricity Corporation, said in a statement to the state-run Al-Thwra newspaper that the corporation will carry on fixing the damages

in order to make electricity service accessible.

Ahmed Rukaisan, a tribal Sheikh from Marib, said attacks on electricity towers are still ongoing though social dignitaries signed a petition against assaulting the electricity infrastructure just last week. He described the petition as a futile attempt to stop the attacks on electrical lines. Rukaisan also blames media hype.

Hassn Ahmed, an owner of an Internet café in Sana'a, who was left powerless, said Internet cafés have suffered because of electricity shortages. It has caused them to sustain huge economic losses.

He said the attacks on electricity towers aggravate the living situation for all Yemenis.

## Yemeni Scholars' Forum in support of the NDC

**Mohammed Al-Samei**

SANAA, Dec. 23 — The Yemeni Scholars' Forum began a five day conference on Saturday in Sana'a to demonstrate their support for the upcoming National Dialogue Conference (NDC). The event includes several workshops and panels to talk about goals of the 200 sheikhs from various governorates for the upcoming conference.

Hamoud Obad, the Minister of Endowments and Religious Guidance, said at the start of the forum that Yemen is currently undergoing a historical millstone and deep changes that require all people to overcome disputes and work together. It's also witnessing a historical period in which President Hadi is leading the country to a new era based on security, safety, dialogue, justice and the state of law and order.

Obad, who is affiliated with the General People's Congress (GPC) added that scholars in the forum demonstrate strong support for the dialogue. However, many prominent sheikhs did not attend the forum.

Sheikh Mohammed Al-Hazmi, the spokesman for the Yemeni

Scholars' Body and a member of the parliament affiliated with the Islah Party, told Yemen Times that the Yemeni Scholars' Body was not invited to the forum.

"We don't know who organized the forum," he said.

The Yemeni Scholars' Association is known for supporting the former regime during the 2011 revolution while the Yemeni Scholars' Body, headed by Abdulmajeed Al-Zandni, a well-known Yemeni scholar, was known to side with the revolution.

Many participants expressed their support for President Hadi's decrees to restructure the military.

Hussein Al-Hadar, undersecretary of the Guidance Department in the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Guidance, said that scholars bear a great responsibility to guide people, adding that the scholars are responsible for promoting dialogue in line with the principles of Islamic Sharia.

Scholars will discuss 12 topics at the forum. These include the view of Islam towards terrorism and violence, the revival of the role of mosques in maintaining unity and how scholars can promote peace and social consolidation.

## "Be in My Shoes" drama ranked first in Youth Theater Competition

**Story and photo by Nadia Haddash**

SANAA, Dec. 23 — The Yemeni Youth Theater Competition was held Saturday in the Cultural Center in Sana'a in coordination with the Equal Access organization and the Middle East Project Improvement. Human rights dramas highlighting social issues were shown.

"They Married Me off Even Though I Am Still a Child", "Be in My Shoes", "My Right to Express Myself", "Death is an Aspiration" and "The Lost Right" were the films showcased. They all reflected on Yemenis who are uncared for with many films blaming human rights organizations for be-



**Early marriage was among the various issues highlighted during the human rights youth theater.**

ing complacent and ineffective. "The role of the theater is effective in promoting education. The attendees' role will not be limited to just watching the dramas, they

should disseminate education to the entire community," said Amal Ismael, a Yemeni actress.

"Be in My Shoes" won first prize in the competition.

## The fate of two abducted Finnish and an Austrian remains unclear

**Amal Al-Yarisi**

SANAA, Dec. 23 — Investigations are underway regarding the abduction of two Finnish citizens and one Austrian citizen who were kidnapped Friday by unidentified armed men in the capital city.

Musa'd Al-Dhahiri, the deputy manager of the Tourism Police in Yemen told the Yemen Times that they have been in constant contact with the security office to try and identify the kidnappers.

He added that it is still uncertain whether Al-Qaeda is involved in the abduction.

"All abduction-related issues are currently under review. There will be no information disclosed until we gain access to more facts and set a structure for future processes," he

said.

Abdulfatah Shamsan, the manager of an Arabic language institute in the Old Sana'a, said that two of the victims were taking classes there.

He identified the victims as a Finnish couple and an Austrian. The husband from Finland, was a student at the institute. But, his wife, who had just arrived in Yemen two days prior to the incident was not affiliated with the school. The Austrian was also a student, due to depart Yemen in the next week, Shamsan said.

The three were abducted while in Abu Murad Watch Store on Al-Qasr Street in Al-Tahrir district, according to the shop's owner, Saeed Al-Shaef and other eyewitnesses.

Saeed said they event occurred at around 5p.m. when three masked

armed men in a black Vitara pulled up, forcing the victims out of the shop.

Shamsan Al-Makrami, a waiter in the Friends Cafeteria located in Al-Qasr Street, was also at the scene. He said he saw a traffic cop writing down the number of the car's plate at the time of kidnapping.

Though witnesses say there was time for state security to instigate a search for the abducted westerners, they remain unable to determine their location, raising questions about their efficiency in tackling situations like this.

The Finnish Foreign Affairs Ministry said in a statement that a Finnish diplomat was sent to investigate the issue of the abducted couple in cooperation with the Austrian Embassy.

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قال أمين عام حزب الحق حسن زيد إنه إذا نجح الحوار الوطني فهو لاستلاب القرار اليمني كما استلب القرار اليمني في تحديد نسب التمثيل في مؤتمر الحوار.

وأضاف في حوار مع يمن تايمز «مالم تنفذ العشرين النقطة وتوحيد المؤسسة العسكرية، وتطهير المدن الكبرى من المليشيات فنحن لا نضمن حتى بيئة مناسبة للحوار».

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## دعوت لتسليم الأسلحة للحوثيين لأنهم القوة العسكرية الوحيدة التي تمثل الرشد في استخدام السلاح. لا يستخدمون السلاح إلا في الدفاع عن النفس

وما هي المعايير التي تم عن طريقها توزيع الحصص؟

حزب الأمة في إظهاره كان حضوره أكثر من حضور حزب الرشد السلفي، فلماذا لا يمثل؟ هناك موقف عنصري مذهبي ضد من يمثل التيار الزيدي.

كيف ترى أداء اللجنة الفنية للحوار خلال فترة عملها الماضية؟ مجموعة من الموظفين يتسابقون على إرضاء الرئيس هادي وبين عمر.

هناك من يقول أن الانسجام بين أعضاء اللجنة وهم من جهات مختلفة قد تكون متصاعدة يعتبر إيجابياً؟

يعتبر إيجابياً لو كانت المعايير التي عملا وفقها واضحة. الآن هناك قوى كثيرة مهمة رافضة للحوار، مثل القبيلة، قبيلة حاشد وبكيل والقبائل اليمنية لم تمثل في الحوار، الأحزاب السياسية لا تمثل حتى ٢٠٪ من المجتمع اليمني. هناك عدم تمثيل القبائل اليمنية والجنح السلفي الحقيقي سواء داخل حزب الإصلاح أو خارجه لأن حزب الرشد السلفي لا يمثل كل السلفيين.

هل سينجح الحوار الوطني أم لا؟ أشك أن الحوار الوطني سينجح، إذا نجح فهو لاستلاب القرار اليمني كما استلب القرار اليمني في تحديد نسب التمثيل في مؤتمر الحوار. جمال بن عمر لا يعرف من اليمن سوى غرفة الفندق، وخمسة أشخاص يظل في اتصال بهم ومنح الحق في تحديد نسب

عام ٩٦ م انسحب من الحزب السيد بدر الدين الحوثي وحسين بدر الدين الحوثي وجماعتهم أي أكثر من ٣٥٠٠ عضو فاعل، ثم استقال العلامة أحمد الشامي عام ٢٠٠٧، ومع الثورة والخيارات التي اضطررنا إلى اتخاذها حدث أن انسحب عدد كبير من الأعضاء وتم تشكيل حزب الأمة برئاسة محمد مفتاح. ونتيجة لمشاركتنا في الحكومة انشق أخوان من الحزب، بعضهم أراد أن يكون هو من يتم تمثيله في الحكومة. كان لدي مواقف حادة داخل المشترك وتجاه ما يجري في الساحة فمورس ضغط على بعض الأخوة في حزب الحق وأعلنوا انشقاقهم وشكلوا حزب اللجنة التنفيذية لحزب الحق.

قاموا بتشكيل اللجنة الكوننة من عشرة أعضاء؟ هم أربعة من أعضاء اللجنة التنفيذية.

في حوار مع محمد المنصور في المصدر أونلاين قال إن عشرة من أصل ١٥ عضوا في الهيئة التنفيذية للحزب قررت إزالتك من أمانة الحزب؟

ليس صحيحاً. مع احترامي الشديد، عصام فاخر ليس عضواً في اللجنة التنفيذية، ومحمد لقمان لم يدخل الحزب بعد، وآخرون لم يقطعوا استمارة في الحزب، هم أربعة فقط، نحن تحديناهم أن يبرزوا بطاقتهم.

باعتقادك ما الذي جعلهم يقومون بإعضائك من الأمانة العامة للحزب؟ اعتقدوا أنهم حسبوا حساب رد الفعل بطريقة خاطئة، لأنه أوحى إليهم بأني سئمت العمل السياسي، هم رتبوا مع بعض الأشخاص في المشترك، دعموهم أو أغروهم أو شجعوهم، ولا زال هذا الدعم قائماً. دعم سياسي، وهناك من نسق مع الحوثيين، ومع السيد عبد الملك الحوثي أو أوحى لهم أنني عميل سعودي، لأنني ذهبت للحج، وهذه جريمة، وجمدت عضويتي في عام ٩٣ م لأنني ذهبت للعمرة، ولأن أداء الواجبات الشرعية أصبحت جريمة.

نحن سائرون إلى المؤتمر العام، ونحن في حوار مع الذين خرجوا من الحزب سواء كانوا خرجوا أخيراً قبل أشهر أم الذين خرجوا في أوقات سابقة، سنفتح الباب واسعاً لمن أراد العودة للحزب. سننسق مع الحوثيين في صعدة إذا أرادوا ذلك، وسنشكّل مؤسسات للحزب، وبالتالي سيتم الإجابة على سؤال من هو الأمين العام القادم، لكن الأمين العام الرسمي في الحالي الذي يتم التعامل معه والمتعارف عليه هو حسن زيد.

ما طبيعة العلاقة بين حركم والحوثيين وهل سيكون هناك تحالف في المستقبل؟ هذا يحدده الحوثيون "أنصار الله". نحن سنضع أمامهم عدد من الخيارات المفتوحة.

أنتم تابعون لهم؟ لسنا تابعين لأحد ولا هم تابعين لأحد.

طبيعة العلاقة بالضبط مع الحوثيين؟ هذا ما سيتم بحثه معهم قريباً قبل المؤتمر العام للحزب، وسيتم عقد المؤتمر بعد تحديد خيارات العلاقة مع الحوثيين، هل تحالف أم تنسيق، أم علاقة صداقة.

المشكلة أن الآخرين يتعاملون معنا باعتبارنا حوثيين، فالقوى السياسية الإقصائية لديها عمى الألوان، تتعامل مع كل هاشمي باعتباره حوثي، وتتعامل مع كل زيدي باعتباره حوثي، وتتعامل مع كل حر سواء في تعز أو عدن سواء كان هاشمي أو زيدي أو ليبرالي أو اشتراكي ما دام يرفض إجراءات القمع التي تمارسها بعض القوى الثورية ضد الثوار فهو حوثي، ومن رفض للتسوية السياسية يتم التعامل معه أنه حوثي، كل معارض حقيقي للنظام الحالي يتم التعامل معه أنه حوثي.

تقصد سيكون هناك تحالف بين الحوثيين والليبراليين والاشتراكيين؟

يتوقف على حسن إدارة "أنصار الله" لهذه القضية لأنهم هم الطرف الأقوى. الحوثيون يمتلكون إمكانيات وزخم شعبي، إن أحسنوا الإدارة وامتلكوا رؤية سياسية واضحة لأن قضيتنا ليست العداء لأمریکا وإسرائيل، نحن قضيتنا الفساد الموجود، الديكتاتورية، القمع، الأجهزة الفاسدة في الدولة، غياب الأمن والدولة، هذه القضايا الرئيسية بالنسبة لنا، قد يكون هناك دور لأمریکا في اليمن سلبي أو إيجابي، لكن أعتقد أن هناك دور أمريكي إيجابي لليمن في هذه المرحلة، أقولها بوضوح.. أما قتل الأمريكيين لليمنيين غير مقبول، لكن الضغط من أجل الحوار أعتقد أنه مقبول، لكنها تمارس عمليات غير مقبولة بحق اليمنيين والتي هي قتل اليمنيين عن طريق طائرات بدون طيار، فهناك مذنبه المعجزة التي قامت بها أمريكا في أبين، لو كان القتل كلاً لأدان العالم انتهاك حقوق الحيوان، فكيف بناس قتلوا بقرار اتخذ من واشنطن باستهداف اليمنيين.

يقال إن نجل الرئيس السابق أحمد علي قام بتجنيد مجموعة كبيرة من الحوثيين...

هذا كذب. الحوثيون هم الذين يرفعون شعار الموت لأمریکا الموت لإسرائيل، هل رفعت هذه الشعارات في الحرس الجمهوري؟ الذين يتهمون بتجنيد الحوثي هم الآن حصلوا على تجنيد في الفرقة لقرابة ٢٢ ألف مجند، هؤلاء يمارسون الكذب والعهر السياسي، يتهمون الآخرين بما يمارسون هم من السيطرة على السلطة، والجهاز التربوي والعسكري والأمني، ويتهمون الآخرين دون ذكر دليل واحد، نريدهم يذكروا لنا عشرة أسماء تم تجنيدهم من قبل أحمد علي، كانوا يتهمون أحمد علي صالح والحرس الجمهوري قبل سنوات بأن عقيدته اثنا عشرية.

هل نستطيع القول أن حزب الحق انشق عن اللقاء المشترك؟ لا، لكن نقول إن هناك ٣ أحزاب من اللقاء المشترك قررت أن تمضي لوحدها.

يعتبر انشقاقاً أن تمضي لوحدها؟ ليس انشقاقاً، ربما فك الشراكة والاستغناء عن حلفائهم.

السلطة تتجه بنا إلى تكريس وإعادة إنتاج النظام الذي قامت الثورة ضده

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Hassn Zaid to the Yemen Times:

# “The Technical Committee is simply a selection of employees who fight to please President Hadi and Benomar.”

The general secretary of the Al-Haq Party, Hassn Zaid, said that even if the National Dialogue Conference (NDC) is successful, it would be on foundations that disqualify Yemenis from participating in their own decisions. He said this mentality is reflected in the distribution of representation percentages.

He added that unless the 20 Points are implemented and militias are removed from the main cities, Yemen cannot guarantee the success of the dialogue.

He also stated that Yemen's issues are with corruption, dictatorship, oppression and the absence of security or state and have nothing to do with America or Israel.

Interview by Mohammed Al-Samei  
Photo by Ashraf Al-Muraqab

## Let us begin talking about the National Dialogue. Why did you reject the representation percentage of Al-Haq Party in the NDC?

The percentage was not the number one reason that made Al-Haq Party decline to participate. However, others who insist on having high representation percentages reveal their ulterior motives to partake in the National Dialogue for self-interests. Consequently, if we participate, we feel we will be false witnesses to a dialogue designed to be divided between conflicting powers who struggle to dominate Yemen.

## How do you justify your refusal to take part in the National Dialogue? Is it because the 20 Points proposed by the Preparatory Committee of the NDC have not been implemented?

First, we accepted the twenty points. We were among those who started adopting these points. We still call on the government to implement them. However, the ongoing appointments of officials without issuing decrees to the public is an indicator that the country is wasting time and just postponing a potential conflict that could lead Yemen to an abysmal situation. If this happens, we will not be able to shoulder the responsibility at all.

## Do you mean your participation in the National Dialogue will make you a partner responsible for solving problems Yemen may face in the future?

Our refusal to participate with the low percentage allocated to us will give us an opportunity to be more effective outside the National Dialogue. We have adopted our perspective since the '90s with regard to the governance system, the form of the state and the electoral system. Thus, we can share our perspective even without involvement in the dialogue. We don't want to join a dialogue meant to change the system when we know its results in advance. The dialogue is but to defer an inevitable conflict unless the twenty points are implemented and the main cities are cleared from the militias. Now we cannot guarantee a suitable atmosphere to embark on a real and transparent dialogue.

## The country has experienced lots of tragedies which neither the president nor the government can overcome overnight.

Step by step the government can work to change the system of hereditary appointment. The continuity of the system of appointment is obvious. The current government is simply continuing the same pattern of the former regime and reproducing a regime similar to the one the uprising broke out against. The official speech itself includes exclusion. The partnership between the

political powers is still ongoing and unresolved with political appointments just being a matter of pacifying discontentment more than instigating change. Ali Abdullah Saleh is relatively absent from the political scene, instead replaced by Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi. The regime has not completely changed. Therefore, participation in the dialogue will achieve nothing. Some participants are concerned about their self-interests. They want to be appointed ministers or governors. They think that they will be able to change the balance of powers and impose a new status during the coming elections.

## The matter is supposed to be raised in the NDC instead of refusing participation.

We were not given adequate seats in the NDC. We have been granted four seats which is less than 1 percent of the grand total.

## But the Al-Haq Party is not popular, and considered dissimilar from other parties.

Al-Haq was a signatory of the Gulf Initiative, a founding party in the opposition and one of the Coalition Parties founders. Jamal Benomar does not have a scale to weigh party popularity or membership in Yemen. Al-Haq Party does exist. The former regime even accused Al-Haq party of being the genesis of crises in the country.

We are categorized as a Zaid-related sect, which is untrue as we have branches in Taiz, Ibb and Hadhramat. Also, we represent the Hashmis who make up 20 to 30 percent of Yemen's population. What criterion was used to assess the minority and the majority in this situation? The Salfi Al-Rashad Party is an emerging party as is the Justice and Building Party. So, how



*The international community is no longer united in regard to the current situation in Syria, and this has been reflected poorly in Yemen.*



Hassn Zaid is a longtime member of the Al-Haq Party.

was the distribution decided? Was there election? If there was an election, the General People Congress would score over 75 percent.

## If the Al-Haq Party turns down its percentage, others may do the same. Then hurdles will arise in front of the NDC, the sole solution for the current troubles in Yemen.

How did they distribute the representation percentages? Others who have good relations with Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi or Jamal Benomar were given high percentages. Why is this happening? What criteria is used to divide the proportions? During the launching of Al-Uma Party, it was stronger than the Salfi Al-Rashad Party. Why is not it represented? For me, it appears that representatives of the Zaidi trend are at a radical disadvantage.

## How do you evaluate the performance of the Technical Committee?

The Technical Committee is a pool of employees who fight to please President Hadi and Benomar.

## But there is a rapport between committee members even though they represent different conflicting factions. Is this positive?

It would be positive if the criteria they depended on was clear. Now there are important groups who refuse the dialogue such as the tribes of Hashid and Bakeel because they are not represented. The political parties make up 20 percent of the Yemeni community. There is no representation for the Yemeni tribes and the real Salfi sect. The Salfi Al-Rashad Party doesn't represent all Salfis nationwide.

## Will the NDC be a success or not?

I doubt the NDC will be successful. If it happens to be successful, it will disqualify Yemenis from making their own decisions, just as they were disqualified from the decision-making process in the distribution of representation percentages in the National Dialogue. Benomar knows nothing about Yemen except for a room in a hotel and the five people he has been communicating

with. In spite of this, Benomar was granted the right to determine the percentages of the dialogue stakeholders.

## What are the principal problems the NDC could encounter?

The major impediment is the regional conflict taking place in Yemen between Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

## What about this conflict?

There is a noticeable conflict between the Qatari role, which is in line with the Yemeni uprising, and the Saudi side. The international community is no longer united in regard to the current situation in Syria and this has been reflected poorly in Yemen. It is difficult to boost international momentum for the dialogue for the sake of Yemen and the world. Qatar and Saudi Arabia think only about their visions.

## Do you think the NDC will be held soon though some bodies refuse to partake?

It is possible to hold a conference and gather 560 participants, but the more important thing is whether the findings of the conference will be based on the demands of the participants and those they represent or on things that have been decided upon in advance?

## It's said there are disagreements between Mohammed Al-Mansur, a prominent leader of the Al-Haq Party, and you regarding the secretariat of the party. Who is the current secretary general?

In general, we have experienced several disagreements. For example, there were disagreements after the 1993 elections, which resulted in membership suspension for some members affiliated with the party. After that, in 1996, Badr Al-Deen Al-Houthi, his son Hussein and their companions, more than 3,500 effective members, withdrew from the party. In addition, the scholar Ahmed Al-Shami resigned in 2007 and with the beginning of the revolution many members withdrew from the party due to the choice we made. This saw the establishment

of Al-Oma Party which is headed by Mohammed Meftah. Moreover, as a result of our lack of participation in the government, multiple members defected from the party because some of them wanted to be represented.

There were also opposing views within the Joint Meeting Parties (JMPs) regarding what was happening in Sana'a's Change Square. Consequently, some members of the Al-Haq Party were put under pressure to announce defection and established the executive Committee of the Al-Haq Party.

## They formed a committee of ten members?

There are four members of the Executive Committee.

## In an interview with Al-Masdar Online, Al-Mansur said that ten of the 15 members in the Executive Body of the party decided to remove you as secretariat of the party?

This isn't right. With due respect, they are Essm Fakher, who isn't a member of the Executive Body, and Mohammed Loqman who isn't a member of the party at all and two other people who aren't in the party.

## Why do you think they have exempted you from the position of secretariat of the party?

I think they understood my reaction in the wrong way and felt I was fed up with politics. They arranged it with some people in the JMP who have supported or tempted them and are politically supporting them so far. Moreover, some individuals told the Houthis that I was an agent for Saudi Arabia after I went there to perform the Hajj (Islamic Pilgrimage). Even back in 1993 when I went to perform Umrah, they froze my partnership.

We are aiming to hold a general Conference to choose new leadership for the party and are currently negotiating with those who left the party recently. We will open the door for whomever wants to come back again. We will also coordinate with the Houthis in Sa'ada to establish institutions for the party at the moment. Additionally, the current official secretary general is Hassn Zaid. However we will announce the upcoming secretary general soon.

## What is the nature of your party's relation with the



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## Houthis? Will you be allies in the future?

The Houthis are the ones to decide that. However, we will present them with several open choices.

## Are you affiliated with them?

No, we aren't affiliated with any one.

## What will be the nature of the relation with the Houthis exactly?

Prior to our party's general conference, we will discuss the possible options for a relationship with the Houthis. We will decide whether it will be a relation of alliance, coordination or friendship.

The problem is that some people consider us Houthis because some political forces can't differentiate between different groups. They consider Hashmis, Zaidis, free people in Taiz and Aden, liberals, socialists, people who oppose the practices of the revolutionary and whoever opposes the current regime as Houthis.

## Do you mean there will be an alliance between the Houthis, Liberals and Socialists?

This depends on how the Houthis will handle this issue because they are the strongest party. The Houthis have wide popularity, so they should work to develop a better vision. Our issue isn't hostility towards the U.S. and Israel, but corruption, dictatorship, oppression, and the absence of security and state. The U.S. may have a positive or negative role in Yemen but personally I think its current role is positive. We accept the role of the U.S. in the dialogue, but we don't accept the killing of Yemenis with drones, like what happened in Al-Ma'jala.

## It's said that Ahmed Ali, the son of former President Ali Abdulla Saleh, recruited many Houthis?

No, this is pure lies. The Houthis raise a slogan, "Death to America, Death to Israel." Were these slogans also seen in the Republican Guards? Those who accuse the Houthis do so without any evidence. They are simply lying and the embodiment of political immorality. I want them to name ten names of those Houthis recruited by Ahmed Ali. Previously, they have also accused Ahmed Ali and the Republican Guards of being Twelfth (a religious sect).

## Can we say that the Al-Haq Party defected from the JMPs?

No, but we can say that three parties of the JMPs decided to separate.

## Isn't this defection?

No, we can say they broke the partnership or dispensed their alliances.

## Some say that you moved to endorse a terrorist group supported by Iran that seeks to establish a state within the current state?

These are rumors and falsities aimed at marginalizing us.

## What about your last statement about handing over some of the weaponry of the Republican Guards to the Houthis, is it a call for violence?

I said that because Houthis are the only military force who properly use weapons. They don't abuse them but instead use them to defend themselves.



## Tender Notice

The office of International Relief & Development - Yemen invites qualified companies to submit offers for the following:

Tender Reference No.	Description
OFDA/ IRD/ 2012/ 002	Supply and delivery of Hygiene Kits to Hodeidah governorate

1. Complete tender documents can be collected by interested eligible suppliers by applying to [yementenders@irdglobal.org](mailto:yementenders@irdglobal.org) from 24th to 31st December 2012 during the normal working hours.
2. Completed offers in one original shall be sealed and marked as stated in tender documents to be hand-delivered to Istanbul Hotel conference Room (Hadda Street in front of Al Kuraimi exchange branch next to Al-Jandool supermarket) on 8th January 2013 between 08:00 and 10:00 am.

- Inquiries can be sent to the same Email mentioned above.

## Announcement for Prequalification of Companies Specialized in the Field of Testing and Inspection

The General Corporation for School Book Print Press expresses its interest to pre-qualify a number of companies specialized in the field of testing and inspection for goods and supplies.

The companies specialized in international testing and inspection for goods and supplies shall provide the following information:

1. Qualifications in the field of industry;
2. Company's technical, financial and administrative position;
3. Major scope of work and years of experience in the field of testing and inspection;
4. Qualifications of the company's main personnel;
5. Entities that can be referenced to ensure the implementation of the previous work
6. Company's address and addresses of its affiliates worldwide;
7. Enclosure of a number of contracts achieved for local and international entities;

The deadline for the receipt of documents and data of prequalification is Monday corresponding to 7/1/2013 at 11:00 a.m.

The GCSBPP will invite the companies pre-qualified to submit their technical and financial bids later on.

Documents and data of prequalification shall be submitted to the following address:

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# Hadi moves forward with restructure

Ahmed Dawood and David Arnold

Yemen's military was given a much needed face-lift on Wednesday after President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi issued a series of decrees which removed key remnants of the former regime from positions of military authority.

Restructuring Yemen's security forces to increase state jurisdiction was one of the principal tasks facing the transitional government and has remained a major source of contention since the signing of the Gulf Initiative in 2011. The move sees the end to a military paralyzed by divisions between key figures loyal to the old regime and those who defected.

Prior to the reshuffle, Yemen's military remained dominated by Saleh's son Ahmed Ali Abdullah Saleh, the commander of Yemen's Republican Guard and Special

Forces, General Ali Mohsen al-Ahmar, the commander of the First Armored Division and a key defector in the revolution and Saleh's nephew Yahya who heads Yemen's Central Security Forces.

The new structures sees the establishment of five military branches: the Army, the Air Force, the Navy and Coastal Defense Forces, the Border Guard and the Strategic Reserve Forces. Significantly, both the Republican Guard and the First Armored Division will be absorbed into the new Special Operations and Strategic Reserve Forces. The restructuring will remove key power brokers from the chain of command, increasing the centralized control of the Defense Ministry's.

Internationally many countries welcomed Hadi's decision to instigate the restructuring process before the beginning of the National Dialogue Conference. The USA and Germany both released statements declaring support for the reform.

Jamal Benomar, the United Nations Special Envoy to Yemen, said that the move prepares the ground for the National Dialogue Conference and the completion of the power transfer process.

Internally, the Joint Coalition Parties alongside governors nationwide declared their support for the decrees.

Youth in squares across the country welcomed the decree as well, calling last Friday's congregation prayer "the Friday of Supporting Decrees."

The Imam in Al-Siteen Square, Sana'a, Salah Al-Quaiti, said Dec. 19 will be marked as an important day in the history of Yemen. He said the decision is the fruit of the youths sacrifices and protests against former president Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Crucially, key military figures, including Yahya and General Ali Mohsen have issued statements supporting Hadi's move. This comes alongside solidarity from the

Interior Minister and the Defense Minister.

However, Houthis who are speculated to lose significant amounts of arms from military centralization, displayed opposition to the move. Supporters of Abdulmalik Al-Houthi staged a protest on Friday in Sa'ada that denounced the American defamation of the Prophet.

Following the demonstration, Houthi issued a statement accusing the army restructuring of being an American plan that strives to strip the army of weapons and missiles.

Avish Awais, a political and security expert at Saba Strategic Center for Studies, said Hadi's decision have been in preparation for months with the declaration being held until just the right time.

He told the Yemen Times that army restructuring remained a fundamental demand of the youth revolution and will ease the way for a successful National Dialogue Conference.

"The ground forces will accommodate a huge number of the Republican Guard and the First Armored Division. This step will facilitate army re-distribution and integration. It will also be integrated with the navy forces," Awais said, making the army similar to other global armies.

Abdullah Ali Sabri, a member of the executive authority in the Coalition Parties, said he was on tenterhooks waiting for a restructuring of the military.

He said the army is currently fractured and controlled by figures loyal to former president Saleh and the restructuring marks a significant step away from a military that serves key figures to one that serves the country.

Yet, in spite of broad support for the decision, some politicians raise objections. Ahmed Saif Hashid, a parliament member, described these decisions vague and incorrect.

According to Hashid, the move

doesn't solve anything. It is known that the ground forces, the navy forces and the air forces are all responsible for protecting the sovereignty of the country. "However, the decisions held the border guards responsible for this mission."

For their part, Yahia Saleh and Ali Mohsen Al-Ahmar have both issued statements supporting Hadi's move. From this alone it would

seem that the personal patronage system inherent in Yemen's military is significantly weakened, however it remains unknown what positions they will hold, if any, or what they were promised in exchange for support.

Either way, the realization of these changes will be crucial to the implementation of a successful transitional process in Yemen.

Republic of Yemen  
Ministry of Education (MoE)  
Education Development Project Administration Unit (EDPAU)  
Catalytic Fund – Fast Track Initiative  
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Request for Expressions of Interest

## Impact Study of Fast Track Initiative (FTI) Phase III

This request for expression of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in the UNDB online in 2009.

The Republic of Yemen, represented by the Ministry of Education (MOE), has received a Grant from the Catalytic Fund towards the cost of implementation of Fast Track Initiative Phase III and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under the contracts for the above consulting services.

The Project Administration Unit now invites eligible Individual consultants, to indicate their interest for conducting the Technical Assistance: **Impact Study of (FTI) Phase III.**

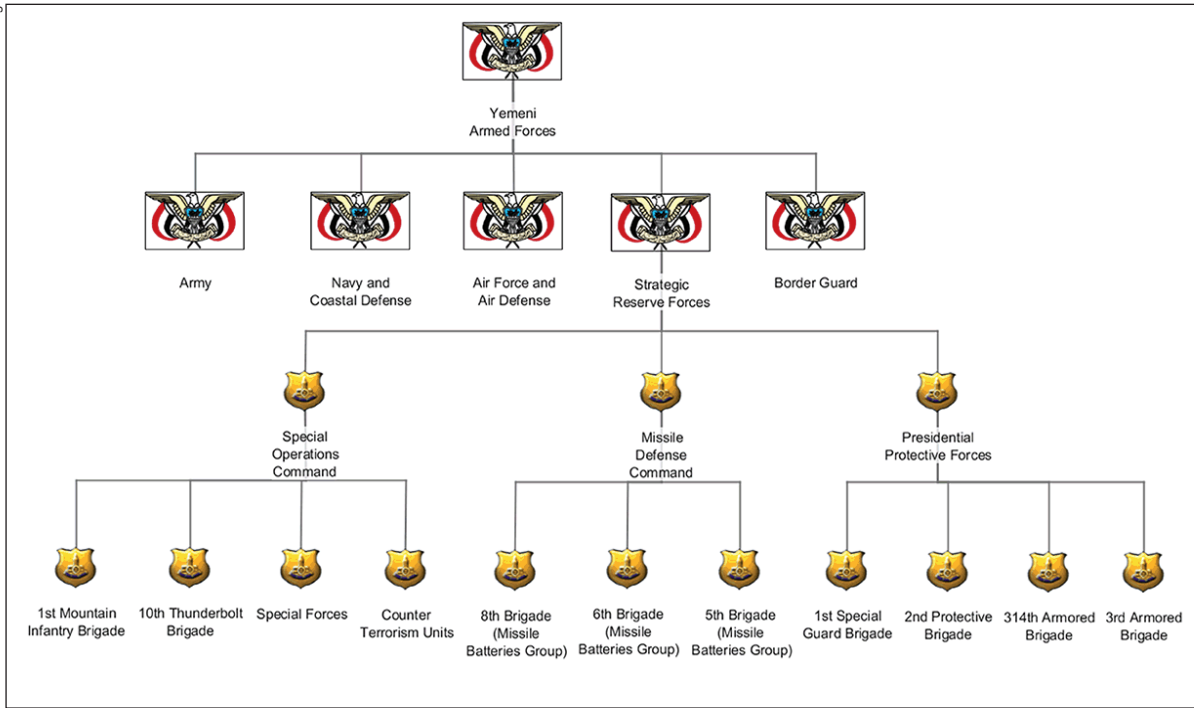
Interested eligible Individual consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.)

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (May 2004; revised October 1, 2006).

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours i.e. 0830 to 1400 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **January 06, 2013**

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# Increasing technology use to fight poverty

**Nadia Haddash**

The poverty rate in Yemen has reached almost 55 percent and poverty among youth has increased to 60 percent, according to a report released by the World Bank in 2012.

Using these troubling statistics, the Information Technology and Humanitarian Development Foundation (iDev), in cooperation with Sheba Center for Strategic Studies, have been working together to use modern technology in Yemen as a vehicle to combat poverty and unemployment across the nation, particularly amongst the young.

Hashim Al-Mansur, head of technology programs in iDev, said they have conducted a study on the role of technology in reducing

the operational costs of the private sector and are providing work opportunities for unemployed male and female youth.

The study also explained how to expand the regional and international labor market through the buying and selling of products and services online. They cite examples of developing countries like Afghanistan, Palestine and Kenya, where an online presence has increased over the past few years.

These countries face the same structural obstacles and geographical challenges as Yemen, but they were noticeably able to reduce poverty and unemployment in the last few years by the use of this technology, according to the study.

Al-Mansur pointed out that Yemen comes up against many

challenges if it is to increase its commercial presence online. A few of the obstacles are the lack of telecommunication and Internet services in many areas in the country. Yemen also does not have any current laws that regulate online trade.

"Applying technology to the development of Yemen is very weak. Some major organizations in Yemen such as the World Bank and the United Nations are trying to figure out how to invest and employ technology more broadly," he said.

Mohammed Al-Ryashi, head of the Technology and Telecommunication Syndicate, emphasized the potential for technology in Yemen.

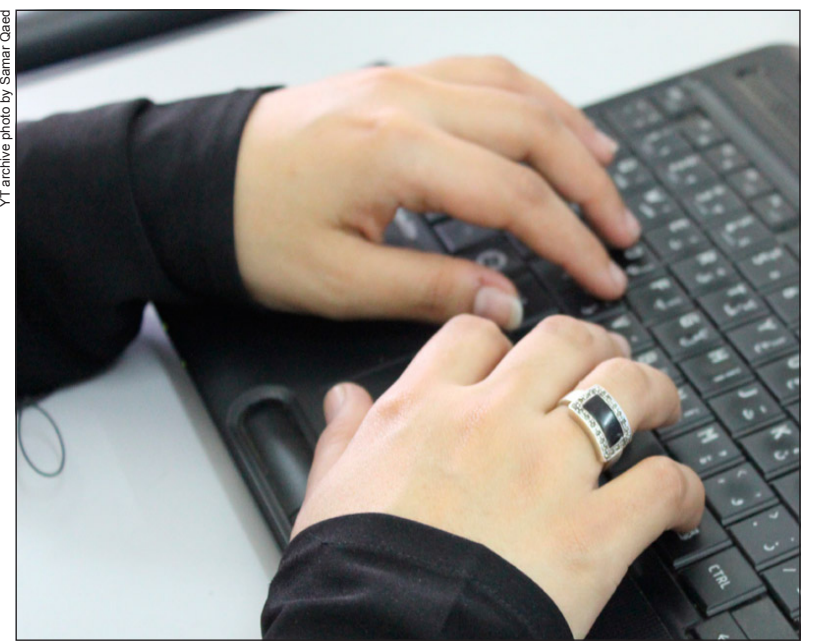
"Technology has become a way to develop and keep pace with current times. We should integrate technology in the curricula because

the majority of university graduates lack training in technology," he said.

"Between 80-90 percent of work in the world depends on technology whether in software or systems, which indicates the power of technology in employing the workforce," he added, saying that Yemen currently lacks training centers and labs in both schools and institutes to keep up with this.

Maher Al-Doba'i, the head of the Fiscal and Administrative Department in Sheba Center, indicated that the concept of technology is not embedded in Yemen's culture as it has largely missed out on the electronics revolution.

"Unfortunately, technology for the young means just the surfing Internet and social networks," he said.



Organizations are focused on the youth's role in technology.

## A call for an independent institution to control broadcast media

**Yemen Times Staff**

An independent, nine member body created by Parliament could be responsible for controlling and managing broadcast media in the future, instead of the current jurisdiction of either the Ministry of Information or the Ministry of Telecommunication. This change was outlined in a new draft bill that overhauls an old law governing broadcast media. The bill was presented by the group, Yemen Parliamentarians Against Corruption (PAC).

The proposed regulatory body would be called the National Authority for Audio Visual Media

and would be chosen by Parliament for a single term of four years.

The proposed authority would include those currently practicing in both publically and privately owned media, academics from the Media College, technical experts, representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, civil society organizations and members from the Yemeni Journalists Syndicate, including at least one female.

The change in a regulatory body is part of larger bill that was drafted based on the principle of freeing visual and audio broadcasting from the control or interference of authority. The bill is meant to ensure that media institutions have complete independence in their productions.

However, it prohibits the broadcast of insults to religion or God, the mocking of others' beliefs, words promoting hatred, violence, racial, religious, and sectarian or gender discrimination.

Mohammed Naji Allaw director of the National Organization for Defending Rights and Freedoms, known as HOOD, who was involved in the drafting of the bill, described the founding principles of the proposed bill.

"We used to be controlled by the state, who dictated everything in the broadcast media. Now we want the media to manage itself," he emphasized.

The A member of Parliament and director of Yemen PAC, Dr. Abdulbari Dughhaish, said the law is

a result of a project coordinated by the Yemeni Journalist Syndicate, IREX (an international non-profit) and International Media Support.

"It is time to take advantage of the wealth in the air through utilizing the free waves. Our contribution is this draft, and we hope it will leave its imprint in the promotion of free expression and responsible freedom of the press," Dughhaish said.

Abdulmoiz Dabwan, a member of Parliament and Executive Manager of Yemen PAC, said the window to receive feedback on the draft is open.

"This draft bill comes to you after months of work with lawyers, media people and local and international experts. Yet, we recognize that

it may require further work, and this is why we need to receive feedback from all stakeholders," said Dabwan.

Judge Yahya Mohammed Al-Mawiri of the Supreme Court, said, "It is important to have a law that protects media institutions as well as the citizens from unprofessional media." However, he took issue with the bill because he said it creates a conflict of interest that the proposed regulatory body is nominated and answerable to Parliament, making it the opposite of independent.

Al-Mawiri also said contested the bill because it allows for the authority to receive unconditional donations or grants for its funding. He believes this creates space for

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To read the Arabic text of this draft law go to

<http://www.yemen-pac.org/play.php?id=109>

corruption.

There is currently no section of the bill that requires a registration fee, which would force the authority to rely on funding from the state, service fees, donations, grants and investments the authority manages.

The bill is expected to go for a vote at the end of February 2013.



**OXFAM**

### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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

#### Logistics Officer- (1 position)

Location: Haradh  
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You will organize all logistics processes including purchasing, warehousing, communication and transport; contribute to proposal writing by advising on Logistical requirements; ensure that program procurement is in line within donor requirements and standards. You will be maintaining records of and contacts with suppliers and local repair/maintenance outfits, and conducting regular market surveys, in order to get the best prices. You will ensure that all requisition submitted by various departments are procured within the correct time frame; manage all the tender documents and facilities. In liaison with the Admin Assistant, ensure all aspects of staff/visitors and cargo movement are effectively handled as well admin issues relating to procuring accommodation etc. You will produce logistics monthly reports; monitor warehouse and guest house needs. You will plan, implement and monitor effective vehicle management systems, through leading drivers in ensuring regular maintenance of the vehicles. You will assist line management in the collection of security information and implementation of security protocols; ensure that all the necessary procedures and steps are in place for the safety and security of Oxfam personnel and assets. You will ensure Oxfam GBs stocks and assets are well managed in accordance with OGB regulations; do any other duties that maybe assigned by the line manager.

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We are looking for someone with at least three years experience in purchasing, warehousing, and vehicle management. Any additional experience in emergency relief would obviously be an advantage, proving your resilience and ability to maintain teamwork under pressure. You will have excellent diplomatic, tact and negotiating skills, as well as oral and written communication skills in both English and Arabic, and will possess good computer skills.

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

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### Employment Vacancy Marie Stopes International Yemen

Marie Stopes International Yemen is currently seeking a Security Officer to provide support for delivering high quality sexual and reproductive healthcare in Yemen.

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Millions of the world's poorest and most vulnerable women trust Marie Stopes International to provide them with quality sexual and reproductive health care. We have been delivering family planning and mother and baby care for over thirty years and work in 42 countries around the world. By providing high quality services where they are needed the most, we prevent unnecessary deaths and make a sustainable impact on the lives of millions of people every year.

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#### Position: Security Officer

Location: Primarily based in Sana'a, but with occasional travel to other parts of the country as requested by line manager.

#### Overview

The Security Officer will provide expertise, knowledge and specialist support in developing, implementing and monitoring security protocols for the safety of both local and foreign staff. The goal is to support the country programme and minimize risks to personnel and resources, while fostering best practices in respect to safety and security.

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- Review the MSIY contingency plans on a quarterly basis
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#### 4. Qualifications and Skills

- Strong background and related professional experience in safety, security and emergency preparedness, logistics and planning with an NGO or similar organization.
- University degree preferably sector related degree
- Excellent computer skills – including Microsoft Office
- Excellent written and oral English skills
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- Highly competent in collating and analyzing advice and information, particularly related to safety, security and emergencies.
- Specialized training in related topics

Application Procedure: Interested applicants provide a cover letter and CV in English by December 27th 2012 to [sarah.king@mariestopes.org](mailto:sarah.king@mariestopes.org) and cc: [Ula.khaled@yamaan.org](mailto:Ula.khaled@yamaan.org) with the subject heading 'Security Officer Position'. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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8	7	9	6	1	
	1	6	8		7
3		7	4	8	
	1	9	8	6	
4	2	1			
3	5		1	7	
4	3				1
1		9	2	4	
		4			7

**Sudoku Intermediate**

1		3	2	4	
	5			1	
8		7		5	
	4	2		6	
	1		4		
7		1	9	5	
		4			2
	7				1
5	6	1			3

**Sudoku Difficult**

		5		1	7
	2			8	
					9
6		7		8	
1		4			5
2		3			1
					4
9		8			6

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White plays and wins in the 4th move

**Solutions**

Chess: Bxc6+

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# No tourists means no pay day for Old City vendors

Story and photos by  
**Ashraf Al-Muraqab**

In the heart of the capital, lies Old Sana'a City with its towered buildings and ancient architecture that experts believe dates back 2,500 years. With its unique beauty, this famed area has long been known to capture the awe of visitors.

"To enter Old Sana'a is like en-

tering the pages of a history book," said Basim Al-Dawsary, a Saudi citizen who often roams the streets and traditional markets of the neighborhood.

For years Old Sana'a had been a popular tourist destination, drawing visitors from around the globe and creating income for local merchants. However, with the onset of the revolution in 2011, tourists became a distant memory along with

the profits local entrepreneurs had grown accustomed to.

"I have three shops in Old Sana'a, and my income has been reduced by 90 percent," Esam Al-Harazi, a merchant in Old Sana'a told the Yemen Times.

According to Yemen's Ministry of Tourism, over 1 million tourists visited Yemen in 2009, spending approximately \$900 million in the country. For Yemen, where as much as half of the population live below the poverty line, this figure represents a significant chunk of revenue. Although the Ministry has not kept official statistics since 2009, officials say the decline in revenue is evident. So do shopkeepers.

"I'm lucky to have my own house and shop, so that I don't have to pay rent. If I didn't, I would have had to close down my shop a while ago as the current situation is unaffordable," said Zain Al-Ali, a merchant who sells various goods in Old Sana'a.

Al-Ali said that a few years ago, he used to earn YR200,000 a month, or around \$840, but now he makes about a quarter of that.

Mohammed Al-Qahm, who runs a silver shop, said without international customers he barely scrapes by.

"Compared to foreigners, Yemenis tend to buy silver only occasionally because of their difficult financial situation. This has driven us to think about closing our shop," he said.

Najeeb Al-Ghail, an employee at a local tourist agency, said tourism, more than any other industry, is still suffering from the aftermath of the 2011 revolution. He said a negative image, combined with increased travel restrictions within Yemen has created a situation where their only income is from those wanting to perform a Hajj or Umrah (Islamic pilgrimage).

Old Sana'a is not the only area that has suffered from the decrease in tourism. People in other popular tourist areas such as Al-Mahweet, Sa'ada, Ibb, Taiz and Aden have all taken significant hits. Several hotels in Aden recently filed for bankruptcy and Al-Ghail says he rarely makes a hotel reservation for Taiz anymore.

Despite the current slump, Al-Ghail says the government should be looking to the future and trying to invest in the future of tourism as he hopes it will eventually recover. He said the areas like Al-Nasera and Maswar of Hajja, Shehara, Manba and Al-Nadheer of Sa'ada, Baker and Al-Riadi of Al-Mahweet, the Aryan, Saber and the Otma mountains have huge potential for tourist activities like hiking and skydiving. However, there is currently little being done to develop such areas.

The general director of the Tourism Office in the Capital Secretariat, Adel Al-Lawzi, told the Yemen Times that he is optimistic that tourism in Sana'a will improve in the coming year. He said the capi-

tal secretariat is currently implementing programs to foster its recovery.

Recently, the office lifted street vendors, who were informally setting up shop near the entrance of the Old City so as to clean-up the tourist site's appearance. However, the move upset many of the displaced merchants as the marketplace they were offered as an alternative was not as lucrative or strategically placed.

With many countries still issuing travel warnings for Yemen, the silver, jewelry, perfume and honey dealers in Old Sana'a say the coming year will be a test to whether they will continue to be able to survive in a tourist attraction without



In 2009 over 1 million tourists came to Yemen.



Hotel and restaurant owners do not know how much longer they can stay open if there is not an influx of tourists soon.



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