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**Ministry of Finance**  
**Public Finance Modernization Project**  
 Grant No. H6350-RY  
**Job Vacancy**  
**Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist**

**1. Background:**

The Government of Yemen has received a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) and intends to use part of the grant's proceeds to pay, under the Public Finance Modernization Project, for the post of Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist

MOF has created a Project Management Unit (PMU) whose purpose will be the implementation of Public Finance Modernization Project, the integrated administrative component, under the leadership of a Executive Project Director (EPD) assigned by MOF. Three core functions will be the responsibility of the PCU:

- i. the overall management and coordination of the project;
- ii. the M&E of the project; and
- iii. the preparation of an expansion program beyond the pilot project.

The M&E Specialist will assume full responsibility for overseeing monitoring and evaluation of the project. He/She will perform his/her duties and responsibilities under the supervision of the project coordinating director and report directly to him. He/She also will execute other tasks as identified and assigned by the project coordinating director.

The M&E specialist will work with stakeholders to develop standard M&E reports that can be provided to each agreed frequency and the format of these reports should be developing by the first six months of the implementation. They will both agree on the format of the reports that should submit for example to the steering committee etc

**2. Key responsibilities include**

i. During implementation, M&E should meet with the stakeholders like PFMP Managers and Specialists of ongoing contracts awarded to implement various components at least once every month. In these meetings, M&E should review the progress in implementing the detailed work plan developed at the commencement of the project. The specific aims of these meetings would be to collect data from PFMP Seniors and consultants specialists.

ii. M&E will use to monitor the progress in terms of timeline, expenditures and the completion and delivery of scheduled activities and outputs respectively, and highlight exceptions, monitor key performance indicators, produce useful reports and track achievements according to plan.

iii. M&E shall send a monthly progress report to the Project Director and Technical Coordinator summarizing the above aspects. In addition, it shall prepare a composite quarterly report on project implementation, and submit it to the Project Director and Technical Coordinator within 3 weeks from the end of the quarter covered. These reports should be useful in a way which will enable PMU to determine whether the resources project has available are sufficient and are being well used, and whether we are doing what we planned to do.

**iv. Creation of M&E System:**

The consultant will work closely with key stakeholders at the project and advising and guiding them to strengthen the current M&E system into a sustainable one that records and reports data on key indicators in a regular manner in accordance with the agreed Results Framework. The system will define a timetable for data reporting, and have inbuilt quality checks to verify the accuracy

and completeness of data reported.

- v. **Conduction of training workshops:** The consultant will be responsible for organizing at least two workshops. These workshops will be held at the district and PMU level and cover, but not be restricted to the following topics:
  - a. use of data and
  - b. Analysis of data. Training workshops will be imparted by qualified experts in this field preferably from local academic institutions.

**3. The following is expected as an outcome of this consultancy:**

- i. The M&E should establish a Management Information System (MIS) preferably a computerized system - which can be used to store baseline and time series data, and generate report.
- ii. M&E report should include the following:
- iii. Help to identify problems and their causes and suggest possible solutions.
- iv. Raise questions about assumptions and strategy and push to reflect on where
- v. Things are going and how we are getting there.
- vi. Increase the likelihood that will make a positive development.
- vii. Analyze the information against the project indicators.
- viii. Whether the project's essential elements are in place
- ix. Whether the PDO and other targets are likely to be met
- x. The impacts of any unexpected developments that have taken place since project initiation
- xi. Impact on project beneficiaries and whether positive impacts can be sustained
- xii. Steps to be taken to enhance the project benefits as implementation progresses
- xiii. The outcome of his collecting and recording the information will provide us with response and insight

**4. Qualifications:**

The consultant who is selected should have the following qualifications and experiences:

1. Background in monitoring and evaluation;
2. Excellent English skills, report writing and translation;
3. Math, statistics, and computer skills adequate for project M&E and social survey, data analysis;
4. Previous experience in designing and overseeing monitoring and evaluation systems for similar project;
5. Ability to manage field data collection team to complete tasks on schedule; and
6. Willingness and capability to complete assigned reporting tasks on schedule.

**To apply:**

- Qualified Yemeni Nationals are invited to send CV with a cover letter to PFMP@mof.gov.ye with the subject of "Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist"

or by hand to the address below:

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**رقم المشروع (P086865)**

**إعلان مناقصة توريد عدادات إلكترونية و محولات تيار**

مناقصة رقم: YEM08G12/PEC

تعلن المؤسسة العامة للكهرباء - مشروع قطاع الكهرباء عن توريد مواد منكم بفتح المظاريف المنقصة الآتية:-

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**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF THREE PHASE CT/VT ELECTRONIC METERS AND CURRENT TRANSFORMERES**

ICB No.: YEM 08 G12/PEC

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The conditions stated in the previous Specific Notice remain unchanged.

## Military reinforcements sent to Ra'ada district, government continues fight against Al-Qaeda

Amal Al-Yarisi

SANA'A, March 3 — Although officials say the situation in Ra'ada district has calmed since the military launched a campaign at the end of January to "purge" the area of Al-Qaeda affiliates, they say they are prepared should confrontations break out again.

"We have taken all necessary security measures, and we are prepared for any confrontations with Al-Qaeda," Ra'ada's security chief, Hamoud Al-Amari told the Yemen Times.

President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi ordered the deployment of 1,000 Central Security Forces (CSF) last Thursday to the area in order to maintain stability in the area.

The president also ordered the establishment of an independent



The state has sent military reinforcements to Ra'ada district.

branch to accommodate these forces, Al-Beidh Governor Al-Dahiri Al-Shadadi told to the Ministry of Defense's online newspaper, September 26.

Ra'ada is a district within Al-Beidh governorate.

Al-Beidh's governor confirmed to September 26 newspaper that the city of Ra'ada has been purged of Al-Qaeda militants, although many in the area say affiliates are still hiding outside the city.

One leading sheikh in the Ra'ada area, Ahmed Saeed Al-Dahb, believes that Al-Qaeda affiliates can be found in many areas of Ra'ada district.

"The purging of Al-Qaeda was only carried out in the Al-Manaseh area, not the entire district of Ra'ada," he said.

He does not believe that the gov-

ernment is serious and committed to purging Al-Qaeda from the area.

"The government lies and covers up their lies; we don't believe everything that is reported," he said.

As a result of the military cam-

paign, many in the Al-Manaseh area, where the campaign was concentrated, have been displaced.

Al-Dahb said that Ra'ada's internally displaced persons have been pushed to Damar governorate.

## Capital city takes action to ban weapons carrying in public spaces

Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki

SANA'A, March 3 — The Interior Ministry ordered security authorities to enforce a public weapons carrying ban in the capital city on Saturday.

The ban is actually a part of a 1992 firearms organizational law that has been loosely enforced.

The law stipulates a ban on carrying firearms unless permitted by concerned authorities.

Following a year of increased assassinations, officials say the plan to implement the ban is in line with a larger security campaign that has been beefed up in anticipation of the National Dialogue Conference.

Dr. Omar Abdulkareem, Sana'a's general security chief, said the ban is not just applicable to public markets, but includes mosques, as well as parks.

Abdulkareem added that police cars are also prohibited from entering public markets with weap-



Law enforcement began enforcing the ban on Saturday.

ons unless officially assigned to a task.

"The issue of a spread of weapons in public places is a worrying matter, it is also inappropriate and unacceptable," said Colonel Adlulla Al-Darb, the manager of public relations for the Reinforcement

Forces Department said.

Al-Darb said locals have initially appeared enthusiastic to abide by the new law.

"We are glad weapons carrying will be banned in the capital city," said Mohammed Yahia Al-Lakama, a local Sana'a resident, who

has personally been affected by the public use of weapons.

His nephew was killed in December of 2012 near Shumaila market after a person indiscriminately opened fire.

The capital secretariat has urged locals in Sana'a to call their local police station if they see violators of the new ban.

However, the capital secretariat has no plan as to how receive the calls.

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## Marib power station resumes work after attack

Mohammed Al-Samei

SANAA, March 3 — The Marib power station was back in full action Saturday midday, following an attack on Friday by unidentified armed men, leading to power outages all over the country, some lasting longer than 24 hours.

Abdulrahman Saif Aqlan, the director of the Public Electricity Corporation, said engineers fixed the targeted power lines, ending power outages in all governorates.

Asked if the corporation has future strategies to hinder these at-

tacks, Aqlan said, "We can't talk about strategies amid the crisis Yemen is currently witnessing," adding that Yemen in general needs strategies to solve its problems.

Aqlan made a plea to residents to stand by the side of the corporation and protect electrical stations, power lines and transfer stations.

Attacks like this are often carried out by disgruntled tribesmen with grievances against the state. Many Yemenis also accuse political bodies of hiring mercenaries to carry out acts of sabotage on electricity lines.

Residents are growing increasingly frustrated with power outages. The Public Electricity Corporation issued a report in December that revealed 148 attacks have been carried out on the Marib-Sana'a electricity lines since 2010.

Omar Saleh, a local resident, said that the Interior and Electricity Ministries need to take stronger action to solve the issue.

Residents are also questioning the ability of security forces to shield electrical stations from future attacks.

Dr. Qasim Al-Taweel, a security

affairs expert, recommends establishing a special forces team dedicated exclusively to protecting electricity stations.

He also said the problem will never be resolved unless the state takes serious action to negotiate with area tribesmen who are likely carrying out the attacks.

Over a three year period, the Public Electricity Corporation has sustained over YR33 billion losses due to the continuous attacks on electricity lines, including the costs of spare parts costs, repairs and alternative energy.

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## Yemeni-Turkish agreement to boost tourist cooperation; growing ties between countries

Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki

SANAA, March 3 — A Yemeni-Turkish agreement was signed in Istanbul on Saturday to facilitate medical tourism between the two countries.

Tourism Ministry deputy Mutahar Taqi told the Yemen Times that cooperation between Yemen and Turkey is at its zenith due to a protocol the two countries signed in 2011. The protocol enhanced Yemeni-Turkish relations and encour-

aged tourism.

Turkey's medical centers have become a destination for many Arabs, Taqi said. This interested Yemen, and it has secured discounted prices for Yemenis for many procedures and activities.

Turkey said that Yemen's own medical and health facilities have potential and investment into these centers would go far. Turkey said it was positioned to help improve these centers and that Yemen will benefit from Turkish expertise in

these fields.

Yaseen Al-Tamimi, head of the Yemeni Tourist Writers Association, told the Yemen Times that Turkey will benefit from this agreement because it will encourage Yemenis to head to Turkey for treatment.

Diplomatic ties between Yemen and Turkey are growing. The countries recently announced a cancellation of visas, a decision that is still pending the Turkish Parliament's approval.

Moreover, several Turkish events took place in Yemen this week.

The Strategic Thinking Turkish Institute in Yemen and the Democratic Stream of Consciousness held a workshop on Saturday about Yemeni-Turkish relations and the ongoing changes in the two countries.

In an interview conducted earlier this month, the Turkish ambassador, Fazli Corman, said Turkey is committed to helping Yemen develop, especially in the health sector.

## 160 hazardous, unlicensed gas stations to be shut down in Sana'a

Mohammed Al-Samei

SANAA, March 3 — The Yemen Gas Company (YGC) says it will shut down over 160 gas stations in the capital city of Sana'a because they are not meeting safety standards.

The stations include locations where people refuel their vehicles and locations where residents fill gas cylinders for household needs like cooking.

"All unlicensed gas stations will be shut down because of their potential danger for residents," Manager of the Public Works office Abdulraakeeb Ata said.

Abdulhakeem Mohammed Qasim, manager of the VIP Consumers Department at the YGC said the company has already closed three of the gas stations.

Many gas stations have been and continue to be built without a license from the YGC, he added.

Gas stations in residential area, particularly ones that are unlicensed and don't meet safety criteria, are dangerous, Qasim said. Tanks storing the fuel can explode if exposed to a minor fire.

A committee formed by the Se-



The spread of gas stations in Sana'a into residential areas leaves residents at risk

curity General Manager of the Capital City, the General Manager of Civil Defense and the General Manager of Public Works met on Saturday to make decisions regarding unlicensed gas stations.

One resident, Ahmed Makai-ber, felt strongly that gas stations should not be in residential areas.

"Gas stations are not supposed to be built where people live. Resi-

dents must also stop storing gas in their own tanks," he said. "Lots of casualties have been reported in the capital as a result of these storing methods."

Sana'a has witnessed many explosions at gas stations. The latest reported incident happened near the Effic restaurant on Jan. 31, leaving many wounded and causing considerable damage.

## Free admission for Sana'a's first ever human rights film festival

Rammah Al-Jubari

SANAA, March 3 — The first human rights film festival in Sana'a, organized by the American Islamic Congress (AIC) and the Yemeni Organization for Promoting Integrity (OPI) will launch on March 5.

Several short films, tackling multiple human rights issues including civil rights and public and individual freedoms, produced and

directed by both Yemenis and non-nationals will be screened at the festival.

"This festival aims to spread positive values, boost diligence, instill awareness about human rights, raise the spirit of communication and exchange experience between interested people through short films," said Abdulla Abdulwahab Najji, the executive manager of the OPI, which is a non-governmental Yemeni civil society organization.

The event is being offered free of charge to all participants.

More than 400 people, including actors and actresses, directors, photographers, writers, civil society and human rights activists and journalists are expected to attend.

The AIC is an international NGO that works to promote civil rights, build tolerance and foster a respect for human rights and social justice. It has several offices in the Middle East region.

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Prominent jambiya trader Obad Al-Ozairi to the Yemen Times:

# “The original jambiya will prevail despite the invasion of ‘Chinese’ ones”

Story and photos by Sadeq Al-Wesabi

For about 60 years, Obad Al-Ozairi has been a jambiya trader, entering the business when he was a young boy. In his long tenure, he has seen the profession evolve from a revealed career to one that draws the ire of environmentalists. Through ups and downs, including a recent threat to the trade by international markets, Al-Ozairi still begins each day by training young to carry on his legacy.

A Jambiya is a type of dagger with a short curved blade at that is traditionally carried on decorative belts by Yemeni men. Historians believe its use dates back thousands of years. Today its appearance is still deeply rooted in Yemeni culture. Very few men are not given a dagger as young boys and tribal sheikhs, judges, businessmen and social leaders are often found boasting about their belted weapon.

Al-Ozairi is a part of this history. He inherited his business from his predecessors who began selling jambiyas over 200 years ago. The 70-year-old's family are considered pioneers of the jambiya trade in Yemen.

Al-Ozairi sons and grandsons decided to follow in his footsteps and are now running their own shops in Sana'a and other governorates. Living for years in Kenya, Al-Ozairi brought back traditions to Yemen. He used to buy rhinoceros' horns to use them for making high quality and costly jambiyas, called

Saifani. However, animal activists and environmentalists started a campaign several decades ago to stop this practice because it was endangering native rhino populations.

In 2009, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) declared Yemen as a major threat that encourages rhino poaching for the use its historic daggers. The IUCN called on Yemen to ban jambiya traders from using rhino horns.

Al-Ozairi found himself on a black list for using horns of endangered rhinos and left Kenya. But, since he and many Yemenis have complied with the IUCN's wishes.

“We've adhered to the agreement of banning rhino horn trading and stopped importing them,” Al-Ozairi said.

However, the jambiya trader feels that environmental groups must also keep in mind people's livelihoods, “We demand compensation from the government and the IUCN because this agreement has highly affected our trade and caused a big financial loss.”

While groups like the IUCN feel they may have gained ground in the rhino battle, Al-Ozairi says he and others still import elephant ivory and cows and buffalo horns now because they are less expensive than rhino horn.

Plastic, not Chinese, jambiyas With changing thoughts and movements in conservation, Al-Ozairi's profession has also been affected by a fairly recent phenomenon, the spread of the

plastic-stuffed jambiya handle, commonly referred to as a “Chinese” jambiya, although they are made in Yemen.

Many Yemenis, Al-Ozairi says, now prefer to buy plastic jambiya for its cheaper price, between YR 2,000 – 10,000 (about \$10-50). Although tourists are currently a rare spotting in Yemen, Al-Ozairi says they



have also driven up the popularity of new jambiyas.

Although he opposes the plastic versions out of principle, Al-Ozairi still offers this type of jambiya in his shops. “The high turnout for this type of jambiya forces us to sell them. If we did not sell



them, we would have to close down our shops,” he said.

In contrast, next to Al Ozairi's display of the “Chinese” jambiyas, there is a selection of unique and what he calls “authentic” jambiyas, selling for a price range of YR 10 – 20 million (about \$50,000 – 100,000).

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Al-Ozairi uses his expertise and years of experience to not only sell jambiyas, but also provide free-of-charge consultation for clients.

“Many customers come to my shops asking us to evaluate the price of their jambiyas.”

Many people cannot tell the difference between the original and plastic jambiyas and Al-Ozairi likes to set them straight.

“Thos who make fake, plastic jambiyas have swindled many people out of a lot of money, convincing many customers that their jambiyas are unique,” he

said, taking it as a personal affront on his beloved profession.

“They deserve the severest punishment from the government for deceiving people and destroying the reputation of jambiya trade.”

Despite the “plastic invasion,” Al-Ozairi is optimistic about the future and continued legacy of one of Yemen's most notorious weapons.

“Original jambiyas are an important part of our legacy. It will not fade away as many people say.

It will prevail,” he said.

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# Dr. Saeed Al-Amiri to the Yemen Times: Southerners have the right to raise the ceiling of their demands but peacefully

Dr. Saeed Al-Amiri, a leading figure in the Islah Party, says his political party upholds a modern civil state, furthermore asserting there is no contradiction between a civil state and Islamic law.

Al-Amiri also stated in an interview with the Yemen Times that the Islah Party supports women's political participation

He also commented on recent clashes between The Southern Movement (SM) and the Islah Party in the South. He defended the SM's right to peacefully assemble. He condemned the use of what he calls excessive force in the South.

Also in the interview, Al-Amiri said former President Ali Abdulla Saleh and his former Vice-President Ali Salem Al-Beidh want to complicate the situation in Yemen and are attempting to foil the upcoming National Dialogue Conference (NDC). However, Al-Amiri remains hopeful that the dialogue will proceed peacefully and efficiently.

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



Dr. Saeed Al-Amiri

**Let's start with the Southern Movement (SM). It is said that the SM aims to deliver a message through rallies that it is still influential. The Islah Party wanted to send the same message through its latest march in Aden. During Yemen's current turbulent situation, is there a need to show off influence?**

The Islah Party is a civic party that struggles peacefully. We haven't said the SM is armed, but there are factions that carry weapons. It is Ali Salem Al-Beidh's faction, who is regionally and externally supported by countries like Iran. However, there has been a peaceful SM in governorates since 2007. The peaceful SM inspired the Arab Spring revolution. Our brother Southerners should preserve this peaceful influence. It is an honor for them. With regard to exerting influence, the SM organized the Reconciliation and Tolerance Festival which was well received. Private and state-run media outlets welcomed the festival.

The February 21 Festival was celebrated on the first anniversary of the peaceful transfer of power. This day is a historical occasion that all Yemenis take pride in.

The Islah Party and other revolutionary groups wanted to celebrate this day in a peaceful manner by means of a peaceful civil festival. Then our brothers in the SM disrupted this event. Why?

**The Islah Party's march may have provoked the SM. Why was this the first time the Islah party celebrated the anniversary of Yemen's unification?**

The Islah Party's festival was to celebrate the first anniversary of President Abdu Rabu Hadi's election as well as to celebrate the ousting of [former President] Ali Abdulla Saleh from power. In one day, the former regime was ultimately toppled. The festival was held in Aden, and everyone had the right to celebrate. Aden belongs to everyone. Aden is open for all people, from Hindus to people from Somalia. Therefore, Aden is not owned by a particular side. The SM has the right to organize a festival in Al-Siteen Street in Sana'a or any other place. We support them doing that.

**Some say that the Islah Party should talk the SM into taking part in the dialogue, instead of provoking disgruntled Southerners through marches?**

The participants of the marches are not only from the Islah Party. As far as I know, Southern groups also took part, but the Islah Party was the dominant force in this march. The Islah Party always leads revolutionary activities. Since the beginning, the Islah Party was the major organizer of the march. This is not provocative. Festival organizers were from the South. Why is it that Southern Islah is not from the South? Are the armed SM affiliates representative of Southerners? The Southern Islah man has the right to

launch a march as well.

**Those who held the march were not all from the South. Did the Islah Party mobilize people from the North in order to appear larger in numbers?**

I followed that issue up, and I found out such claims are inaccurate. Over 90 percent of the attendees were from Southern governorates. I read an interview with engineer Haider Abu Bakr Al-Atas, whom we respect, but he said the participants were Northerners and the evidence he cites is the Bara dance. This speech is really reprehensible. Apparently, he has been living abroad for a long time, and he is no longer able to distinguish between folklore activities of the South and the North. Anyway, the people of Aden know who attended the festival.

**Why did the Islah Party hold the festival in Aden's Parade Square, which the SM always uses to celebrate such occasions? Why this venue?**

This was not a problem. Is this place the SM's property?

**Let's suppose revolutionary youth went to Tahrir Square to celebrate a particular occasion even though the square is known as the home of Ali Abdulla Saleh's supporters. What would happen?**

I am telling you this, and I am willing to say it any time. If the SM wants to hold a festival in Al-Siteen Square, the same place revolutionaries hold their festivals, they have the right to do so. What is important is to be peaceful and civil. This is the most important issue. Violence is rejected.

What took place in Aden was violent. Excessive force was used to crack down on some SM affiliates? Violence is rejected.

**Who used power against the SM affiliates?**

The festival was announced two weeks prior to kicking off. Suddenly, SM affiliates broke into the festival on that day. They wanted to break into the venue by force. The situation escalated to the point that some ordered hotel owners not to accommodate Northerners.

**Security forces attacked Southerners under the pretext that they were separatists. Is this justified?**

No, we denounce repression. We condemn detention. This is inappropriate. However, we also condemn riots started by SM affiliates.

**Why did the Islah Party not release a statement denouncing the riots that took place in Aden?**

The Islah Party condemned the violence that erupted in Aden and Hadramout.

**Did the Islah Party resort to using power because the gover-**

**nor of Aden Waheed Rasheed belongs to the Islah Party?**

The governor belongs to the Islah Party, but the rest of the authorities still belong to the former regime. In the end, violence is denounced by the Islah Party. SM affiliates wanted to break into the festival's venue by force. Politically speaking, the state is the only one who can use force, not individuals. No one is allowed to resort to force.

There are rumors that there was coordination between the Islah Party and President Hadi to hold such a festival one year after the presidential election.

As a matter of fact, it was not only to commemorate Hadi's election. It was a celebration of the peaceful power transfer, the ousting of the former president and an achievement of the goals of the revolution.

**Did you expect riots when you planned the festival?**

From my perspective, the festival was peaceful. What justification did the SM have to spark riots. All violent acts are punishable and condemned by international conventions and laws. Today, the peaceful option is the modern way to change any regime.

**Do you think holding the event affected the National Dialogue Conference (NDC) and caused some Southern members of the Dialogue Committee to leave in protest of what happened in Aden?**

Some internal and external bodies are playing in Yemen and want to create disorder, but I assure you, the NDC will continue. What is the justification of the armed SM? What was their motive to oppose security forces? Some former regime affiliates support the activities of Ali Salem Al-Beidh, the former President of the south.

Ali Abdulla Saleh and Ali Salem Al-Beidh want to create havoc in Yemen and obstruct the NDC, but I believe nothing can really affect it because the only way to solve our problems is through dialogue.

**Do you think Islah's behavior could have caused the attack on its headquarters?**

Setting fire to Islah's headquarters is a direct attack on the aims of the 2011 revolution because the Islah Party was its main component. The revolution belongs to all people. Shaking up the political atmosphere before the NDC is also another possible cause.

**20 percent of seats for youth, less than 30 percent for women and less than 50 percent for Southerners. Is it reasonable that the Islah misunderstood this percentage?**

I think this has been reviewed.

**It has been reviewed and re-submitted to the committee, but some say political parties should not mistake such information?**

No one is infallible. The Islah Party is broadly represented in many areas. This causes such a shortcoming.

**Some say Islah has excluded some of its youth members, who have been active squares, but have differing opinions of than Islah. Why were they not included on the lists?**

This is because of the small percentage allotted to the Islah Party. Islah received 50 seats in the NDC, and then the number went down to 47. This isn't representative in comparison to its large size. In spite of this percentage, Islah accepted the number for the sake of Yemen.

**Why wasn't Tawakul Karman among the names listed to represent Islah in the NDC?**

Karman has become a universal figure and is a Nobel Peace Prize winner. Even though her name wasn't included, she will be monitoring the situation.

**It is said Islah has included the names of some Al-Ahmar sheikhs because the General People's Congress (GPC) has included the names of controversial figures?**

Names have not been announced clearly yet, and the Technical Committee is still sifting through them. The Gulf Initiative stipulated that those accused of violating human rights cannot be included.

**What is Islah's vision for the NDC regarding the form of the state: federalism for several regions, two regions or another option?**

There are several visions. Some

want a Southern state, secession and federalism.

**But what is Islah's vision?**

All opinions will be presented at the NDC. I don't know what Islah's vision is prior to the NDC, but Islah will welcome whatever is agreed upon.

**So you don't have a clear vision prior to the NDC?**

We do, but it will be presented at the NDC.

**Will you support a civil or Islamic state?**

We support a modern civil state. I have conducted research about this. The civil state began in Medina at the time of Prophet Mohammed. The principals of a modern civil state were implemented at that time.

**This will be an Islamic State?**

Actually, a civil state doesn't contradict Islamic Sharia.

**Will Islah support women politically and grant them 30 percent of their political positions?**

Personally, I support including women in all positions because they are partners alongside men.

**Is it possible for a woman to be the head of the Islah party or the secretary general in the future?**

Why not, but the Islah Party would have to agree about that.

**Some say that Saudi Arabia supports the Islah Party in efforts to oppose Iran. What are your thoughts on the relation between Islah and Saudi Arabia?**

The Islah Party has open relations worldwide, even with Iran, but we refuse Iran's intervention in Yemeni affairs.

**So you confirm Iran's intervention in Yemen?**

Yes, for sure. There was an Iranian weapons shipment that was sent to Yemen and it has a relationship with Al-Beidh, who supports secession. This is well-known.



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أشار القيادي في حزب الإصلاح الدكتور سعيد العامري إن حزب الإصلاح يقول إن الحراك الجنوبي الانفصالي إذا أراد أن يقيم فعالياته في شارع الستين في العاصمة صنعاء فمن حقه أن يقيم ذلك، لكن من المهم أن تكون ذات طابع سلمي. وقال العامري في حوار مع يمن تايمز إن الرئيس السابق علي صالح ونائبه الأسبق علي سالم البيض يريدان إرباك الوضع اليمني اليوم، وإرباك عملية الحوار القادمة، لكنه يرى إن الحوار سيمضي وإن الكثير من الناس مع الحوار. وحول الدولة التي ينشدها حزب الإصلاح قال العامري إن حزب الإصلاح يؤيد الدولة المدنية الحديثة، مضيفاً إنه لا يوجد تناقض بين الدولة المدنية الحديثة والشريعة الإسلامية. وأفاد إن الإصلاح يدعم المرأة في الجانب السياسي، وأنه من حق المرأة أن تتولى حتى رئاسة الحزب إن رضت بذلك قواعد الحزب.

نبدأ معك حول ما يقال إن الحراك الجنوبي يريد أن يؤكد من خلال فعالياته في الجنوب بأنه القوي والمؤثر، والإصلاح أيضاً يريد أن يوصل رسالته من خلال المظاهرة الأخيرة في عدن بأنه قوي ومؤثر في الجنوب، هل اليمن بحاجة إلى إبراز واستعراض القوة وهي تمر بهذا الوضع الصعاب؟

الإصلاح حزب مدني يناضل سلمياً، ونحن لا نقول إن الحراك الجنوبي عبارة عن حراك مسلح بل هناك فصائل مسلحة، هو فصل على سالم البيض والمدعوم خارجياً وإقليمياً بالذات من إيران. لكن الحراك السلمي في المحافظات الجنوبية هو سلمي منذ أن بدأ عام ٢٠٠٧، فتورات الربيع العربي استلهمت من الحراك السلمي في الجنوب، ويفترض أن يحافظ الأخوة في الجنوب على هذا النهج والاستلهام التاريخي لتورات الربيع العربي وهذا شرف لهم، أما موضوع استعراض القوة فالحراك الجنوبي أقام فعالية التمساح والتمساح وكل ربح بها، القوات الخاصة والحكومية، وكل الأحزاب رحبت بهذه الفعالية ولم تكن هناك إشكالية جراء الفعالية.

جاءت فعالية ٢١ فبراير التي هي فعالية يوم الانتقلال السلمي للسلطة، فيوم التنازل السلمي للسلطة يوم تاريخي ومشهود يفترض أن يفخر به كل اليمنيين. الإصلاح والقوى الثورية بشكل عام وعلى رأسها الإصلاح أرادت أن تحتفل بهذا اليوم بوضع طبيعي بفعالية سلمية مدنية ولكن جاء الأخوة في الحراك المسلح ليفشلوا هذه الفعالية لماذا؟

المظاهرة أتت لاستفزاز الحراك الجنوبي في الوقت الحالي بعد أن أصبح له أنصار أكثر في عدن والجنوب بشكل عام، لماذا تم الاحتفال بالوحدة بهذا العام وليس في الأعوام الماضية؟ الفعالية كانت بمناسبة مرور الذكرى الأولى لانتخاب الرئيس هادي وتحقيق الهدف الرئيس من أهداف الثورة والذي هو سقوط رأس النظام علي صالح. في هذا اليوم كان سقوطاً نهائياً للنظام السابق، كان تنظيم الفعالية في عدن، ومن حق أي إنسان أن يحتفل. عدن ليست ملكاً لأحد، بل مساحة مفتوحة لكل الناس استقبلت الهندي والهندي والصومالي واستقبلت كل الناس، وبالتالي ليست هناك ملكية لعدن أو مساحة عدن، من حق الحراك الجنوبي أن ينظم فعالية في صنعاء، في شارع الستين في أي مكان ونحن نستعوان معه في ذلك.

هل تصرف من تقولون إنهم انفصاليون مبرر لقمعهم من قبل قوات الأمن؟ أبداً، نحن نستنكر القمع من أي جهة كانت، ونستنكر الاعتقالات التي تمت من قبل السلطة في عدن، هذا عمل مدان، وفي المقابل استنكر أعمال العنف التي قام بها الأخوة في الحراك المسلح.

تم استخدام القوة من قبل سلطات محلية تابعة لحزب الإصلاح، فالمحافظ وحيد رشيد تابع للإصلاح... المحافظ من الإصلاح، وبقية الأجهزة ما زالت تابعة للنظام السابق. لكن في النهاية أي أعمال عنف هي مدانة من قبل الإصلاح، لكن حسب متابعتنا أن الأخوة في الحراك المسلح أرادوا اقتحام الساحة بالقوة، ومعروف في علم السياسة أن احتكار استخدام القوة من حق الدولة، ليس من حق الأفراد، لا يجوز لأي جهة احتكار استخدام القوة، فقط الدولة تستخدمها وفق القانون.

هناك من يقول بدلاً من أن يساعد الإصلاح على دعوة الحراك الجنوبي إلى الحوار الوطني، ذهب الإصلاح لاستفزازهم بالمظاهرات التي لا يرغبون بها؟

هناك من يقول إنه كان هناك تنسيق بين الإصلاح والرئيس هادي لإقامة الفعالية بعد مرور عام على انتخاب هادي؟ الأمر ليس فعالية لتنصيب هادي رئيساً، بل احتفال بمناسبة مرور عام على الانتقال السلمي للسلطة وسقوط رأس النظام السابق، وتحقيق الهدف الأول من أهداف الثورة.

ألا كنتم تعتقدون قبل أن تقيموا الفعالية أن تحدث أعمال عنف ويكون لها تأثير على المناخ السياسي في البلد؟

في تصوري الفعالية كانت سلمية، وسمع لفعاليات سلمية أن تقام، وبالتالي ما المبرر أصلاً لإقامة أعمال عنف من قبل الحراك. لا بد أن نشير إلى أن أعمال العنف مجرمة ومدانة في كل الأعراف والقوانين الدولية. اليوم أصبح الطابع السلمي هو المظهر الحضاري لتغيير أي نظام كان.

ألا تعتقدون أن إقامة تلك الفعالية أضرت بالحوار الوطني، فهناك أعضاء جنوبيون في لجنة الحوار علقوا

تهينة مناخ الحوار الوطني في تقديري مطلوب من عدة جهات تعمل على تهينة المناخ. أولاً على المستوى الرسمي لا بد أن يتم الإسراع في تنفيذ النقاط العشرين.

لماذا عندما سلم حزب الإصلاح أسماء ممثليه في مؤتمر الحوار للجنة الفنية للحوار كان فيها نسبة الشباب أقل من ٢٠٪ ونسبة النساء أقل من ٣٠٪ ونسبة الجنوبيين أقل من ٥٠٪، هل يعقل أن يخطئ الإصلاح في هذه النسب؟

هناك من يقول أنه تم استبعاد بعض الشباب الإصلاحيين من قوائم الإصلاح والذين لهم أنشطة كبيرة بالساحة، لكن لهم وجهات نظر قد تكون مخالفة للإصلاح رغم استمرار انتمائهم إليه، لماذا لم يمثلوا في قوائمكم؟

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النخبي قال بأن حرق مقرات الإصلاح لإيقاف الإصلاح من تبني مشروع القضية الجنوبية، اليوم الحامل الوحيد للقضية الجنوبية بشكل أساسي وكبير هو الإصلاح.

كيف تحملون مشروع القضية الجنوبية وأنتم ترفضون خيار الانفصال؟ قلت تعال أتكلم على الانفصال حتى في شارع الستين، أنا رئيس المنتدى السياسي في ساحة التغيير وسأدافع عن هذا الموضوع بشئى الوسائل.

هو شريك في الحكومة... الرئيس هادي زار المحافظات الجنوبية والتقى بقيادات في الحراك، ووسائل الإعلام كما تعرفون تحول كثيراً، هادي عمل على تهدئة الموضوع وقال إنه لا يسمح بسفك قطرة دم في المحافظات الجنوبية أو محافظات أخرى، بل سيتم رفع القضايا إلى محكمة الجنايات الدولية لمن يتسببوا في أعمال عنف الإصلاح مع بقية المكونات الثورية وشركائه في المشترك يعملون على تهدئة الأوضاع بشكل كبير.

لم تتبق سوى أيام على موعد مؤتمر الحوار الوطني والوضع ما زال مضطرباً، ما الذي يفترض القيام به، لتهيئة مناخ الحوار؟

هناك من يقول إنه كان هناك تنسيق بين الإصلاح والرئيس هادي لإقامة الفعالية بعد مرور عام على انتخاب هادي؟ الأمر ليس فعالية لتنصيب هادي رئيساً، بل احتفال بمناسبة مرور عام على الانتقال السلمي للسلطة وسقوط رأس النظام السابق، وتحقيق الهدف الأول من أهداف الثورة.

ألا كنتم تعتقدون قبل أن تقيموا الفعالية أن تحدث أعمال عنف ويكون لها تأثير على المناخ السياسي في البلد؟

في تصوري الفعالية كانت سلمية، وسمع لفعاليات سلمية أن تقام، وبالتالي ما المبرر أصلاً لإقامة أعمال عنف من قبل الحراك. لا بد أن نشير إلى أن أعمال العنف مجرمة ومدانة في كل الأعراف والقوانين الدولية. اليوم أصبح الطابع السلمي هو المظهر الحضاري لتغيير أي نظام كان.

ألا تعتقدون أن إقامة تلك الفعالية أضرت بالحوار الوطني، فهناك أعضاء جنوبيون في لجنة الحوار علقوا

جنوبيون، وهناك من يقول جنوب الجنوب، وهناك من يريد أن يكون انفصال، وهناك فيدرالية بأقاليم.

هل ستدعمون فكرة الدولة المدنية أم دولة حسب الشريعة الإسلامية؟ نحن مع الدولة المدنية الحديثة. أنا لذي بحث حول هذا الموضوع، الدولة المدنية هي أصلاً بدأت في المدينة المنور بقيادة الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم، كل مفاهيم الدولة المدنية الحديثة فيما يتعلق بالمساواة والعدل وسيادة القانون كل ذلك طبقت في دولة المدينة.

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بالنسبة لعلاقة الإصلاح بالحوثيين، كيف تنظر لذلك خصوصا في ظل الصراع الدائر في حجة الذي يهدأ ويعود من جديد؟ علاقتنا كانت جيدة في الساحة وما زال هناك تواصل. وندعو الأخوة الحوثيين إلى ترك السلاح والانخراط في العمل السلمي السياسي وتشكيل حزب سياسي. خلفنا مع الحوثيين في صعدة وحجة هو حملهم للسلاح والاعتداء على مقرات الإصلاح في صعدة وبعض أعمال العنف في حجة.

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**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.

**Project Manager – Facilitating Access to Services – (1 position)**

**Location: Aden with frequent travel to Haradh  
Contract Duration: 9 months**

**The role**

You will create, update and extend the mapping of services for IDPs, returnees, and conflict affected persons face, working in conjunction with Oxfam's gender and protection staff, the protection cluster, child protection working groups, and local authorities, civil society and other service providers; conduct baselines and final evaluations, and expand the case study on the referral project. You will be implementing an appropriate approach to facilitating referrals; providing trainings, capacity-building, and technical support; ensuring that longer-term Oxfam staff, partners and volunteers are able to provide ongoing support to facilitating referrals and that the activity can be maintained beyond the lifetime of the project. You will write up training materials and guidance notes for implementing similar activities in Oxfam humanitarian programmes; work with the Gender and Protection Advisers to contribute to Oxfam's learning on the model; work with service providers and coordination mechanisms to ensure effective service delivery and impartial access to services, particularly advocacy and lobbying where required. You will be contributing to the development and implementation of a MEAL plan.

**What we are looking for**

We are looking for someone with at least 3 years of protection programming, in a management or advisory capacity, in a humanitarian context, and excellent understanding of GBV programming and establishing referral systems for GBV, child protection, family tracing, etc. You will have excellent understanding of the UN Cluster system and coordination mechanisms; have substantial experience as a trainer of trainers; have proven experience of analysis and report writing. You will be diplomatic and tactful; be a sensitive and experienced communicator. You will have influential communication skills (preferably in both Arabic and English) and the willingness to travel within Yemen.

**Project Officer – Facilitating Access to Services – (2 positions)**

**Location: One in Haradh & One in Aden  
Contract Duration: 9 months**

**The role**

You will participate in updating and extending the mapping of services for IDPs, returnees, and conflict affected persons face, working in conjunction with Oxfam's gender and protection staff, the protection cluster, child protection working groups, local authorities, civil society and other service providers; conduct surveys, focus groups, and awareness raising sessions; contribute to implementing an appropriate approach to facilitating referrals. You will be participating in training, capacity-building, and technical support; ensuring that longer-term Oxfam staff, partners and volunteers are able to provide ongoing support to facilitating referrals and that the activity can be maintained beyond the lifetime of the project. You will work with service providers and coordination mechanisms to ensure effective service delivery and impartial access to services, including advocacy and lobbying where required.

**What we are looking for**

We are looking for someone with at least 2 years of protection programming experience and excellent understanding of protection concerns. You will have good understanding of the UN Cluster system and coordination mechanisms; have substantial experience as a program officer in a humanitarian program; have proven experience of contributing to assessments and report writing. You will be diplomatic and tactful; be a sensitive and experienced communicator. You will have influential communication skills (preferably in both Arabic and English) and the willingness to travel within Yemen.

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# Schools failing to get books in the hands of students

Story and photos by  
Samar Qaed

Although libraries are recognized by local educators as a benchmark of quality schools, few teachers in Yemen can say they are able to provide their students with the valued institution. An estimated 94 percent of schools in Yemen lack libraries, according to the Yemeni Center for Historical Studies and Future Strategies (Manarat).

"Children cannot acquire knowledge in the absence of libraries inside schools," said Abdulla Al-Olfi, the studies and training coordinator at the center.

Even schools that do have small makeshift collections of books, are neglected by state funding and failing to help students in a

country where illiteracy rates reach well above 50 percent, according to figure from the United Nations Development Program.

"There is no typical school library that provides sufficient services in Yemen. Most libraries lack either books or equipment such as computers and Internet," said Khaled Al-Okbi, the activities coordinator at the Education Ministry.

Libraries provide a chance for the children to hone their talents and improve their learning, according to Dr. Salah Al-Deen Al-Jumaei, a sociologist at Sana'a and Amran Universities.

He criticized a current overall lack of resources like books and magazines in schools, which are depriving children of creative and critical thinking skills.

Afaf Al-Haimi, a sociology professor at Sana'a University, said

one large issue is that most schools do not even have a room for a library. If a classroom does have a library, she says it is usually a small space with limited resources.

The Social Development Fund (SDF), in coordination with Yemen's Foundation to Spread Culture and Knowledge, provides books for several libraries in schools. However, the SDF say they lack adequate funding and this hinders their work.

Without the government to provide him books, the Vice Principal of Al-Bonian School, Abdulhakeem Al-Moafa, said that the school requested the SDF provide books for his school's library seven years ago, but they never received them due to funding issues.

"We prepared a large room and kept waiting for the SDF," Al-Moafa said. "Now we use it to keep old equipment and furniture."

Dr. Mohammed Ali Saif, a researcher who studies the issue, says a library rarely is established with the purpose of becoming one, it is usually an afterthought thrown together with whatever resources a school can find.

He says only about 20 percent of libraries in schools have extras like televisions to show educational films or computers.

"All the libraries fall short of computers. If available, there are very few and are used by the librarians for some administrative works and information recording," Saif said.

#### Librarians

A lack of modern sources in libraries is not the sole problem.



School libraries typically depend on out-dated books and books given by cultural institutions.



A room meant to be a library at the Al-Dailami School is waiting for support from the Social Fund for Development.

The libraries that do exist do not have specialists to manage them.

Ali A-Ezi, a teacher in the state-run Hael Boys School said the majority of employees in the libraries are not qualified to do such a job.

"If there are no specialists for this job, the school administration simply chooses one of the teachers as a librarian," he said.

Educators stress the importance of librarians having certain characteristics such as sympathy,

compassion, tactfulness and intelligence when dealing with children, which they say can be hard to come by as no one trains them specifically in such skills.

Majed Al-Humaidi, a lecturer in the Social Service Department at Sana'a University, said the few librarians that do exist tend to be female because of the societal attributes that are associated with them. Al-Humaidi said this is true all over the world and gave

the example of France, where approximately 80 percent of children's library employees are women.

Educators and researchers continue to advocate for an increase in funding and increased awareness of the current lack of facilities and awareness.

"If [books] are offered to school libraries, we will have an educated generation capable of building the country," said Al-Jumaei.

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**Difficult**

**Chess**

White plays and wins in the 2nd move

**Solutions**

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# Cairo Declaration on Community Media

## Editorial

**W**e, practitioners and representatives of community media, took part in the second regional conference for community media in North Africa and the Middle East under the title, "Channeling our Voices," held in Cairo Feb. 25-27. The conference was organized by the Community Media Network (CMN) from Jordan and Community Media Solutions (CMS) from the United Kingdom, in cooperation with UNESCO and AMARC. It was also supported by the Swedish International Development Agency and the British Foreign Commonwealth Office.

After many specialized meetings and workshop sessions aimed at reaching common ground regarding the legislative, political,

social and cultural environment surrounding community media, we have concluded that the radio frequency structure remains restricted in favor of governmental and commercial use. This discourages the possibility of community radio's growth and its emergence as a major contributor to sustainable development as has been proven in other parts of the world.

Legislation, for the most part, still gives public and commercial broadcasters a monopoly and fails to recognize community broadcasting.

The current political, social, economic and legislative landscape is not enabling community media to reflect the desires of civil society and it denies the possibility of an interactive media culture.

We have also concluded that Internet broadcasting lacks the

basic requirements for success on technical and professional levels, which therefore lessens its ability to continue and be effective.

We note the absence of organized and coherent measures to

support and to sustain the work of community media which reduces its quality and is not consistent with international standards guaranteed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and

similarly in the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights. Freedom of expression is also guaranteed in numerous Arab and African declarations that grant broadcasters ample opportunity to interact freely in media outlets owned by local communities.

Therefore we recommend the following:

- Amendment of legislation, regulations and orders that restrict the ownership of community media to align them with internationally accepted criteria as established by active international bodies. Furthermore, there should be a reduction in fees and other financial requirements for non-profit community media organizations, as well as a cancellation of customs on equipment for community radios. We call for an advocacy campaign to accomplish these legislative, regulatory

and administrative changes.

- An increase and accelerated practice for increasing the professionalism of community media journalists, technicians and administrators. This should include a guarantee of plurality and diversity so as to fully represent societies. Training should also include technical support and internships within existing media outlets and with experts in community media.
- A network that works collectively to exchange experiences that reflect success and effective practices of this sector.
- The establishment of a specialized local, and regional legal body that can provide support and training for practitioners in this sector as well as provide legal aid.



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