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Military restructure moves ahead with fresh leadership

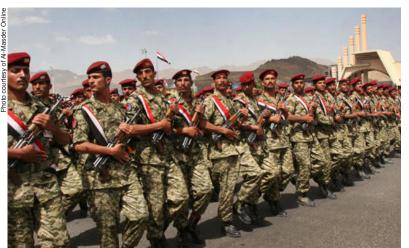
Rammah Al-Jubari

SANA'A, April 14 — Newly-appointed military leaders began work on Saturday following President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi's Wednesday announcement of a military shake-up.

In a meeting, officials said the leaders were eager to assume their roles and unite the army by its May deadline, dissolving former divisions.

The Republican Guards—previously headed Ahmed Ali Saleh, son of ex-President Ali Abdullah Saleh—were integrated into the newly-created Spare Forces, under the command of General Ali Al-Jaifi. The Spare Forces are composed of six brigades and will continue to be elite just like the Republican Guards, meaning they will equipped and trained to a higher standard.

General Mohammed Ali Al-



The Republican Guards, which in the past included 20 specially-trained military brigades, will officially dispand.

Maqdashi will now be commander of the sixth region, which used to fall under the First Armored Division, another military force dissolved under President Hadi's de-

fense and security affairs.

On Wednesday, President Hadi issued several new military decrees to finalize his military restructuring that began in December. In addition to removing controversial leaders with ties to

crees. The First Armored Division

was headed by General Ali Mohsen

Al-Ahmar who has been appointed

as the presidential advisor for de-

former President Saleh, Hadi divided the army into six military regions.

Brigadier General Nasser Al-Horaibi, the head of the military restructuring team, told the Yemen Times the leadership changes mark a new period in Yemen's history.

"Yemenis expect new military leaders to work to build and develop military forces into a national association that serves people, the nation's sovereignty and its interests," said General Mohammed Nasser Ahmed, the Minister of Defense.

"This is an indicator of [Yemen] turning into a civil, modern state," said Ashraf Al-Rifi, a political analyst.

The military restructuring has been praised by many international governments. But rights groups, including Human Rights Watch, have voiced concern over some decisions, like the appointment of Ahmed Saleh as Yemen's ambassador to the United Arab Emirates. They say unfair immunity has been granted to individuals accused of human rights violations.







Al-Baidha'a governor escapes alleged assassination attempt

Ali Ibrahim Al-Moushiki

AL-BAIDA'A, April 14 — Investigations are underway to find the perpetrators of an alleged assignation attempt on Al-Baidha'a's governor, Al-Dhahri Ahmed Al-Shadadi.

On Saturday morning two bombs were launched at the governor's house, according to Hussien Al-Rasas, the deputy governor of Al-Baida'a.

One exploded causing damage to

the second floor. The other bomb did not explode.

The governor was not at home at the time of the attack and no one was reported injured, Al-Rasas said.

Al-Baida'a contains Rada'a district where the state has had an ongoing campaign to rid the area of believed Al-Qaeda affiliates.

The security chief in Rada'a, Hamoud Al-Amary, believes Al-Qaeda was not involved in the attack on the governor's house.



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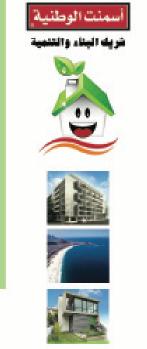
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Human Rights Watch criticizes appointments of former president's relatives to diplomatic posts, accusing them of human rights violations

Rammah Al-Jubari

SANA'A, April 14 — Human Rights Watch said President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi's appointment of Ahmed Ali, Ammar and Tareq Saleh, members of ousted-president Ali Abdullah Saleh's family and former military leaders, to diplomatic positions is a matter of serious concern. As diplomats residing abroad, these military figures will be granted immunity from legal prosecution.

In a statement issued on Friday, the organization made a plea to President Hadi to conduct a separate investigation about the former president's relatives, who were appointed in military leadership, and their role in a series of human rights abuses which took place during the 2011 uprising.

Last week, Ahmed Ali, the son of the former president and former leader of the Republican Guards, was appointed as ambassador to the United Arab Emirates. Ammar and Tareq Saleh, nephews of the ousted president were appointed as military attachés in Ethiopia and Germany, respectively.

Sarah Leah Whitson, director of Human Rights Watch's Middle East and North Africa division, said in a statement issued by the organization that "although removing those people from security forces in the country is a positive development, appointing them in diplomatic positions abroad may keep them away from justice."



The former president's relatives, who have been appointed to diplomatic positions abroad, are accused of abuses during the Friday of Dignity massacre that left at least 50 revolutionaries dead.

Faisal Al-Majedi, a lawyer in Sana'a, said the crimes the former military leaders committed against Yemenis, particularly the revolutionary youth, aren't subjected to a statute of limitation, adding that appointing them to diplomatic positions only provides them with temporary immunity.

The immunity law that was passed by Parliament in January to protect those who worked with the former president will be the biggest obstacle to justice in the future, not their appointment as diplomats, Al-Majedi

In the statement, Human Rights Watch indicated that it has several documents that prove the involvement of Saleh, Ahmed, Ammar and Tareq, in human rights crimes including as-

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saults against protesters, arbitrary arrest, torture, enforced disappearance, electrocution, death threats, rape and extended solitary confinement.

"Our disputes with the military leaders who killed the youth won't be over unless the legal laws are applied to them," Mane' Al-Matari, a member of the Youth Revolution Organizing Committee, said.

Mohammed Al-Ahmdi, a human rights activist, said only when the immunity law is repealed, allowing for the military leaders to be tried for their crimes, will there be justice.

Despite criticism, the United Nations Security Council praised the decision. The Gulf Cooperation Council also supported Hadi's decrees, calling them "bold."

Security forces chase out armed men on Bani Salama Road

Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki

SANA'A, April 14 — Security forces in Dhamar governorate announced on Sunday that they have driven out groups of armed men who have been robbing and harassing travelers off and on for over 10 years on the Bani Salama road, located on a rocky plateau in the Anes District.

On Saturday, military troops opened fire on the gang of armed men in the area, following failed tribal mediations. Several of the armed men are believed to have died in the confrontations, but their lifeless bodies were carried away before military forces could take a count of the fallen. There were no reported military casualties.

"Bandits terrified travelers for years," said Ali Al-Anesi, a local resi-

The armed men's strongholds have been destroyed, Brigadier Abdulkareem Al-Odaini, Dhamar Security Chief, said.

Al-Odaini said five military vehicles are still patrolling the area.



Following failed tribal mediation, security forces exchanged fire with armed

Unlike offenses that have occurred recently in areas like Rada'a, no warplanes were used, which Al-Odaini says was to protect civilians.

Several unsuccessful military campaigns to rid the area of the armed gangs took place last year.

"We are ready to pursue the armed men if they came back," said Al-

A few days earlier, Muhahid Shaif,

the secretary general of the local council in Dhamar, said tribal sheikhs in Anes had asked to avoid bloodshed and promised to hand over men accused of the banditry. However, negotiations failed and the military stepped in Shaif said. Many sheikhs were behind the state intervention.

New military checkpoints will be erected in the area to protect travel-

Presidential committee receives over 11,000 complaints from fired Southernern civilians

Mohammed Al-Hasani

SANA'A, April 14 - The Fired Southerners Committee, which was created at the beginning of the year and just began operations for civil society employees, receiving over 11,000 complaints over the last week in Aden.

Complaints for fired military men were collected at the end of March.

The committee was formed as part of a presidential promise to rectify grievances Southerners have against the state following the country's Civil War of 1994.

Many civil sector Southerners found themselves without jobs nies were privatized following the war. These include a large plastic factory, a processed cookie factory and former government committees that oversaw aviation.

The committee will now begin receiving complaints from other Southern governorates, including Hadromat, Abyan and Dhale.

According to Judge Nora Dhaif Allah, the spokesperson of the committee, information is just being accumulated now. After all complaints are received, officials will review the information and try to match people with jobs similar to ones they carried before unifica-

Some have called the committee

long overdue.

"About 50 committees have been established since November 2011, but no outcomes have been achieved so far," said Dr. Ahmed Sinan, a political analyst, adding that this may be the first one to produce tangible results.

At the end of March, the Committee for Fired Southerners-and a separate one for lands looted after the civil war-received complaints from military officials that numbered over 34,000.

The two committees have been a stipulation for some Southern members' participation in the National Dialogue Conference that began about a month ago.

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NDC Update

- The Southern Issue working group has threatened to go on strike unless President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi implements a list of 11 demands based on the 20 Point, which were originally stipulated as a precursor to the conference. This includes an apology for the Civil
- The heads of the nine working groups will meet with the presidium, the conference's governing body, for the first time on Monday.
- All working groups, with the exception of the Sa'ada Issue group, have
- created a draft plan for the next two months. The Sa'ada Issue working group, which has been unable to reach an agreement for their presidential com-
- mittee, is going though consensus building, team work and peace building training.

 This week international experts will be giving lectures on reconciliation, state building and constitutional shaping for all participants.
- On Saturday, the NDC experienced its highest attendance rate yet—90 percent.
- The Minister of Defense—upon request from the Security and Army working group—visited on Saturday to discuss the recent announcement of President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi's army restructuring
- At the end of this week, the secretariat will present conference attendance records, highlighting any fre-

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Search for Common Ground Organization honored the participated artists in the radio series "The Team "

Search for Common Ground conducted on Saturday in Shahran Hotel Sana'a ceremony for honoring the participated artists in the radio series "The Team "

Director of the organization assured his eagerness for everyone's effort for the success of this work, wishing for all to do more effort for the success of the second season of this work.

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Uncharged and abducted, Yemeni revolutionaries' whereabouts unknown



Two weeks ago, families of revolutionary participants who have disappeared, staged a protest in front of the Cabinet, calling for the release of loved ones believed to be detained in government facilities.

Samar Qaed

aj Nasser Al-Otmi hasn't seen his son Faisal for over two years. Faisal served as a soldier in Brigade 63 of the Republican Guards, the elite government forces previously-headed by Ali Abdullah Saleh's son Ahmed. Faisal has been missing since 2011. Al-Otmi was told by Faisal's superior officer his son deserted the brigade, but Al-Otmi suspects that his son has been detained without charge.

Faisal is one of many Yemenis who are likely held in secret prisons throughout the country. Despite calls from President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi and urgings from the United Nations Security Council to release all Yemenis detained during the 2011 revolution, many remain behind bars.

The General Council of the Abducted Revolutionary Youth estimates there are at least 70 individuals being held without charge by the Political Security Organization (PSO), Yemen's primary internal security and intelligence-gathering force, and the Central Security Organization (CSO), a part of the Ministry

of Interior which operates a paramilitary force.

Both the PSO and the CSO are known for running extrajudicial detention centers across the country.

Al-Otmi said he reached out to such high-ranking government officials as the Prime Minister Mohammed Salem Basendwah and President Hadi, inquiring about his son, but he still does not have satisfactory information as to the whereabouts of Faisal.

"I want my son back, dead or alive," he said.

Muhammed Barakat's brother disappeared two years ago during the 2011 revolution. He remembers the day: "My brother and his friend were [in] Sana'a's Change Square. His friend was shot. When my brother attempted to take [his friend] to the hospital, soldiers caught [them]. Now we don't know where my brother is."

Some prisoners have been detained as suspects in the explosion at Al-Nahdain Mosque's that targeted former-President Saleh in June 2011. But the General Council of the Abducted Revolutionary Youth says that no formal charges or evidence has been brought against the detainees.

Because of the nature of the CSO and the PSO, organizations which operate in secrecy, it is difficult to confirm or deny the existence of illegally detained prisoners.

Hussein Al-Haifi, the Security Chief from the Central Prison in Hajja, said that-at least in the northwestern governorate where he works—all prisoners have criminal records and have been detained lawfully.

Abdulkareem Thu'ail, head of the General Council of the Abducted Revolutionary Youth, said that 19 people are being detained in Hajja's Central Prison for crimes which they did not commit.

"We have issued multiple addressing memorandums [detained revolutionaries]," Najeeb Al-Ameer, information director at the Yemeni General Prosecutor's Office, told the Yemen Times.

In 2012, four committees—a ministerial committee, parliamentarian committee, a technical committee from the Interior Ministry, and a group of Civil Society organizations—were formed by the government to address the issue of abducted and disappeared people.

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and hospitals, Barakat said.

Barakat, whose brother was detained in Change Square, said that the hardest thing for his family is the uncertainty.

"We searched for him in prisons

"The prisons say they know nothing about him. We are tired and want to know whether he is dead or alive."



revolutionaries-he was later

released. He said during his time in

"Prisoners are blindfolded during

investigations," Thu'ail said, and

then forced to sign confessions to

prison he saw people tortured.

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Parliament member Abdulmo'z Dabwan to the Yemen Times:

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Abdul-Moez Dabwan is a parliamentarian who belongs to the Islamic Islah Party. He is the executive manager of Yemeni Parliamentarians Against Corruption and he has written legislation for the country's new Journalism, TV and Radio Media bill.

In his interview with the Yemen Times, Dabwan defends Sharia law as the ultimate source for legislation. When the new Constitution is written, he wants Sharia law to guide it but he also supports giving local governing bodies autonomy.

Story and photo by Sadeq Al-Wesabi

current situation in Parlia-

Parliament has no significant political, legislative or supervisory role right now because it has been unable to perform its duties since its establishment. [This is] not because the Gulf Initiative has restricted it.

Although Yemen's Parliament could have a [strong] current role, its members obstruct this.

Speaking of the National Dialogue Conference (NDC), some say the political and tribal powers participating in the dialogue will try to create a constitution and laws that are in line with their personal interests and not national ones. What do you think?

If you look at the NDC members, you will see that they are varied. What initially comes to mind is that the outcomes will not benefit the country through this formation.

I think feeling a responsibility on their shoulders, looking forward to the future and knowing the consequences if they waste this historical opportunity, NDC participants will

What do you think about the have two options: either make their mark on Yemen's history or to be

listed in black pages because they

didn't provide anything for their

country at the time when they were

able to do so.

It seems you aren't satisfied with the NDC participants?

There are few veteran NDC participants who are able to direct the ship to the harbor.

Could they be influenced by the majority?

I don't think so but if that happens, history is merciless.

Do you think the contentious issues to be addressed at the NDC, such as the Southern and Sa'ada issues, will reach a dead end? Will they then be solved by President Hadi and external powers?

I think everyone will have to lead Yemen through these issues. Whoever rejects the presence of Jamal Benomar, the U.S. ambassador or the countries that brokered the Gulf Initiative is plowing in the sea.

Does this mean you support external intervention in Yemen's

No, I don't, but it's a fact. We wouldn't have gotten here free of war without the help of Allah and their efforts. Some people think some of the Gulf Initiative brokers don't have the best intentions, but we have reached a secure situation due to this initiative.

What about Iranian intervention?

I'm unhappy with Iran's intervention because it isn't a gentle state that provides solutions for problems in other countries. From a world perspective, it's a problematic state so, why do we get involved in a controversy we don't need? We don't need Iran and its assistance.

Why is American and Saudi intervention in Yemen accepted by some political and tribal forces while Iran's intervention

As a Yemeni resident, I accept their intervention within the parameters we are living in due to reasons mentioned above. Some institutions and tribal figures deal with crises as a source of income.

I consider anyone who receives money from external parties, even those who say they are in partnership with Saudi Arabia to protect its borders, national traitors whether they have convincing justification or not. This is clear treason.

You are affiliated with the Islah Party that. They accuse the Houthis of receiving money from Iran but [Islah] is also accused of receiving money from Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Tur-



Participation is the key to any democracy, Dabwan says, and no effective participation can take place without access to informa-

Receiving money from external parties is treason. Some tribal leaders in the Islah Party and other parties receive external financial support. It has not been proven that Islah, as a party or association, has received funding from any country.

Even the Houthis say there is no evidence to prove they receive money ...

Let's be realistic, the Islah Party is able to manage its affairs, but the Houthis are a group that emerged and fought against the state. The weaponry they own—as well as the support that enables them to exist right now in spite of their isolationproves their [funding] doesn't fall from the sky.

Let's talk about the access to information law. You are one of the people who worked hard to pass the law. What is its importance for [citizens]?

This law is essential to establish an open government. Residents cannot hold the government responsible for providing services, fighting corruption and correcting imbalances unless there is information.

In addition, participation is the core of any democracy the world. No effective participation can take place without information. In Western countries, it's said information is the heart and soul of democracy. Here in Yemen the information access law You call for the separation of was passed after five years of strug-

Who was trying to obstruct the

The former government was the first to obstruct it as well as some other influential figures. This law stipulates all publicly funded bodies be subjected to transparency, especially the oil and defense sectors. Transparency in these two sectors will really help the country recover.

The industries such as oil, gas, minerals and gold are kept a secret. The government knows nothing about them. [Many] companies working in Yemen have not submitted their financial records to the government.

on [international] grants and loans. Why doesn't the country depend on its own resources? Some merchants continue to loot the country's resources. The country [could have] industries like fishing, oil, gas and tourism. Some don't take advantage of these potentials. Out-

For years Yemen has depended

Do you mean Saudi Arabia? Saudi Arabia is one of the countries that doesn't want to see stability in Yemen.

side influences also want Yemen to

remain dependent on them.

Why?

Saudi Arabia doesn't think about Yemen as a strategic country. Their concern is that if Yemen stabilized, it would be a greater power in the Arabian Peninsula. Thus, Yemen would compete with Saudi Arabia

for [regional] influence. Saudi Arabia wants to be the most powerful in the region.

Is it true that some documents charging the former regime with corruption were damaged or disposed of?

There is no doubt that many documents were seized and damaged in order not to be brought to light.

In your opinion, what are the major loopholes in Yemeni laws?

The major loopholes lie in the Yemeni Constitution. The Constitution was [actually] carefully worded. It is one of the best constitutions [in the world], particularly the first part that stipulates Islamic Sharia is the source of legislation. We feel like this and thank Allah. But, some corrupt people have tampered with the innerparts of the constitution, [specifically the part that talks about] separation of authorities. The President has unlimited authority and he is not questioned about anything. Moreover, some of the [tampered with] constitutional items provide protection for the corrupt. Laws then were written based on a malfunctioning constitu-

The loopholes in our laws are disastrous. We need a balance of power and to abolish laws giving immunity to the corrupt.

authorities. Others call for separating religion from the state. Do you support this?

We don't need such a battle in Ye-

Do you think Yemen will enter this battle soon?

Our problems in the past had nothing to do with the Sharia law. The problems had to do with corrupt people who used religion to strengthen their authority and influence.

What will be the most controversial issues when the constitution is drafted?

I think the shape of the state will be the real controversy.

What do you think is the most suitable shape for the Yemeni

History says that if countries go from disintegration [right] into unity, they will suffer. It is better to change from polarization to co-federalism to federalism and then to unity. We jumped from polarization to a united country. Today, if we jump from polarization to federalism, we may fall into danger. What is feared about federalism is that it could lead to secession.

Personally I want local governance to have full authority. But the time is over to adopt this option because the southerners don't think about this at all. They may accept federalism.

Female activists have been calling for woman-related legislation reforms for years but such legislation has not been ap-

proved. Why does Parliament deal negligently with these is-

The Parliament has not done much. Many laws expected to be issued by Parliament have not been issued whether these laws are pertinent to women, human rights, the judiciary or security. Many laws have been issued to fulfill the needs of high-ranking influential officials.

Women's issues, such as early marriage, are marginalized.

Personally, I don't think this issue is a major one. It is a very ordinary issue. Parliament could easily resolve it. The issue has no argument [against it].

If it is a simple issue, why has it not been resolved?

The problem is that some want to make it a battle.

From the Islah Party?

[Not just] from the Islah party [but also] the General People Congress (GPC) and others. Parties dispute it. Some side with it and others object. Some want to argue because they just like to argue. Simply put, the issue should be referred to the Health Committee Affairs and the Codification Committee of Islamic rulings so there will not be any conflicts with the Islamic Sharia.

Do you think we should keep Sharia in every law we write?

Some laws that are related to traffic or agriculture, for example, fall under the prophet's saying, "You are more aware about your worldly affairs," [meaning such issues humans can figure out the best way to

So, can we apply this saying to women's issues?

This saying is applicable to issues that have no legitimate texts. Islamic law should dominate everything. But I assure you, Sharia causes no harm. It doesn't harm individuals, Muslim or non-Muslim.

Why are you quicker to apply Islamic Sharia when it comes to women?

Because we live in an Islamic country and all of us are Muslims. So we need to consider Islamic Sharia. For me, as an Islamic legislator, Islamic Sharia should be always present.

What about the audio and visual media bill?

The constitutional committee has the law. It is an advanced law. The government has comments for it. It wants to keep this matter under the control of the Media Ministry. The bill proposes the Media Ministry be abolished and be substituted with an audio visual authority that will deal with all requests in regard to audio visual media.

How do you evaluate the performance of local and international organizations in Yemen? Unfortunately, the majority of the international organizations operating in Yemen want to spend their funds under [superficial causes]. These organizations come from their country with resources under the name of consolidating transparency and good

governance as well as supporting the

media freedom [but they are hollow

Do you think these organizations' efforts to promote transparency and good governance are actually done in order to better their image in front of donors and the international

community? This is true. In order to get donations, they must be eye catching. In the last two years, money has been pumped to foreign organizations in Yemen in order to support transparency and good governance.

Perhaps donors have intentions to assist this poor country, but the actions of these organizations are not appropriate.





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ناضلت لإقرار هذه القانون.. ما مدى

أهمية هذا القانون للمواطن اليمني

هذا القانون هو أحد القوانين المهمة لإيجاد ما

يسمى بالحكومة المفتوحة. لا يمكن للمواطن

أن يقوم بمساءلة الحكومة عن الخدمات ومكافحة

الفساد وبيان أوجه الخلل والنقص بالخدمات إلا

أضف إلى ذلك أن جوهر الديمقراطية التي يتغنى

بها العالم اليوم هي المشاركة ولا يمكن أنّ تكون

هناك مشاركة فعليّة من المواطن بدون وجود

معلومات. ولَهذا يُـُقال في الغرب أن روح وأوكسجين

في اليمن تم إقرار قانون حق الوصول للمعلومات

الحكومة السابقة كانت أول من يحاول عرقلة

هذا القانون بالإضافة إلى النافذين. هذا القانون

يفترض أن كل جهة تـُمول من المال العام تصبح

خاضعة للشفافية، وبالذات أنا أتحدث عن قطاعين

مهمين إذا وجدت فيهما الشفافية حينها سنلاحظ

انتعاش حقيقي في البلد: النفط والدفاع. الصناعات

الاستخراجية مثل النفط والغاز والمعادن والذهب

يتم استخراجها بالظلام ومن دون علم الحكومة،

ولا تقوم أي من الشركات العاملة في اليمن بنشر

هناك ما يسمى بالاستراتيجية

الوطنية لكافحة الفسياد.. أين هي هذه

الاستراتيجية تم إعدادها من هيئة مكافحة الفساد

كاستراتيجية نظرية. لكن عملياً الهيئة الوطنية

كانت أحد مخرجات توقيع اليمن على اتفاقية

مكافحة الفساد، وكانت اليمن ملزمة للتوقيع على

هذه الاتفاقية حتى تظل الموارد تتدفق إليها وصدر

قرار قانون مكافحة الفساد وأنشئت الهيئة الوطنية

لمُكَافِحةُ الفساد حتى تكون أشبه بالديكور أمام

العالم، ولم تكن هناك إرادة سياسية لتفعيل هذه

الهيئة، وبالتالي ذُلقت ميتة. ونحن لا نريد اليوم

البعض يقول أن الهيئة تم إنشائها كي

الفاسدون لم يكونوا بحاجة لحماية يومها، هم

كانوا محميين بقوانين مثل قانون محاكمة

شاغري الوظائف العليا. هنالك قوانين وواقع يحمى

منذ سنوات واليمن تعتمد على القروض

والهبات.. برأيك لماذا لم تستطع اليمن

لأن هنالك تجار لم يكتفوا بنهب ثروات البلد، إنما

أرادوا أيضاً أن يتاجروا بكل البلد. ما يوجد في البلد

من ثروة سمكية ونفطية وغازية وسياحية.. هناك

من ينهب هذه الموارد، وهناك من الخارج من لا

يريد للبلد أن يكتفي ذاتياً، ويريد أن تظل اليمن

السعودية جزء من منظومة لا تريد للبلد أن يستقر.

هم لا ينظروا لليمن على أنها بعد استراتيجي كما

يقولون، بل ينظرون إلّيه على أنها إذًا استقرت

ستصبح دولة قوية في الجزيرة العربية وبالتالى

ستنافسهم على النّفوذ وّاتخاذ القرار، وهم لا يريدونّ

ما مدى صحة إتلاف بعض الوثائق التي

تدين النظام السابق بالفساد واختلاس

لا شكُ بِأَن هناك وثائق كثيرة تم السيطرة والسطو

عليها وتم أخذها وإتلافها وتم العمل على عدم

برأيك.. ما هي أبرز الثغرات في القوانين

أبرز الثغرات هي في الدستور اليمني قبل القوانين.

هذا الدستور تم صيَّاغته بطريقة ذكَّية وطاهره من

أفضل الدساتير، وخاصة عندما نأتي للباب الأول ونقرأ أن الشريعة الاسلامية مصدر حمّيع التشريعات

حينها نرتاح ونُقول الحمد لله. ثم أتى الفَّاسدونُ إلى

داخل الدستور وعبثوا ما بداخله، ليس هناك فصل

بين السلطات، وهناك صلاحيات لرئيس الجمهورية

... غير محدودة ولا يُساءل عن شيء، وهناك حماية

لكبار الفاسدين. الدستور حمى الفَّاسدين في بعض

فنحن بحاجة إلى الفصل المطلق بين السلطات

تطالب بالفصل بين السلطات، والبعض

ينادي بفصل الدين عن الدولة.. هل تؤيد

هذه معركة لسنا بحاجة إليها في اليمن على

باعتقادك هل ستخوض اليمن هذه

لم تكن مشكلتنا خلال السنوات الماضية مع

الشريعة الإسلامية، وإنما المشكلة مع فاسدين

توغلوا حتى كانوا هم الحاكم بأمر الله واستخدموا

ما هي المواد التي سيكون فيها جدل عندما

يتم صّياعة الدّستور الأيام القادمة؟

أعتقد شكل الدولة سيمثل الجدل الحقيقي.

وإلغاء القوانين التي تعطى حصانات للفاسدين.

مواده، وأتت القوانين لتعزز هذا الخلل الدستوري. الثغرات في القوانين اليمنية قد تكون قَاتُّلة،

الاعتماد على مواردها الذاتية؟

تقصد السعودية؟

من هو أكبر منهم في المنطقة.

وصول القانون إليها.

اليمنية النافذة؟

هذا الطلب؟

المعركة الأيام القادمة!

الدين والسلطة والنفود.

تكون مظلة وحماية للفاسدين...

من كان يحاول عرقلة هذا القانون؟

بشرط واحد وهو وجود معلومة.

الديمقراطية هي المعلومة.

بعد تضال دام خمس سنوات.

مدفوعاتها للحكومة إلى اليوم.

الاستراتيجية؟

أن نعود لمرحلةٌ الديكورات.



البرلماني عبد المعز دبوان ليمن تايمز

«لم تكن مشكلتنا خلال السنوات الماضية مع الشريعة الإسلامية، وإنما مع فاسدين توغلوا حتى كانوا هم الحاكم بأمر الله واستخدموا الدين والسلطة والنفوذ»

قال عبد العز دبوان، عضو مجلس النواب والدير التنفيذي لنظمة برلانيون ضد الفسياد، إن بعض الدول لا تريد لليمن أن يكتفي ذاتياً، وتريد أن يظل اليمن عالم. ويؤيد دبوان التدخلات الأخيرة للعديد من الدوُّل مثل أمريكا والسعودية، مشيراً إلى أن اليمن لم يصل لهذا المستوى من الاستقرار إلا بفضل هؤلاء، لكنم أبدى تحفظه من التدخل الإيراني في الشؤون اليمنية.

وساهم دبوان في صياغة العديد من مشاريع القوانين في اليمن، وأشار في حديثه ليمن تايمز بأن هناك منظومة تشريعات تحمي الفاسدين وأن النظام السابق وقف ضد بعض القوانين التي تسمح بمحاسبة الفاسدين.

حوار وتصوير: صادق الوصابي

بداية.. كيف تقيم وضع مجلس النواب في الوقت الحالي؟

الخليجية قيدته، ولكن لأن البرلمان اليمنى منذ نشأتُهُ كان عاجزاً عن أداء المهام التي يفترض أن

وبالرغِم من أنه متاح للبرلمان اليمني أن يكون له دور حالياً، لُكن تشكيلتُه تمثل عائقٌ أماُّم انطلاقه.

والقبلية المشاركة في الحوار ستحرص أن تصيغ دستور وقوانين تتماشى وتتناسب مع مصالحهم وليس مصالح البلد.. كيف ترى أنت؟

سَرَى أَنْ هَناك أَشْكالاً شتى موجودة فيه. الذي يتبادر إلى الذهن من أول وهلة هُو أُننا لا يُمكن أن نصل من خلال هذه التشكيلة إلى مخرجات تخدم

لا يستطيع أحد أن يقيدهم فيها.

الحوار الوطني؟ هناك هامات داخل الحوار الوطني وهم قليل، ويمكن

أن يوجهوا المركب نحوّ بر الأمانّ.

دعنا نتحدث حول الحوار الوطني.. البعض يقول بأن القوى السياسية

من ينظر إلى المكونات إلموجودة في الحوار الوطني

هؤلاء أمام خيارين: إما أن يذكرهم التاريخ اليمنى بخير أو أن يضعهم في صفحات سوداء لأنهم لم يقدموا للبلد شيء وهم ً بإمكانهم أن يقدموا الكثير، وليس لديهم أي عذر لأنهم أمام صلاحيات

يبدو أنك غير راض عن الشاركين في

لكن من المكن أن يكونوا تحت تأثير الأغلبية السيئة؟ لا أعتقد. ولكن إن حصل هذا فلن يرحمهم

القضايا الشائكة التي سيتم مناقشتها في الحوار مثل قضيتي صعدة والجنوب هل تعتقد أنها ستصل لطريق مسدود وسيتم حلها من قبل الرئيس هادي والقوى الخارجية؟

أعتقد أن هؤلاء جميعهم سيكون لهم بصمة في القضايا الشائكة في اليمن. من يريد اليوم أن يرفض أن يكون هنَّاك تواجد لجمال بن عمر أو السفير الأمريكي أو الدول الراعية للمبادرة الخليجية هذا يحرث في تحر؛ لأننا لم نصل إلى الوضع الذي نحن فيه إلا بوجود هؤلاء أما نحن اليمنيون فقد وصلنا لنقطة افتراق يومها ولم يكن الحاكم بيننا

يعني تؤيد تدخل القوى الخارجية في شؤون اليمن؟

لا أؤيد تدخَّل هذه القوى، لكننا اليوم أمام واقع. هذا الواقع الذي نعيشه اليوم من عدم الاحتراب لم نصل إليه إلَّا بِفَصِّل هَؤلاء بَعدُ إرادة اللهُ. هناك من يُرى أن بعض رعاة المبادرة الخليجية لم يكن لديهم حسن نية لكن ما نعيشه اليوم هو مبادرة أوصلتنا لهذا الوضع الآمن بوجود هؤلاء.

ماذا عن البدخل الإيراني؟ لست مرتاحاً للتدخل الإيراني لسبب بسيط. إيران اليوم ليست الدولة الوديعة ألتي تقدم حلول للدول

الأخرى التي توجد فيها مشاكل وهي من منظور العالم دولةً حولها الكثير من علاماتً الاستفهام، فلماذا ندخل أنفسنا في جدل لسنا بحاجة إليه.

لكن لماذا بعض القوى السياسية والقبلية تقبل التدخل السعودي والأمريكي، ولا



عبد المعز دبوان

فلتذهب عنا إيران ولتذهب مساعداتها، لسنا بحاجة

. تقبل التدخل الإيراني؟

أنا كمواطن يمني أقبل تدخل هؤلاء في ظل الوضع الذي نعيشه لحيثيات التي ذكرتها لك سابقاً. بعض الشخصيات القبلية والمؤسسات تتعامل مع الأزمات كمصادر للاسترزاق، هؤلاء عاشوا في ظل تجارة

التَّاريخ يقول بأن الدول إذا انتقلت من التجزئة إلى الوحدة الاندماجية تعانى، والأفضل لها أن تنتقلُّ من التشظي إلى كونفدرالية ثم إلى فيدرالية ثم إلى وحدة انَّدماجية. نحن قفزنا من التشظي إلى الدولة الواحدة، واليوم إذا قفزنا من التشظيُّ إلى

الفيدراليَّة يُخْشِي منها أن تؤدي بنا إلَّى الَّانفصالُّ. أنا شخصياً مع حكم محلى واسع الصلاحيات لكن فات الأوان لهذا الخيار لأن الجنوبيون لا يفكُّرون إطلاقاً بهذا الخيار، هم إذا قبلوا سيقبلوا

الفيدرالية سيكون هناك خطر أن نقع في الهاوية.

هناك منظومة تشريعات تخص قضايا المرأة تطالب بها ناشطات منذ سنوات عديدة ولم يتم إقرارها.. لماذا يتعامل البرلمان بتجاهل وتساهل مع هذه القضايا؟

البرلمان منظومة لم تقدم الكثير. الكثير من القوانين التي كان يفترض أن تصدر عن البرلمان لم تصدر سواء كانت متعلقة بالمرأة أو حقوق الانسان أو القضاء أو الأمن. تم عرقلة الكثير من القوانين. تم سن قوانين لم تكن نابعة من احتياج، وإنما

نابعة من حاجة السلطة والنافذين. لاذا يتم التعامل مع بعض القضايا بشكل

الزواج البكر؟ أَنا شُخْصياً، لا أَنِظر إليها كقضية جوهرية. فهي قضية عادية جداً وكان بإمكان البرلمان أن يبتُّ فيها بكل بساطة، وهي لا تحمل اللبس والجدل.

هامشيٰ داخل مجلس النواب مثل قضية

ما دام أِنها قضيت بسيطت، لماذا لا يتم حلها

هنا المشكلة. هناك من الناس من أراد أن يحولها إلى معركة، وهي لا تحتمل المعركة.

من داخل حزب الإصلاح؟

لا. من داخل حزب الإصلاح ومن حزب المؤتمر وغيره. هذه القضية لم يتم تجييرها حزبيا، وهناك من وقف معها وضدها من جميع الأطياف. هناك من أراد أن يجعل منها معركة لأنه يحب المعارك. القضية ينبغي أن تحال بكل بساطة إلى لجنة الشؤون الصحيةً ولجنة تقنين أحكام الشريعة الإسلامية حتى لا يكون هناك تعارض مع الشريعة الإسلامية.

ألا ترون بأنكم تتحفظون على بعض بنود الاتفاقيات الدولية الخاصة بالرأة تحت حجة عدم ملاءمتها للشريعة الإسلامية ومعارضتها للعادات والتقاليد؟

يحق لليمن ولأي دولة في العالم أن تتحفظ على مواد، وليس في هذا عيب. أنا أؤكد لك بأنه ليس هنَّاك فَي الشريَّعة الإسلامية ما يصادم احتياجات البشر القطرية والسوية.

هل علينا الاعتماد على الشريعة الإسلامية في صياغة أي قانون؟ هناك قوانين ربما لا تحتاج مثل قوانين الزراعة والمرور وتندرج ضمن ما قالٌ عليه النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم أنتم أعلم بأمور دنياكم.

لكن لماذا لا نطبق هذه المقولة (أنتم أعلم بأمور دنياكم) فيما يتعلق بالقوانين المتعلقة بالمرأة؟

إذا كان هنالك قضايا دنيوية ليس فيها نصوص شرعية. يجب أن تكون الشريعة الإسلامية مهيمنة على كل شيء، وأنا أؤكد لك أنه لا يوجد ضرر من الشريعة الإسلامية ولا يمكن أن تضر الفرد سواء كان مسلماً أو غير مسلم.

لاذا تشددون على موضوع الشريعة الاسلامية عندما يتعلق الأمر بالرأة؟ لأننا نعيش في بلد إسلامي، وكلنا مسلمون، إذا نحن بحاجة إلى مرَّاعاة الشريعَّة الإسلامية. وبخُصوص لماذا يشدد البعض على الشريعة عندما يتعلق الأمر بالمرأة هذه مسألة أخرى اسأل بها المعنى. لكن أنا كمشرع مسلم يجب أن تكون الشريعة الإسلامية

إلى أين وصل مىثىروع قانون الإعلام المرئي

حاضرةً دائماً.

القانون مُوجود في اللجنة الدستورية، وهو قانون متقدم إلى حد كبير. الحكومة الحالية لديها ملاحظًات وتريد أن يظل هذا الأمر بيد وزارة الإعلام. نحن افترضنا في مشروع القانون إلغاء وزارة الإعلام وافترضنا وجود هيئة الإعلام المرئي والمسموع وهي التي تتعاطى مع كل الطلبات فيما يخصّ بالإعلام المرئى والمسموع.

كيف تقيم أداء المنظمات المحلية والدولية

للِّسفُ الشَّديد، معظم المنظمات الدولية العاملة في اليمن لديها أموال تريد أن تصرفها بأي اسم كآن، ولديها موظفين وخبراء واستشاريين ومكاتب ولديها أموال أتت بها من بلدانها إلى اليمن تحت مسمى تعزيز الشفافية والحكم الرشيد ودعم الحريات والإعلام.

هل ترى بأن العديد من المنظمات تستخدم شعارات تعزيز النزاهة والحكم الرشيد كديكور لتحسين صورتها أمام المانحين والمجتمع الدولي وجلب المزيد من الدعم

صحيح. هؤلاء من أجل أن يأخذوا الأموال لا بد أن تكون لديهم لافتة مقبولة. خلال السنتين الماضيتين تم ضخ أموال للمنظمات الأجنبية العاملة في اليمن لتعزيز قيم الشفافية والحكم الرشيد وغيرها وضُخت لهم أموالً من بلدانهم. ربما من قاموا بضخ هذه الأموال صادقين

ولديهم نية بمساعدة هذا البلد الفقير، لكن مُمارسات هذه المنظمات غير سوية. أنت برأيك ما هو شكل الدولة المناسب

ما وصل من مجموعة كبيرة من الأسلحة الإيرانية. إذاً هناكُ تهديد حقيقي لليّمن. بخصوص الدورات التدريبية التى تحدثت عنها، هناك بالمقابل دورات تدريبية تقام لشباب في العديد من الدول مثل قطر وأمريكاً وتركيا.. لاذا عندما تتم مثل هذه الدورات في إيران تأتي الشكوك؟ صحيح هناك دورات في هذه الدول. أنا لست مع المبادرات الشخصية وأنَّ تأتي مبادرات وتتعامل مع أشخاص سِواء كانت من قطر أو من غيرها، وهذا يمثل جزءاً من الانتهاك لسيادة البلد. ما أعلمه أن تركيا تقدم مساعداتها عبر الدولة وتقدم منحها عبرها، قطر قد تقوم ببعض التجاوزات، لكن ما تقوم به إيران في مجمله تجاوزات وتتعامل مع فئة من الناس وهم الّحوثيون.

حزب الإصلاح، وأنت أحد أعضائه، يتهم الحوثيين بتلقي أموال من إيران.. لكن بالمقابل حزب الإصلاح أيضا متهم بتلقي أموال ودعم من قطر والسعودية وتركيا ودول أخرى...

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وجماعة الحوثي تقول نفس الشيء بأنه ليس هناك أي إثبات ضدها بتلقيها أي

دعناً نحسبها على أرض الواقع. الإصلاح حزب قادر على إدارة شؤونه بشكل أو بآخر، لكنّ الحوثيون مجموعة نشأت وحاربت دولة بإمكانات ليست بسيطة وتلك الأسلحة التي تملكها الجماعة والدعم الذى يجعلها تقاوم هذه الفترة رغم العزلة عليها لا يستطيع أحد أن يقول بأن هذا التمويل نزل من

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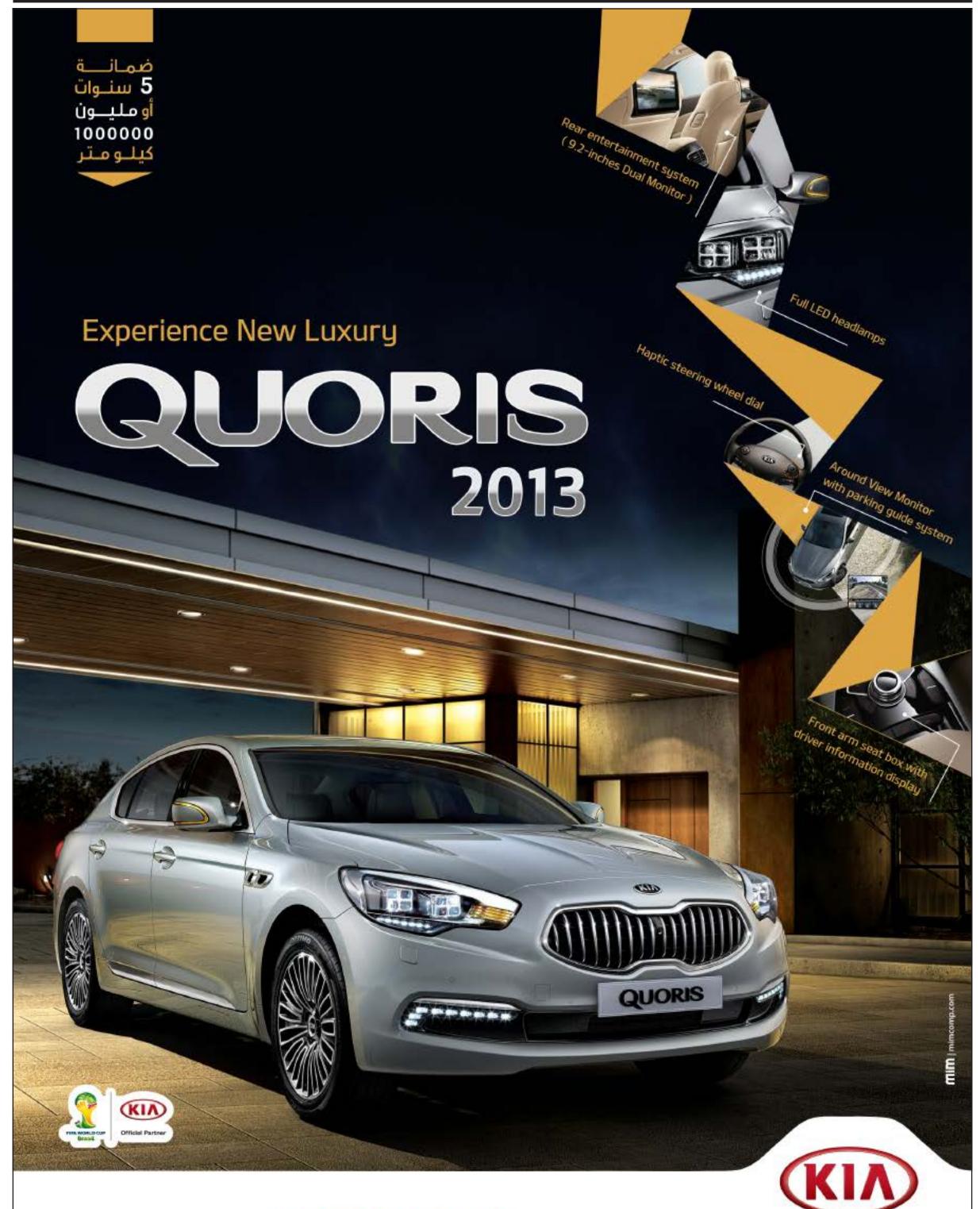
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Local potters in Sana'a adjust to new styles and designs, customers drive change

Story and photos by Amal Al-Yarisi

aii Yahiya, a 40year-old potter, is hunched over his workbench in his small pottery store near the Grand Mosque in the narrow alleyways of Old Sana'a. He usually makes pottery the traditional way, handmade, and using techniques that have been in use for hundreds of years.

But lately he's been trying something new.

"I'm making a whole in this jar," Yahia says. "Then, I'll put a spout there. This way, I'll attract more customers."

Yahia is working out a new design, a deviation from the more traditional type of Yemeni pottery. Business used to be a lot better for Yahiya. Now, he hardly sells anything, he says.

"The modern products are more popular than our traditional ones," Yahiya says. "So I started to make some changes, like putting spouts and handles on my pots and jars."

Traditional potters like Yahia are modifying their designs, in order to meet market demand.

Mohammed Ali is another potter, who also works nearby in Old Sana'a. Like Yahia, he's been making some adjustments, hoping to attract customers who might otherwise choose to buy cheaper, more functional plastic and glass bottles and pitchers.

"This traditional industry isn't in demand now," Ali said. "But I have to make money for my family. So, I changed the design to attract buy-



Old pottery techniques are getting harder to come by as artisans adapt to changing demands from shoppers.

Ali said that years ago he could make as much as YR30,000, about \$140, a day. Now, his income fluctuates. Some days, he makes YR10, 000, around \$47, but other days he'll go home empty-handed to his wife and two daughters.

Although Yahiya and the other potters have adapted their craft to compete with newer products, some potters shut their shops and pick up new trades.

Ammar Al-Hamdi works in Shumaila market, a multistoried

shopping complex, where he sells factory-made ceramics. Customers always want something new, he said. Traditional pottery is not exciting enough to compete.

Nabeela Awadh is from Sana'a and says she prefers factory-made products to handmade ones.

"Modern pottery products draw people's attention," she said. "The traditional ones remind me of the old days. They're not fashionable," she added.

For some, though, being remind-

ed of the "old days" is a good thing. Abeer Al-Haji says that traditional pottery is still attractive. It's part of Yemeni tradition, she says. Al-Haji looks for ceramics that have distinct "Yemeni originality."

Um Mohammed says she will always visit the traditional shops in Yemen.

"We have to support the Yemeni products over foreign-made [ones]," she said.

Mohammed Rashid is the director of the Traditional Craftsman-

Ministry of Culture where he works to support the traditional industries of Yemen.

and bring in new models to their shops.

Rashid said that many craftsmen still practice the traditional style of pottery, even if its popularity may be on the wane. Rashid added that they support these industries by holding promotional exhibits.

But perhaps there is a middle ground-somewhere between the shiny shopping mall of Shumalia

ship Industries Management at the and the cobbled alleyways of Old Sana'a-where old crafts and new products can coexist.

Potters say an unpredictable income has led them to branch out

Abdulla Yaseen, who works in the Antiques and Gifts Palace Store in Old Sana'a, admits that the traditional pottery isn't in demand like it was before. But that doesn't necessarily mean that the craft is in serious danger, he said.

"Some people are looking for old things and new things at the same



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Organizations and advocacy groups want reproductive health campaigns directed at women to include men



The number of women seeking care in health clinics across Yemen is on the rise, but their husbands seldom join them.

Amira Nasser

m Helal is in her 30s and is the mother of six children. Her oldest child is 15 and her youngest five. Following her last pregnancy, Um Helal's health began to take a turn for the worse. She felt dizzy and weak all the time. It was only then that she says she was able to convince her husband that they should not have any more children and explore birth control options.

"My husband wanted me to give birth to 12 children," she said. "I was [initially] unable to change his mind that I cannot have any more children."

Some specialists in Yemen say that men dictate reproductive health-including family planning and birth control options—for women like Um Helal. They say it often comes at the cost of the wellbeing of women that men tend not to be targeted when it comes to reproductive health awareness.

"All the services and education campaigns for [reproductive health] centers concentrate on women," said Abdulla Al-Kamil, the coordinator of the reproduction health programs in the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

He says the number of women coming into reproductive health centers across Yemen is increasing, but they are doing so without their husbands, which is problem because men then miss out on educational material about family planning.

Education is crucial to getting men on board with reproductive structure that typically reflects pa-

options says the Ministry of Public Health and Population.

"We try to target men and provide them with [our] services, but this happens only if the man accompanies his wife on the visit," Mohammed Al-Mashraei, the manager of the Supply Department in the General Administration of Reproduction Health at the Ministry of Health and Population. "There are no group or individual educational

sessions devoted to men only."

Al-Mashraei says only rarely do they distribute condoms to men. A few husbands will get an occasional brochure talking about how much time couples should wait between pregnancies and signs that women should not have any more children.

At another reproductive center in Sana'a, an employee, Ibtihal Mohammed says he has never seen a man enter the clinic alone.

"The man only comes to accompany his wife," he said.

"Women in Yemen bear the responsibility of persuading [their] husband [to learn] about the advantages of reproductive health," said Al-Kamil. "The woman finds herself under the pressure of the decision-maker, the husband," she said, referring to Yemen's marriage triarchal customs.

Ibrahim Al-Harazi, the manager of the Youth Department in Marie Stopes Organization in Yemen, an international NGO dedicated to reproductive health, says that entrenched beliefs of who should make decisions are hard to over-

"The majority of people think that the reproduction health affairs only concern women," he said, but they aren't the ones really making the decisions.

The way hospitals and health centers are set up encourages this dichotomy instead of promoting joint decision making.

"When the man comes along with his wife [to the clinic], it is rare that they sit together in front of the doctor. The man remains in the waiting room," said Afrah Al-Qadi, the manager of the Reproduction Health Program at the Family Care

Organization, a Yemeni civil society organization that dedicated to female empowerment.

Yemen has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the world, according to UNFPA. According to a 2003 survey, out of every 100,000 births, there are 365 fatalities. Although there are many factors contributing to this statistic, experts believe an increased awareness of reproductive health could at least curb this number.

The World Health Organization conducted a study in 2001 in several countries including Zimbabwe and Kenya. Although Yemen was not included in the study, Al-Kamil said the information learned is also applicable to Yemen's situation. In the study they found that when men are incorporated into family planning services like having a couple meet with a man together, sustainability of preventing things

like unwanted pregnancies are improved.

Local doctors also want men and women to be making joint deci-

"The reproduction health of women is not only the responsibility of the man, but also the responsibility of the whole society," said Shawqi Al-Hamshri, a gynecologist.

Yemen's ministry of health is trying to focus their efforts on rural areas, where men are likely to accompany their wives in a clinic but also where awareness of reproductive health tends to be the lowest.

They have a program where midwives are being trained to educate patients on family planning.

"Men can [and should] have access to education about reproductive health," said Dr. Kareeman Rajeh, the coordinator of the reproductive health affairs department at the Ministry of Health.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

Yamaan Foundation for Health and Social Development Social Marketing Project - Phase II BMZ no. 2011 65 463

Assignment Title: Behavior Change and Communication (BCC) Activities for Family Planning and HIV/AIDS, and Family Planning Counseling Train-

The Government of Yemen has received funding from Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau (KfW) for implementing the Social Marketing Project for Reproductive Health Services through the private sector. Yamaan Foundation for Health and Social Development has been a party of the agreement as the Project Executing Agency (PEA) of Social Marketing Project. Yamaan Foundation efforts are fully coordinated with the MoPHP and integrated within the National Reproductive Health (RH) Strategy.

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2.	BCC activities for HIV/AIDS	Sana'a, Aden, Hadhramaut
3.	Family Planning Counseling Training	Sana'a city, Sana'a, Dhamar, Aden, Lahj, Abyan, Hadhra- maut, Hodaydah, Hajjah, Marib, Taiz, Ibb, Mahwit

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<u>عنوان الإعلان:</u> أنشطة الاتصال من أجل تغيير السلوك فيما يتعلق بوسائل تنظيم الأسرة وفيروس نقص المناعة المكتسبة والإيدز، وأنشطة تدريب مقدمي الخدمات الصحية تلقت الحكومة اليمنية تمويلاً من بنك التنمية الألماني لتنفيذ مشروع التسويق الاجتماعي لخدمات الصحة الإنجابية عبر القطاع الخاص. وتعتبر مؤسسة يمان للتنمية

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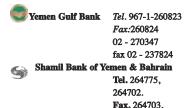
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amar Al-Qadasi no longer considers himself a normal student. He says he is an international student who can "provide valuable lessons about Yemen to students outside Yemen."

Al-Qadasi attends one of the nine schools that just received the British Council's International School

The award is given to schools that make concerted efforts to convey a realistic image of Yemen to schools overseas and create new curricula

Any school can find out how to apply for a British Council's International School Award by visiting schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org focused on international education.

"I will change the mind of people who think that Yemen doesn't have talented people and who believe the negative news about Yemen," said Al-Ariqi, who attends the Yahya Al-Mutawakkil School.

Yemeni students participate in exchanges with students from other countries via the Internet.

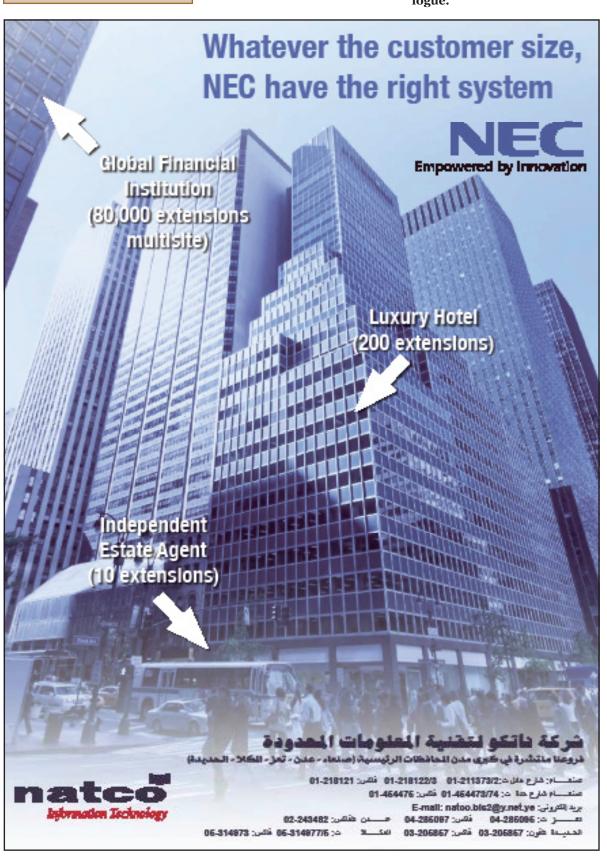
It's important to "read about the positive things of other countries," said another participating student, Qurrat Al-Ain Al-Fagih.

"We're very grateful to all the schools for their excellent commitment to the enriching, creative and innovative international dimensions of teaching and learning," Rajaa Bazara, the projects manager for the British Council said in a press

"Their inspirational work is vital preparation for all our young people, helping them to better understand their place in the world," she added.



Yemeni students act as young "ambassadors," engaging online with other international students, in a kind of intercultural dia-







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