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Water dispute claims two lives in Ibb

Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki

SANA'A, April 17 — Confrontations over access to a natural spring erupted on Sunday, in Al-Mashana district of Ibb governorate, killing two men from the local families of Bani Salah and Bait Dhawi.

One bystander, unaffiliated with the feud, was also injured.

Security forces rushed to the scene of the fight on Sunday evening. An unspecified number of individuals have been detained and are being questioned in regards to the deaths and injury. Forensic investigations are underway.

What began as a fistfight escalated quickly as members of the two families traded blows using clubs and knives, ultimately exchanging gunfire, Asem Al-Amawi, an eyewitness, said.

Al-Amawi said a man from the Bait Dhawi family killed someone from Bani Saleh. In retaliation, the Bani Salah family killed a man

from Bait Dhawi.

Colonel Mohammed Nashwan, the security manager of Al-Mashana district, told the Yemen Times the two families have shared access to the well for years, peacefully.

Abd Al-Salam Razaz, the Minister of Water and Environment, told the Yemen Times the entire country—not just Ibb—is in the middle of a water crisis. This, he assessed, has caused an increase in fights as locals scramble to ensure that they won't be left without access to the shrinking resource.

Last month, two men were killed in Taiz during a fight which broke out over access to a spring. A similar incident took place in Dhamar, in which ten people were injured.

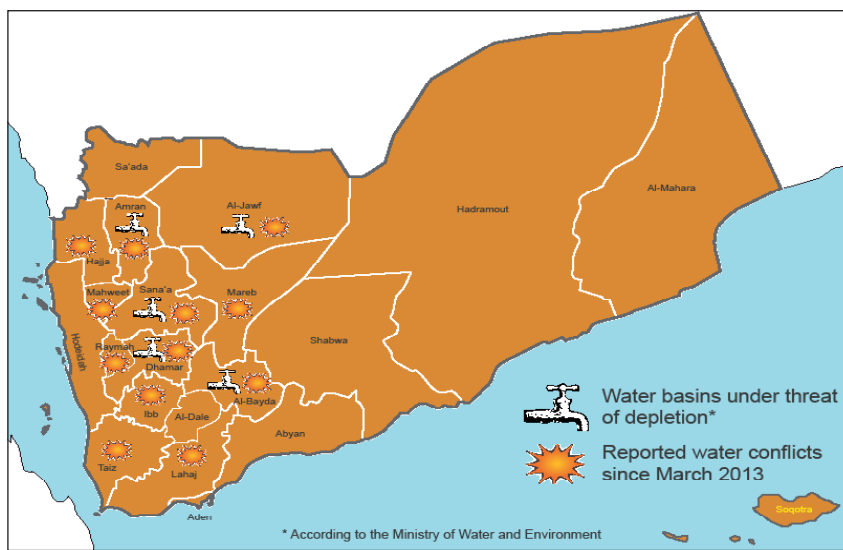
Last week, clashes broke out in Amran governorate, killing two and injuring five.

Yemen faces a severe water shortage, the United Nations Development Program has assessed in past research. Available ground

water is being depleted at "an alarming rate." The country's urbanization in the past decades has aggravated the problem.

Razaz estimates that there are around 55,000 wells in Yemen. That number includes both licensed and unlicensed wells. The proliferation of the unregulated digging of wells is often cited as one of the main reasons Yemen's water resources are so scarce.

Out of the 14 water basins in the country, five basins—Sana'a, Dhamar, Taiz, Amran and Al-Jawf—are under threat of depletion due to over consumption, the



Water scarcity begets conflicts among people in many areas of Yemen. Disputes have been reported in several governorates including Taiz, Ibb, Dhamar and Amran.

Ministry of Water and Environment has assessed. The ministry submitted a report to the National Dialogue Conference, highlighting

what they see as an urgent crisis.

"The water problem is more important than any political issue," Razaz said.

Four family members drown in area dam

Story and photo by
Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki

SANA'A, April 17 — Four young girls from the same family, between the ages of 13 and 15 years old, drowned in the Bani Shadad Dam in Khawlan District of Sana'a on Tuesday.

The girls from the Bani Amer family had gathered by the dam to wash clothes when one of them tripped and fell, said Yahia Abdu Al-Lamadi, the security manager of the district. The other three women drowned while attempting to rescue

her.

The girls corpses have been recovered and returned to the families, Al-Lamadi said.

This isn't the first time the dam has claimed lives.

"Five people drowned in these dams in Khawlan over the last four years," Ahmed Abdulla Nasser Al-Khawlan, a local resident said.

He said locals are looking for solutions to the problem.

Al-Lamadi suggested building an iron fence around the dam to caution people to be careful as they

approach the body of water, but he said it would cost more money than the district's budget can afford.

Al-Lamadi says others suggestions, like covering the dam, are not practical "because it's an essential water reserve that the area counts on to provide water for livestock and washing clothes," said Al-Lamadi.

Mohammed Nasser Al-Shaban, director of Disaster Management at the Civil Defense Department, said they have cautioned all local councils to advise citizens to take precautions around dams.



Families of Guantanamo detainees protest outside US embassy again

Samar Al-Ariqi

SANA'A, April 17 — Dressed in orange prison jumpsuits, dozens of human rights activists and relatives of the Yemeni detainees in Guantanamo Bay staged a protest in front of the U.S. embassy on Tuesday in Sana'a.

This is latest in a series of pro-

tests they have been staging since the beginning of year, calling for the release of Yemeni detainees currently held at the U.S.-run facility in Cuba and their return to Yemen.

Out of the 166 prisoners currently at Guantanamo, 94 are Yemeni said Abdurrahman Barman, a lawyer for HOOD, a Ye-

meni human rights organization.

"What is happening in Guantanamo is a violation of the international law," Barman said.

One protestor, Ameena Al-Rabee is the sister of Sultan Al-Rabee who is a prisoner in the detention camp.

She said her brother is being unlawfully held at the facility. He

has been acquitted of charges but not released, she said.

A committee, composed of several human rights organizations' representatives and the relatives of the detainees, was established to put pressure on the Yemen's government to accelerate the release of Yemeni detainees over a month ago.

The protesters say they will meet outside the U.S. embassy once a week until Yemenis cleared for released are returned to Yemen.

Guantanamo Bay was established in 2002 to hold the prisoners who the U.S. determined to be suspects in the so-called war on terror.

Mayor announces new city-wide infrastructure projects

Mohammed Al-Hasani

SANA'A, April 17 — At a press conference on Tuesday, Sana'a's Mayor Abdulqader Hilal announced a number of new campaigns his office is undertaking in Yemen's capital that are expected to be completed by the end of the year

although no definite timetables have been set.

Among the most important plans the mayor highlighted was the establishment of a joint company for Sana'a's water and electrical services.

The new company will be state-owned but will be partly funded

by private investors.

It will remove Sana'a's services from central government control.

Under the new company Sana'a will no longer operate as part of the national electrical network. The national network has sustained a number of attacks in Marib recently, knocking out

electricity throughout the country including Sana'a.

The new arrangement would also give regulatory authority to the company to monitor Sana'a's water use.

Experts say Sana'a's water basin is being depleted at an unsustainable rate largely due to the unregulated digging of wells.

The mayor said he is currently meeting with investors to get the project going. He was unable to give an exact deadline for completion but wants the company established before the end of the year.

During the conference Hilal also talked about infrastructure projects in the city.

The city campaign will focus on the areas of Alsonina, Madbah, Wadi Ahmed and Al-Khafji to remove randomly constructed markets and replace them with organized ones.

Hilal said Sana'a's infrastructure is not keeping pace with population growth.

According to a census conducted by the Mayor's Office, an estimated 3 million people were residing in Sana'a in 2011. That number continues to increase, the office says, as people continue to flock from rural areas in search of better services in urban centers.

Another project of the mayor's

will include trying to improve traffic in Sana'a's crowded streets. Part of the plan includes social awareness campaigns. Residents will be warned about the dangers of traffic violations and advised to refrain from setting up makeshift markets and commercial stands on the capital's streets.

Hilal's projects will be funded by government funds and a \$250 million loan from Saudi Arabia.

Last year the mayor received praise for his cleaning efforts in the city including a campaign called "Sharik" in which cleaning tools were provided to an estimated 200,000 people to remove trash in their neighborhoods.

However, the mayor's cleaning campaigns have been overshadowed recently by street cleaners threatening to go on strike if they do not receive promised official contracts from the city, meaning they cannot be fired without just cause and family members will continue to receive money after they retire.

Most recently they have suspended a strike pending a promise from the Cabinet to meet their demands of salary raises to \$300 a month and health care for individuals and families.

Hilal told the Yemen Times that about 95 percent of street cleaners' contracts are in progress.

NDC Update

- The Central Security units assigned to protect the NDC premises are demanding to be paid more for their work. The secretariat has a set budget for paying the security, but security is not satisfied with their pay. The issue has been raised with the president and ministers of defense and interior.
- The presidium met with the heads of the nine working groups on Wednesday for the first time. Most of the groups have completed their plans and will soon begin the actual work of the conference, which will include the drafting of a new constitution.
- The Constitution Committee will be composed of legal experts—who will receive input from each of the nine working groups—and will be created by July, at the latest.
- At this point, none of the working groups' meetings will take place outside of Yemen. If the committee appointed to discuss the Southern Issue deems it necessary to meet abroad they will have to get this move approved by the president.
- All NDC participants will have a new, official NDC email address set up. They will receive updates on

their attendance records, financial issues and all other conference-related business.

- The secretariat will create electronic ID cards for the participants soon. This measure is meant to enhance security and also help the conference organizers keep better track of participants' attendance.
- Heads of the working groups will meet at least once every two weeks to coordinate their schedules, so as not to overlap in their use of visiting specialists.
- Calculated midpoint expenditures for the conference are estimated to be roughly \$3.5 million more than expected.
- Consistently absent conference members—around 20 people, most of them on the President's List—have been formally replaced with new participants.



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OUR OPINION

The international community's beauty contest

Now this is a reality—everyone wants to show off at the National Dialogue Conference, and I don't mean the Yemenis.

Getting political enemies to sit around the table to discuss their past while attempting to agree on a common future is an amazing accomplishment for Yemen, one that would not have been possible without the support and a united front from the international community.

However, now the transitional process is really happening, the united front is falling apart, or so it seems.

On the one side, there is the U.N., including the most visible player is the Department of Political Affairs, and on the other side there are the Great 10+ countries.

But within the G10+, there are divisions. The Gulf is on one side and the West is on the other. Even within the West, there is Europe and there is the U.S. To further complicate things, within Europe there are players competing with each other to "contribute" to the National Dialogue.

There is a "beauty contest," as one friend put it. This is affecting the conference's flow. Of course we welcome the support because without it we never would have reached this far. But come on, after all, this is "supposed" to be a Yemeni-lead process, so how about a little space.

We have a very capable secretariat. Most of its staff has been educated abroad and trained in Western institutions. So to a large extent, the management and operational know-how is in the building. So kindly—hands off.

There is a system where expertise is organized to contribute to helping the participants make educated decisions within their groups. There is a reason why such a system exists. Moreover, some of our geographically closer friends act as if they are visiting a zoo, feeling very amused as they watch participants trying to get their act together. Well, for those "friends," all I have to say is wait and see Yemen in a few years. God willing, this process will go well.

Too much advice is as bad as no advice. So let us learn as we go, we have done relatively fine so far. Look at where we started. Your help is needed, but please only offer it when solicited.

Friends of Yemen, thank you for everything. I am sure you are all winners in this beauty contest. But, when we finally make it through this, Yemen will have no trophies to offer to anyone but itself.

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Women compelled by employers not to cover but niqab provides self-assurance in the streets

Amira Nasser

Layla Mohammad, an engineering student from Sana'a, decided to take off her niqab three years ago. The Islamic face covering, or veil, she says, was acting as a barrier between her and the outside world. It was preventing her from living a full life.

Now, Layla says, because she can speak face-to-face with people, it's easier to be understood.

"People around me know whether I'm smiling, whether I'm sad, happy or upset."

"These things might be unimportant to others, but they make a big difference for me," she said.

Most Yemeni women don the niqab and abaya, a loose fitting black cloak, when they step out of the home. For many, it offers privacy and reflects modesty, an important value in a largely traditional and Muslim society.

Farwoq Jahlan, a psychologist from Sana'a, said young girls can be excited to put the niqab on at first, eager to imitate the female role models in their family, their mothers, aunts, cousins or grandmothers. For them, donning the niqab is a rite of passage, a mark of entering womanhood.

But, Jahlan said, sometimes they can come to regret the decision.

For some young women, the niqab can later feel restrictive, like they're wearing "chains," Jahlan said. They can't talk and laugh freely, so these women decide to take it off, he said.

Salma Farhan, now 23, started

wearing the veil when she was 11. She was eager to do so, she said. All of her family wears the niqab.

"I wanted to look like an adult," she said.

A few years ago, Farhan asked for her father's permission to go on the street without her veil. Especially in school, she said that it was preventing her from communicating with her classmates and teachers.

"When I told my father I wanted to abandon the niqab, he stopped me from going to school for a month," Farhan said. She also received scathing criticism from her brother, uncles and female relatives. No one approved.

Farhan was allowed to go back to school, but only after putting the veil back on. She hasn't raised the subject with her family since.

In a report released by Freedom House, a U.S.-based independent watchdog organization, the Yemeni activist Amal Basha wrote that the "burden of proper social behavior" typically falls on women in Yemeni society, not men.

"Many women prefer to appear anonymous in public," Basha wrote, "in order to avoid harassment and the resulting embarrassment felt by their families."

Some offices in Sana'a prefer to hire unveiled women.

Bushra Al-Ansi, a 31-year-old journalist, originally wore a niqab but—for professional as much as personal reasons—decided to go unveiled.

"As a journalist, I encountered several obstacles [with the niqab]," she said. "At workshops and press conferences I wasn't able to communicate with foreigners."

She also found it difficult to eat on the go. Typically, niqab-wearers will eat in private. During long work hours and interviews, she couldn't find the time to excuse herself.

It took her a year to convince her family that it was the right decision.

"Unveiled females have more work opportunities," Hana Salem, a 25-year-old who works in advertising in Sana'a, said.

Halia Mahmoud, principal at a private school in Sana'a, prefers to employ unveiled teachers.

"They communicate better with students, particularly in subjects where students need to see how words are articulated," Mahmoud said. Facial expressions are also important in the classroom, she believes.

Akram Mubarak, a student at the Yemen American Language Institute, a private language school in the capital, said her administration demands unveiled employees for security concerns.

"This way, it's easy to recognize the female teachers from the other female students in the institute," Mubarak said.

Some European countries—notably, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and half of Germany's states—have introduced laws prohibiting or limiting the use of the niqab. Turkey has banned the face covering in public schools and government buildings, and Syria briefly forbade the use of the niqab inside state universities, but the ban was lifted last year.

Social customs, not laws, dictate the use of the niqab in Yemen. Women are not legally compelled to cover their face in public.



YT archive photo by Amira Al-Sharif

Jahlan said, it's not necessarily the parents that have an issue with their daughters going without the veil in public. But the pressure from the extended family and the wider community—"the grandfathers, uncles and neighbors"—can be overwhelming.

Ibtisam Al-Areeqi, a 29-year-old woman from Sana'a, said that she first put the veil on when she was 15 years-old.

She feels safe when she wears it. "The veil protects girls in the streets from being seen by just anyone, the kind of people that might harass you by following you," she said.

Al-Areeqi said it's not a problem to unveil in private, with friends, family or work colleagues.

"But I would never take it off [in public]," she said.

Although Al-Areeqi and Layla

Mohammad, a young woman who decided on her own to unveil, dress differently, they allowed their conscience to dictate their decision.

It took Layla Mohammad a full year to win her family's support for her decision to go without the veil. Her father and mother still have their hesitations, but reluctantly approved of her choice.

"I do what I think is appropriate for me," she said.



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Turkey looks to expand educational ties with Yemen

Story and photo by
Sara Al-Zawqari

Yemen and Turkey are two countries that have deep historical and cultural roots. Their histories have been intertwined for centuries as Yemeni land has gone in and out of Ottoman control. As diplomats from both countries continue to espouse the two nation's growing ties, including a recent decision to remove visas for travel between the countries, a spillover effect has been increased educational opportunities for Yemeni students in country and in Turkey.

Turkey's economy continues to outpace Yemen's. According to the Turkish Council of Higher Education, Turkey has the 16th largest economy in the world and several economists predict it could move into the top 10 within the next decade.

With strong economies often come advanced higher education systems. While Yemen's economy continues to rebound from setbacks of the popular uprisings in

2011, Turkey is moving forward with its presence in the Southern Arabian state.

"Our government to government relations are very good, now we need to focus on the people to people relations by directing our efforts towards education," said Sadik Akkok, the third secretary head of consular section at the Turkish Embassy in Yemen.

With less than 12 percent of Yemen's 2012 budget—around YR64 billion, almost \$300 million—allocated for all education, including higher, Yemen's education sector often relies on advice, funding and expertise from other countries.

In 2007, the Turkish embassy started a Turkish department at Sana'a University that is completely funded by the embassy and the Turkish International Cooperation Agency (TIKA). The department included a fully-equipped computer lab, faculty offices, three classrooms and a lecture hall.

Last year, the department produced its first batch of graduates.

Turkey almost doubled the number of scholarships it offered this year to Yemeni students from 45

to 70. At the beginning it held an event for Turkish Educational Festival week in which it brought in representatives from Turkish Universities to distribute brochures about Turkish Universities and scholarships.

"I want to find an opportunity to study mechanical engineering outside Yemen," said Ahmad Mansour, an attendee.

Dr. Mustafa Aydin, the head of the Higher Education Council in Turkey, and Chairman of Istanbul Aydin University, says that Mansour is exactly the kind of student they want to attract.

However, Aydin is aware of criticisms like that of causing a brain drain—where students receive educations abroad and never return to their homes countries—and he says they encourage students to come back to Yemen. From his perspective, having students who can speak both Turkish and Arabic will lead to greater economic opportunities for both nations.

"We are keen on partnering up with companies and businessmen in order to employ students who graduate from both countries and



If students can speak both Turkish and Arabic, Mustafa Aydin, reasons, they will have job opportunities further down the road.

have experienced living in both countries," he said.

In an effort to attract Yemeni students, Aydin says they are offered comprehensive scholarship packages that cover tuition, living expense and stipends.

However, although students have praised the ease at which they can apply for these scholarships online, a procedure that the Turkish embassy created a year ago, the Ministry of Higher Education is not as

happy with Turkey's approach.

Typically, all students who receive scholarships abroad have to go through the Ministry.

"We were shocked when we found out that students only need to apply online without going through [us]," said Ahmad Al Rabei, director of scholarships in the Ministry of Higher Education.

Many students have defended

Turkey's application process, saying it helps them avoid having to rely on *wasta*—a term that refers to the personal connections one has that helps them receive positions not necessarily based on merit.

"Applying online is much more honest, it makes normal students like me feel that students are not going to be picked according to their family names or who they know at the ministry," explained Akram Hadi.

However, the online process has made the students studying at the Turkish department feel slighted.

"Online applications deprive Faculty of [Turkish] Language students from getting scholarships, because anyone can apply," said Thabet.

He says unless there is a specific quota for students studying Turkish, the department will not be able to sustain itself with quality teachers. He wants language students to go get their masters degrees and PhDs in Turkey and come back to Sana'a university to teach.

The Turkish embassy has not indicated it will be changing its procedures.



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Oxfam, an international NGO working with others to find lasting solutions to poverty and suffering, has been working in Yemen since 1983. Oxfam announces the following vacancies for its programme

IT Officer (1 position)

Location: **Haradh**
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The role

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Location: **Sana'a**
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The role

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What we're looking for

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

To apply

If you believe that you have the qualifications and skills to excel in either of these positions, please send a copy of your CV and a cover letter, clearly stating the job you are applying for and the location of the job in the email subject, to yemenjobs@oxfam.org.uk.

Closing date for applications is 30th April 2013



Yamaan

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 Training

The Government of Yemen has received funding from Kreditanstalt für 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.

The consulting services ("the Services"): include the services below in the targeted governorates:

#	Services	Targeted governorates
1.	BCC activities for Family Planning	Sana'a city, Sana'a, Dhamar, Aden, Lahj, Abyan, Hadhramaut, Hodaydah, Hajjah, Marib, Taiz, Ibb, Mahwit
2.	BCC activities for HIV/AIDS	Sana'a, Aden, Hadhramaut
3.	Family Planning Counseling Training	Sana'a city, Sana'a, Dhamar, Aden, Lahj, Abyan, Hadhramaut, Hodaydah, Hajjah, Marib, Taiz, Ibb, Mahwit

Yamaan Foundation for Health and Social Development now invites eligible consulting organizations ("Consultants") working on social marketing and behavior change communication (BCC), and training the health providers to indicate their interest in providing the Services.

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The short listing criteria: an organization with evidence of legal situation, general professional expertise, relevant experience and sector knowledge, and adequate personnel structure. The documents should outline, briefly and concisely, the relevant work performed and summarize the applicant's qualifications and experience.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (8am – 4pm, Saturday to Wednesday).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail) by 30/04/2013.

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مؤسسة يمان للتنمية الصحية والاجتماعية
مشروع التسويق الاجتماعي لخدمات الصحة الإيجابية-المرحلة الثانية
BMZ no. 2011 65 463

عنوان الإعلان: أنشطة الاتصال من أجل تغيير السلوك فيما يتعلق بوسائل تنظيم الأسرة وفيروس نقص المناعة المكتسبة والإيدز، وأنشطة تدريب مقدمي الخدمات الصحية على تقديم المشورة في تنظيم الأسرة
تلقت الحكومة اليمنية تمويلًا من بنك التنمية الألماني لتنفيذ مشروع التسويق الاجتماعي لخدمات الصحة الإيجابية عبر القطاع الخاص. وتعتبر مؤسسة يمان للتنمية الصحية والاجتماعية طرفًا في الاتفاقية وهي الجهة المنفذة لمشروع التسويق الاجتماعي لخدمات الصحة الإيجابية. تعمل مؤسسة يمان بالتشقيق مع وزارة الصحة العامة والسكان وفي إطار الاستراتيجية الوطنية للصحة الإيجابية.
الخدمات الاستشارية ("الخدمات") تتضمن الخدمات التالية التي ستفقد بحسب المحافظات قرين كل منها:

م	الخدمات الاستشارية	المحافظات المستهدفة
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تدعو مؤسسة يمان للتنمية الصحية والاجتماعية جميع المنظمات الاستشارية المؤهلة ("الاستشاريين") والعامة في المجال الصحي والاتصال من أجل تغيير السلوك وتدريب مقدمي الخدمات الصحية للتعبير عن اهتمامها لتقديم الخدمات المذكورة أعلاه.

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Local youth organization turns trash into treasures



Marwa Omar shows off a necklace that was made out of recycled materials.

Story and photos by
Samar Qaed

A group of young people in Sana'a were growing tired of seeing trash pile up all around them, on the street and in front of their homes. Fed-up and inspired by some online research, they decided to turn

these items deemed worthless into practical household projects.

In the process they have made a small profit and have both directly and indirectly educated those around them.

A couple of years ago, Islam Al-Zuraiki's interest in the environment peaked, so he started reading and searching for online information about how he could help con-

tribute to the field.

"I knew recycling falls under the environment [concern]," he said. "After that, I started finding organizations, putting this idea together."

Sometime later in 2010, Al-Zuraiki found three people sharing his same interest. They decided to form a group and in 2012, the group came to be called the Environment Ambassadors Foundation, an organization dedicated to environmental awareness in Yemen.

"We were only four at the beginning," he said. "Our numbers [are] increasing every day."

Now there are 29 volunteers in addition to 11 other who train and run the organization.

Within the project is its recycling program that Al-Zuraiki heads. The organization capitalizes on the groups' artistic skills to take tossed item like tires and glass and transform them into furniture.

"We collected [old] tires from mechanic workshops. We [then mold] them and use attractive colors to [turn them into] furniture or decorations for gardens," said Marwa Omar, the coordinator of the Volunteer Department in the foundation. "We make decorative items from useless glass and plastic."

Omar explains how the group also collects items like old plastic bottle, bags and metal containers and turns them into everything from clothing items to decorative baskets for storage.

Aisha Al-Najar, an environmental affairs researcher, said organizations dedicated to recycling are few in Yemen.

Part of the problem, Al-Najar says is that it would be very costly to separate recycled items from everything else that goes to the dump, something Yemen just doesn't have the funding, he says.

In the meantime, the Environment Ambassadors Foundation is trying to get communities excited about recycling.

They have specifically targeted impoverished areas, hoping to help provide these areas needed furniture for homes but also perhaps create income generating projects.

"This means we can help them earn a living," said Al-Zuraiki. Volunteers have taught courses on turning recyclable goods into products to be sold on streets. Although the communities have yet to make any money, it's something Al-Zuraiki hopes will take off.

Although the foundation has struggled with funding itself, at the

beginning of the year, they held their first exhibition and sold off some of their creations.

"We sold chairs made from tires for [about] YR3,000 [about \$15]," said Omar.

They have earned enough money to keep themselves going while they wait for potential—but unlikely—government sponsorship.

The foundation is planning to

launch its second exhibition within the next few months.

"There are lots of decorative items and child toys sold in the shops. These products come from abroad in spite of the fact that they could be [made out of] recycled things," said Al-Kumaim.

He and the foundation hope recycling becomes a growing movement in Yemen.

"Recycling has tremendous economic benefit in addition to creating jobs for the workforce," Yaseen Al-Tamimi, an environmental affairs researcher said, adding that several projects in Yemen geared at recycling have come to a standstill because of lack of action on the government's part.

"The whole world [could] use recyclables," Zuraiki said.



Not all toys have to come from the store. Here, tin cans, an old coke bottle and fabric have found new lives.



One group of young men and women was tired of seeing trash laying around their neighborhood—so they picked it up and re-used it.



Old tires, after a good cleaning and a paint job, function as chairs and a table.





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In the early afternoon, checkpoint security can be hard to find

Story and photos by
Ali Abulohoom

Almost two months have passed since the beginning of the National Dialogue Conference. In the lead up to the conference, it was announced that 60,000 soldiers were to be deployed throughout the city, manning checkpoints at central junctions and thoroughfares.

The checkpoints are still in place. Armed soldiers pull over cars and trucks—sometimes checking thoroughly, sometimes giving a cursory glance and waving the vehicles through. Traffic slows to a crawl, Sana'anis say, in the early morning and late night especially.

Dr. Aymn Ahmed, a 31-year-old dentist from the capital, says the

traffic is annoying, but he also recognizes the importance of security, especially now. "I'm in support of them," he said.

But, Ahmed has noticed, security "procedures disappear in the afternoon," normally between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

"[That's when] soldiers go to chew qat," he said.

Qat, the hugely popular and mildly narcotic leaf, is available at crowded markets throughout the city. It's sold in bundles, wrapped loosely in plastic bags or cloth and usually chewed in the afternoon. Its initial effects include a surge of energy and attention, but critics of the drug say it also makes users lethargic and lazy.

Though there have been efforts—both by state and independent organizations—to curb the use of



Soldiers chewing qat during their working hours, say it doesn't affect their ability to perform tasks.



One city checkpoint location was found empty, void of security men in the middle of the afternoon.



Some locals say because checkpoints are at fixed locations and do not always have someone manning them, people wanting to escape their scrutiny can do so.

the leaf, qat-chewing during work hours is neither illegal nor uncommon.

Some soldiers who spoke with the Yemen Times said they don't feel the need to stick to their working hours, especially during the afternoon. If they were given bonuses, one soldier suggested, they would forgo their afternoon chew and stay on duty.

Yaseen Al-Massri, the coordinator for the NDC security committee, said as far as he knows none of the soldiers manning the checkpoints receive extra pay. If there are military units that are paid more, he said that's up the individual commander, not the security committee.

Mukhtar Al-Maswari, a 35-year-old soldier working at a checkpoint at the junction of Al-Rwaishan, said Yemeni soldiers take a break to

chew qat, but they stay in the area, watching cars from the side of the road.

"There isn't much traffic [in the afternoon] in Sana'a," Al-Maswari said. "So, soldiers should be able to rest, provided they focus on traffic and notice [if there are] any violations."

Former President Ali Abdulla Saleh issued a decree in 1999 to ban the consumption of the plant in government institutions during working hours, but it was only implemented for a short period. (Saleh, also known to chew, promised to cut back on his own intake in 2007).

When South Yemen was an independent country, there was also an attempt by the ruling Yemeni Socialist Party to ban the cultivation and consumption of the leafy plant that some believe is addictive.

Mohammed Al-Emad, editor-in-chief of the Al-Hawia newspaper in Sana'a, suspects some soldiers at Sana'a's checkpoints use their positions of power to extort money from drivers.

"Soldiers intensify security procedures from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m." Al-Emad said. If they find someone without a driver's license, they "demand money to buy qat," he accused.

Al-Emad also suspects those who carry unlicensed guns take advantage of the afternoon lull at the checkpoints, passing through undetected with weapons.

"Military checkpoints were erected only as a symbol that we have security," Al-Emad said.

A week after the launching of the NDC, Sana'a witnessed several breaches in security.

Abdulwahed Abu Ras, an NDC

member, was attacked by gunmen in Aya roundabout, in the north of Sana'a, on March 23. Ras survived the attack but three of his body guards died. Two days later, an assassination attempt was made on Abdulla Al-Fadli, head of the State Lands and Real Estates' Authority. A foreign woman, in Yemen working for the Red Cross, was also shot at on Al-Zubairi Street. The woman and Al-Fadli both survived their attacks.

Saddam Shawareb, a 30-year-old central security soldier, defended the use of qat, during or after work hours.

"Soldiers typically make YR30,000 (about \$150) a month, he said. Which—though above the national average—is not enough for them to live comfortably, he says.

"They chew qat to forget their concerns, if just for a few hours."

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