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Families of victims condemn use of drones, human rights organizations report 81 strikes in 2012

Rammah Al-Jubari

SANA'A, April 28 — The British human rights organization, Reprieve held a press conference on Saturday in Sana'a, calling for an end to drone use in Yemen.

The organization says 225 innocent Yemenis were killed by American drone strikes in 2012, but they cited other international groups with varying statistics, some as many as 750.

"The American administration could kill an individual without knowing his name," said one of the conference speakers.

The United States government has defended its use of drones as an effective means of combating terrorism. In September of last year,

Hadi endorsed the aerial strikes.

have zero margin of error, if you know what target you're aiming at," the New York Times quoted Hadi saying in a visit to the states.

Families of alleged drone victims attended the conference.

Himaier Al-Qadi said a drone strike killed her brother Adan Al-Qadi in the Sanhan district, located south of Sana'a, four months ago.

Although the question of compensation for victims has come up in the debate over drone use, Al-Qadi said he wouldn't accept money. He says he wants trials held for those who carry out the drone strikes.

Another conference attendee, Ameen Al-Radami whose broth-

President Abdu Rabu Mansour er was killed two weeks ago by air strike in the town of Wessab "They pinpoint the target and in Dhamar governorate, argued against the use of the weapon.

> "Killing a Yemeni suspected of being a terror affiliate helps Al-Qaeda recruit others," he said.

> Human rights organizations took the press conference as an opportunity to slam the U.S. government's policy, calling it "murderous."

> The Yemeni HOOD Organization for Defending Human Rights and Freedoms issued a report last week that 81 drone strikes took place in Yemen during 2012. U.S. authorities have claimed responsibility for half of those.

> HOOD has asked that both the Yemeni and American government officially apologize to and compen

sate the relatives of the victims, and reconstruct areas affected by the strikes.

The U.S. Senate held its first ever public hearing last week in Washington to listen to testimonials about the effects and consequences of drones in countries like Yemen and Pakistan.

Yemeni activist and journalist Farea Al-Muslimi, who studied abroad in the U.S. as a young man, attended the hearing.

"I could never have imagined that the same hand that changed my life and took it from miserable to promising one would also drone my village," Al-Muslimi said speaking of his home in the Wessab district that was hit by a drone, leaving five believed Al-Qaeda affiliates dead.



The remains of a vehicle that was targeted in a drone strike.

Prisoners continue hunger strike at Political Security Bureau, say unjustly being detained

Mohammed Al-Hassani

SANA'A, April 28 — An estimated 20 terror-suspects detained at the Political Security Bureau in Sana'a are going into their second week of a hunger strike.

Human rights organizations say the prisoners are protesting their detainment, which they call arbi-

Mohammed Al-Ahmadi, a representative from the Al-Karama Foundation, an organization dedicated to human rights, said the detainees have either not received a trial, have been acquitted or in some cases have served their

The strikers are currently being fed intravenously, according to human rights organizations.

The Political Security Bureau has demanded commercial guarantees in order to secure the release of the detained. A commercial guarantee is a document that can be signed by anyone with a commercial license that assures the detained will be watched and accounted for by the

Al-Ahmadi says the guarantees in these cases are illegal.

Over the past few years, in an effort to step up their policies against terror suspects, the central govern-

ment has arrested dozens of people in Sana'a and other governorates with suspected links to Al-Qaeda. Some being held owned books about jihad or had acquaintances in terror organizations, Al-Ahmadi

"[My son] was charged as an Al-Qaeda affiliate after someone gave him books [about] jihad," said Abdulkareem Salman, whose 18-yearold son Ibrahim was cleared of charges two months ago, but is still being held. Salman says he cannot find a commercial guarantee for

There are no accurate statistics about detainees in Political Security Prisons, but Al-Ahmadi estimates there to be at least 30-40. Al-Ahmadi supports the hunger strike. But he is not optimistic that it will make a difference as he cannot recall a successful strike of its kind ever taking place in Yemen.

Abdulbasit Ghazi's brother Abdulla is being held by the Political Security Bureau. Ghazi told the Yemen Times that he has worked hard, pleading for his brother's release. Abdulla was detained eight months ago.

Ghazi said that before the strike, he visited his brother weekly. Now, relatives are no longer allowed to see the prisoners.



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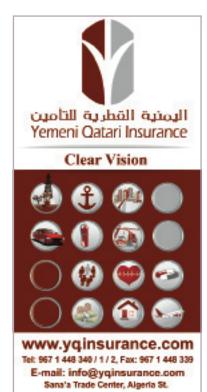




A joint interview with the National Dialogue Houthi representative Ali Al-Bukhaiti and Parliamentarian Dr. Saleh Ba'shar

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TIMES

Military official assassinated in Hadrmout

Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki

HADRMOUT, April 27 — Unidentified armed men assassinated Brigadier Ahmed Abdulrazaq, the manager of the military intelligence in Hadramout on Saturday. Abdulrazaq was killed while riding in his car, according to officials quoted in state-run media.

The suspects were on motorcycle, which is typical of assassination attempts in Yemen, when they fired at the vehicle sending it into flames.

Abdulrazaq was hospitalized in Bin Seena Hospital, but he did not

He was buried on Sunday in Sana'a.

While investigations are under way, Brigadier Fahmi Mahrous, the security manager of Hadrmout governorate, has suggested that Al-Qaeda may have been involved in the assasination.

He said before his death, Ab-

durazaq had survived several assassination attempts that were believed to have been carried out by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula affiliates. Mahrous said Abdulrazaq was known for his efforts in fighting the terrorist group.

"The security situation is fragile," Mahroos said. "This makes it easy for things like this to take place."

Mohammed Al-Maweri, the spokesperson for the Interior Ministry said out of the over 50 assassinations that have been reported since the beginning of 2013, 17 of them have taken place in Hadrmout. While he couldn't say how many, several of those are linked to Al-Qaeda.

Hadrmout-based human rights activist Mohammed Bahadad said sheets of paper bearing the emblem of Al-Qaeda had circulated recently, threatening officials that if they crossed the group, they would be assassinated.

مؤتمر الحوار الوطني

NDC Update

- The Standards and Order committee of the conference, which is responsible for the individual performance of participants, suspended 20 members on Sunday because of their truancy.
- All working groups will begin their public hearings and field visits in Sana'a governorate next week.
- Each working groups' public spokesperson will receive a crash course on Monday on how to man
- course on Monday on how to manage public expectations and deal with media.
- A security problem occurred on Sunday morning when Sheikh Sadeq Al-Ahmar demanded to enter the Movenpick hotel with his car, violating security procedures. The issue was resolved via tribal mediations.
- The presidium referred a number of demands made at the conference last week to President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi. Requests include a demand to remove an army brigade from Marib governorate.
- The Security and Military Working Group will visit some army camps near Sana'a to investigate ongoing military issues and concerns.
- The Yemeni government has spent more than YR240 million, a little over \$1 million, on allowances for conference participants between March 18 and April 5.
- It is expected that the size of the NDC will increase by at least 20
 participants when new members from the Southern Movement who
 are currently abroad join the conference next month.

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Hundreds of thousands of Southerners commemorate Civil War of 1994

Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki

ADEN, April 28 — Hundreds of thousands of Southern Movement supporters gathered in the Khor Maksar district of Aden on Saturday to commemorate the 19th anniversary of former President Ali Abdualla Saleh's declaration of war on the South in 1994.

During the demonstration, protestors raised flags of the former Southern state and held photos of former Southern President Ali Salem Al-Beidh.

Al-Beidh remains a contentious figure who has been accused of disrupting Yemen's transitional process by calling for separation.

"We did our best to maintain peaceful protests in spite of the large number of participants who gathered in Aden to commemorate this painful anniversary," said Colonel Nasser Al-Nawba, the founder of the Southern Movement, or Hirak.

In the past few months, demonstrations of civil disobedience in the South have led to injuries, prompting boycotts at the National Dialogue Conference, or NDC, by participating Southern members.

Although no acts of violence were reported in Aden on the war anniversary, in the Southern governorate of Seyon, a group of Southern Movement members reportedly burned down a commercial center believed to belong to a Northerner, according to Al-Nawba.

The speech used at the demonstration by Southern leaders is indicative of the South's continued



resentment of the war and its aftermath.

"The 1994 war was unjust, killed thousands of innocent people and imposed the unity on us," said Al-Nawba

In terms of the NDC, Al-Nawba said: "We respect the opinions presented in the NDC to solve the Southern Issue, including federalism, but we demand self-determination and separation to regain our state. Then we can start the dia-

logue. Otherwise, it's impossible to agree to any other solutions."

At the NDC—Yemen's reconciliation talks which are expected to tackle many issues, including Southern secession—Southern representatives staged a protest of their own in the name of the anniversiary.

They did not participate in talks for the day and waved Southern flags within the conference's venue at the Movenpick Hotel. Ali Hassan, a Southern representative in the NDC said the conference stands behind Southerners and their calls for secession.

War broke out in 1994 between then President Saleh and his aides in the North and the Socialist Party, led by Al-Beidh, in the South when the latter announced the South's secession. Although it only lasted a few short months, the battle left thousands of causalities and damages that are still being calculated.

Court in Sana'a and general attorney order investigations of former President Saleh and company



Close to 50 revolutionaries were killed in Sana'a's Change Square on March 18, 2011.

Rammah Al-Jubari

SANA'A, April 28 — General Prosecutor Dr. Ali Al-Awash ordered on Sunday the investigation of former President Ali Abdulla Saleh, his son Ahmed Ali Abdulla Saleh, his brother Ali Saleh Al-Ahmar and affiliates

They are accused of being responsible for the killing of five men who were part of a tribal mediation team killed during the uprising of 2011, which prosecutors are calling

an "act of terrorism."

One of the stipulations of the Gulf Initiative signed in November 2012 by Saleh was in return for stepping down from power, he would be granted total immunity from criminal and judicial persecution in Yemeni courts. However, aides and officials who worked with the former president could potentially be brought to court as "terrorists."

In May 2011, a group of independent sheikhs—meaning they had sided with neither anti nor pro gov-

ernment forces—was in the middle of negotiations in a house belonging to Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmar when a rocket blasted through the upper floors, killing five and injuring four.

The families of the deceased have accused the president and his family for being directly responsible for the attack, which was launched from nearby Nuqom Mountain.

Lawyer Abdulrahman Barman said the prosecution will listen to the complaints of the victims' fam-

ilies, and then decide how to proceed.

Faise Al-Majeedi, the lawyer of the victims' families, called the announcement of the investigations "a victory." He called it the "greatest decree in the history of Yemeni courts."

Al-Majeedi said the acts of the president and his sons could be classified as terrorism and for this reason he could be brought to court.

In related news, families of revolutionaries killed on the March 18 2011, or the Friday of Dignity have also accused 73 civilians of being involved in the attacks in Change Square that left more than 45 dead and wounded 200.

Hamza Dinma, a brother of one young revolutionary who was killed last March, said he hoped to one day see those responsible brought to court.

"God's justice is approaching," he said

However, Mohammed Al-Maswari, a lawyer, said so far the Supreme Court has turned down requests to review the immunity law, adding that it would be unlikely Saleh or his family would ever be

tried in court.
Former President Saleh left for Saudi Arabia over one month ago to seek medical treatment and returned to Yemen last week.

Hand in Hand... in the dirt: Initial community service project draws crowds

Amira Nasser

ast Thursday, roughly 100 volunteers woke up at the break of dawn to participate in the Yemen Times Radio's Hand in Hand project at three different city locations where they cleaned up rain gutters.

Every month the radio's morning show, Sabahkom Reda, will be putting on community service projects based on callers' suggestions.

Volunteers labored into the afternoon to clear dirt and trash from rain traps in near the Shomila Souq, Al-Sonina area and Al-Adel Street.

Mokhtar Al-Khameri, a construction worker, came to participate with three of his friends and said he cannot wait for the next event.

"We ask the Hand in Hand team to turn our ideas into reality," he said.



Sana'a's Mayor Abdulquader Hilal worked alongside participants.



The finished product, clean rain traps.



Volunteers found everything from pillows to sharp shards of metal while cleaning.



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Participants were literally hand in hand.



Volunteers cool off with some water.



At the end of the day, dozens of trash bags were filled with dirt.





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Aisha School: struggling but back on track after revolution

Story and photos by Ali Abulohoom

uring fifth period at Aisha School, the fourth-grade female students are crowded around their desks. They look tired and distracted.

Even though the teacher is speaking loudly, the voices of the students drown her out. They fidget in their chairs. They're especially unfocused after lunch.

Some rows in the back are empty. The teacher calls out to whomever is hiding under their desks to sit clashes between pro-government in their chairs properly. Four girls emerge and take their seats, looking embarrassed.

There are 70 students inside this classroom that should really only fit 30. To hold the students' attention, the teacher shouts, whacking a stick against her desk.

Aisha School is a state-owned girls' school in Beer Al-Shaif, which is between Al-Hassaba and Sawad Hanash, near the headquarters of the First Armored Division.

The school never officially shut down during revolution of 2011, but

unforgiving work, Aida says, but it is still rewarding. Yemeni teachers are recognized for their hard work once a year.

Luckily, the school survived the

revolution, unscathed. It can be

outside the building.

school at any time."

attend classes.

When Yemen celebrates Teachers' Day it doesn't last just one day, but instead extends for over three weeks, starting on April 16 and ending on May 6. Across the country, teachers receive praise. Schools hold small celebrations and the Ministry of Education distributes awards-including a certificate and a small prize-to teachers of all lev-

There are around 300 public schools, like Aisha School, in Sana'a and around 20,000 teachers. Dr. Abdulrazaq Al-Ashwal, the Minister of Education, said 200 teachers country-wide will be awarded this year at an upcoming ceremony in Sana'a on May 6.

Mohammed Abdulla Al-Fadhli,



Desks are used to their maximum capacity so as to provide space for students in the overcrowded



Teachers at the school say work can be very difficult, but many are just happy the school survived the 2011 uprisings.

the manager of the Education Office of Sana'a, said the ministry selecting the awardees based on what they call "excellent performance," taking into account the number of classes held weekly and how long they've been working in the field.

Back at Aisha School, a group of students crowd around a desk.

"I can't write on this table because there is no space," one girls shouts.

But, Aida says, teachers just have to do their best.

Aisha School will not be receiving any awards in the upcoming ceremony. Like the majority of Yemeni teachers, their work itself, or even if we aren't in the spotlight."

the satisfaction they receive from teaching will have to be their re-

"We won't be awarded at the ceremony," Huda Al-Suraihi, the principal of Aisha School said. "But, this isn't the end of the world.

"We'll keep on doing our best,





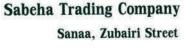
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CEO of Felix Airways Mohammed Abdullah Al-Arasha said that this safety course is according to the ICOWA international aviation organization and

is of significant importance in the industry. "Most airlines including Felix ensure that their operations are according to the international safety measures in order to guarantee the safety and comfort of passengers and the good condition of the aircraft," said Al-Arasha. Adding that this is an important program and includes measures on reporting risks handling challenges. It will

empower the main departments in the airline to deal with difficult situations and analyze potential risks in order to avoid hazardous situations.

Al-Arasha added, "Felix Airways continue to stay up to date with the latest in the field especially when it concerns safety. Moreover, having this training under the supervision of RJ is important because it is the first avian company approved by the European Aviation Authority to provide such programs."



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Rainwater harvesting in Sana'a faces challenges



It's hard to tell Yemen is a water scarce country when streets flood during heavy rains.



Sana'a is in the process of constructing 38 water-collecting basins.

Amira Nasser

ana Al-Zabidi has a hard time recalling exactly what happened on the day when her home flooded. She lives in a small-three room house made out of cement blocks on the outskirts of Sana'a.

"Suddenly, water burst everywhere. It destroyed our things," she said.

Hana is in her 20s and lives with her parents and four brothers. Her neighborhood floods whenever it rains, sometimes severely. Last year, the flood destroyed half of her home.

Yemen has a "severe water shortage," the United Nations Development Program—among other organizations—has assessed. Groundwater is depleting at an alarming rate.

Oddly, in this parched country flooding is a huge problem.

Hana lives in a valley on the outskirts of Sana'a called Al-Qaifi. Here, further from the center of the capital, some services—particularly infrastructure that might divert flood water—are scarce.

In the capital of Sana'a—which has transformed from being a small, walled city with a population of 135,000 to a sprawling metropolis with a population of over 2 million over the course of the last four decades—the infrastructure to collect and make use of the scarce resource of water is sorely lacking

and organizations are struggling to tackle the problem.

Aref Al-Shuja' is the technical manager of Al-Saela Construction Project and is overseeing a citywide project to construct 38 water-collecting basins. The water collected will be used for irrigations, Al-Shuja' says and hopefully will enrich the underground water supply.

Another problem that Al-Shuja' must tackle is the issue of water drainage and flooding.

Someone like Hana may have built her home without obtaining building permits, which is often done through local officials. Abdulraqueb Ata, the manager of the Public Works Office, said homes should not be built near the flood path, where water flows during the heavy spring rains. Even central districts of Sana'a—

such as Al-Zubari street and Bab Al-Yemen—also flood.
Four years ago, the capital

secretariat distributed financial compensations to flood victims whose houses were partially or wholly damaged.

Another problem that can

Another problem that can contribute to flooding is makeshift construction that takes place in some neighborhoods, where locals build their own septic drains, connecting wastewater from their bathrooms to the central system.

However, they used improvised techniques and this often leaves the roads uneven, the pavement sloping. This creates more flooding, Ata said. It will take a unit of engineers to work on this problem, he said.

Many areas in Sana'a—such as Khawlan Street and Al-Qadisea Al-Maqaleh—are some of the first spots the Public Works Office in Sana'a will tackle, Ata said.

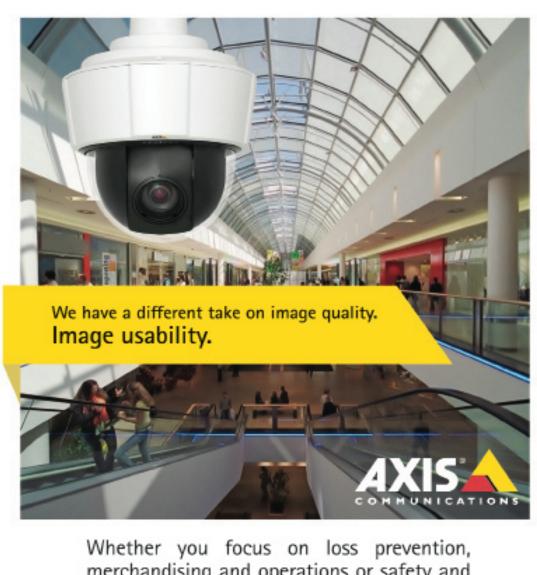
Abdulwahab Al-Eryani, the general manager of Al-Saela Construction Project, said they are still constructing basins to collect rain water. Many of these basins are on the outskirts of Sana'a, at the base of the surrounding mountains. Water runs down the sloping mountains and collects in pools. But, Al-Eryani said, they still need to build connecting canals, to better direct the floodwaters.

Abdulkhaleq Alwan, head of the planning and policies team at the Water Resources Authority, said that though there are local organizations—such as the Al-Saela Construction Project and the Public Works Office—working to address the issue of water in Sana'a, there is little coordination between the

Hana's family rebuilt their home, but didn't move to higher ground or to another neighborhood. Her neighbors helped her, she said. Her family doesn't have a plan for the upcoming rains. They're waiting for either the municipal or state organizations—though they can't say who—to help their community.

"We don't own land or have the money to build a house in another area," Hana said. "We don't know will happen to us if it floods again."





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The loss of innocence in Yemen

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emen, a stunning country, rich in history and culture, suffers from the stigma of child marriage. Driven by poverty and a "traditional" way of thinking, girls under the age of eight can be seen in wedlock with children of their own by the time they hit puberty.

How many of these young girls are ready for this? How many of them even know what they are getting into at such a young age? The United Nations statistics show that this kind of practice is prevalent and that one in nine girls in developing countries will be married, whether they are forced or coerced, by the age of 15. If nothing is done about this by 2020, the U.N. says an estimated 14.2 million girls a year will become child brides.

Yemen is an ultra-conservative society where women and young girls are the ones who endure the strict reality of these social constraints. One of the results is child marriage, which has both physical and emotional consequences and can be life shattering, even fatal.

Early marriage has a harmful effect on "the child, the family and society at large," a political sociology professor at Sana'a University, Abdulmaki Shamson, recently said in an interview with The Media Line.

"The girls are affected physically and psychologically. The developing body of the young girl is not ready to get married and deliver babies. Many young wives die while giving birth," he said.

These young girls need a longterm solution to this phenomenon. Unfortunately, there is no quick fix.

Lack of education on this matter inside Yemen's rural areas is the single most shielding factor. There is a need to create awareness in those rural communities in order to shed light on how detrimental child marriage can be on a young girl's health and society as a whole.

The educational impact is key; providing girls with more choices while helping generate a change in thefamilies' attitudes. Married girls often drop out of school, leaving them illiterate and unskilled, thus prevented from ever achieving selfsufficiency. A shift in thinking is also necessary.

A chance for a childhood

This communion robs many young females of their innocence, a chance at having a full adolescence and, for the most part, a future. Instead, long-life damage is being caused to young women and girls who are undergoing an existence they are not ready for; health problems, suffering, domestic abuse and marital rape.

Girls are now severely suffering from health problems caused by pregnancies. Early teenage pregnancy carries a high risk of life threatening obstructed labor due to undeveloped narrow hips, in addition to other conditions, such as fistula.

Fistula usually develops as a result of prolonged labor. The unborn child presses against the mother's birth canal, cutting off blood supply to surrounding tissues, which inevitably causes the tissue to disintegrate and rot

Yemen is one country with the highest rates of maternal mortality in the Middle Eastern region. These early marriages have cost many girls their lives.

There have been copious calls by the international community and

human rights organizations urging the Yemeni government to set the minimum age for child marriage at 18. But, both Yemeni officials and certain religious authorities have profusely rejected that. This, among other things, like poverty, is important for the government to address immediately. Poverty is rife in Yemen and is one of the main reasons Yemeni girls are married off.

Yemen's current political crisis has put this issue amongst other gender concerns at the bottom of the political priority list. However, the Yemeni government can instead take this chance for a clean slate and genuinely show its commitment to addressing this spectacle by protecting the rights of all its citizens; for the most part, its women and young girls.

International donors and the Yemeni government need to throw their weight behind this; school

learning, understanding being educated is a human right. It will also give the Yemeni people a chance to better understand the consequences of having their young girls married at such an early age. The government needs to offer these essential services, a standard responsibility for a ruling authority.

Child marriage exacerbates many of the social and economic problems in Yemen, hindering the country from making further progress. Girls should not be forced to be wives or mothers, especially at an age where they cannot even attempt to understand the responsibility of having a family. Women and young girls are human beings that deserve a healthy, happy life, which is free from fear and pain.

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Arab countries divided over media credibility

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eople in some Arab countries appear to be divided when it comes to trusting the credibility of their national news agencies, according to the results of a recently conducted survey of media habits in the region.

Preliminary results of the survey, released on Wednesday during a session of the Qatar Media Industries Forum in Doha, showed that a majority of adults in Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates believed their news media to be "credible".

However, in Egypt, Lebanon and Tunisia, only a quarter of those surveyed trusted the credibility of their media outlets, according to results of the survey of nearly 10,000 Freedom of expression adults conducted by Northwestern University in Qatar (NU-Q).

"This is a particularly interesting phenomenon in Lebanon, as this is thought to be a country with 'free press", Everette Dennis, dean and CEO of NU-Q, said in a statement.

Over a four-month period, researchers from Harris Interactive surveyed 9,693 adults in eight Arab countries - Egypt, Qatar, Tunisia, Bahrain, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and the UAE - in an effort to show how people use media, particularly news media, following the "Arab Spring" that began in

Kerry Hill, a research director at Harris Interactive, described the survey as "the largest study in the region for public release on media

The research highlighted a seeming paradox: A majority in most of the countries surveyed said they thought people should have the freedom to express their opinions on the internet, even when these views are unpopular. An especially high number in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates agreed.

Yet at the same time, about half of respondents also said they support tighter regulation of the internet in their countries, with a somewhat higher percentage saying so in Qatar, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia.

Humphrey Taylor, the chairman of the Harris Poll, said it is "very common to find this kind of apparent contradiction" - noting that in the United States during the Cold War, large majorities said they supported the principle of freedom

of speech, yet objected to allowing speech supporting Communism.

The Gulf gap

The survey data highlighted a big gap between the wealthy Gulf countries and less affluent Arab nations to the west. Overwhelming majorities in the Gulf have internet access, including about 9 in 10 people in Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. But just 46 percent are connected in Jordan and 22 percent in Egypt. (Yemen has the

lowest internet penetration rates in the region: a scant 2 percent, according to a 2011 Gallup poll.)

Egypt and the small island state of Bahrain are close to polar opposites in terms of media habits. Hill described Egypt as "very mediapoor, with the exception of TV" whereas Bahrainis are voracious consumers of all types of media, with large numbers saying they use social media sites and read books, magazines, and newspapers.

When asked about the top news

sources they consume, about a quarter of those across the region named Al Jazeera, followed by Saudi Arabia-based Al Arabiya at 16 percent and social networking website Facebook at 10 percent.

Google was found to be the most popular news source among Bahrainis, Facebook among Tunisians, LBC among Lebanese, Al Hayat among Egyptians, and Al Arabiya in Saudi Arabia. Al Jazeera topped the list in Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan.

How does Yemen's revolution end?



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ast week, after more than two years of being a fixture in Sana'a and cities around the country, Yemen's revolutionaries dismantled protest and that activists were "declaring an end to the revolution." Tawakkol Karman, who won a Nobel Peace Prize for her activism in Yemen, told crowds at Sana'a's Change Square, "We are starting a new phase....We declare that we toppled the rule of the family forever..."

If that strikes you as strange, it should. Yemen may have a transitional government, and last month began the National Dialogue, a months-long process of reconciliation and reform leading toward elections, but many of the activists responsible for driving the revolution forward are far from satisfied with these achievements. The decision to shut down the protests camps came from the Organizing Committee of the Youth Revolution, which is the most prominent, but only one of several groups affiliated with the protest movement. Despite the bold pronouncements, there isn't a

revolution should end.

Boshra al-Maqtari, president of the Progressive Youth Organization, stressed that "there are very big differences in the positions of the revolutionary organizations and youth movements," when reached by e-mail (her comments appear here in translation). camps around the country. The AP While the youth movement has reports it was a "symbolic" move, voiced concerns about having their cause commandeered other political interests since the early months of the protests, Al-Maqtari worries that the groups leading the movement now, tied to Yemen's Islah Party, are not leaving room for dissent in the protest movement. The decision to end the protest camps, she writes, "reflects the real problem that...revolutionaries are no longer allowed to have any negative or contradictory opinions."

> "No one...can claim to speak for the revolution," writes Yemeni activist and journalist Farea Al-Muslimi, who testified U.S. targeted killing policy in the Senate on Tuesday. "The south remains a place where many there think their revolution hasn't even started yet."

Al-Muslimi sees the transition from the transitional to an elected government as the real test of the revolution, but the pressure for conformity in the protest movement

consensus on when − or how − the has al-Maqtari concerned that the revolution, to date, "did not create a culture of democracy."

Both were dismissive declarations of the end of the revolution. "The revolution is ongoing," wrote Al-Matari. Al-Muslimi was blunt, telling FP it's "total rubbish to say the revolution

Yemen has had this debate before, after the February 2012 referendum that formally ushered in Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi, previously Yemen's vice president, into the role of transitional president. Then, protesters told the New York Times that they would wait for military reforms. Though the reforms are ongoing, the Yemeni government formalized a large shake-up in the military leadership earlier this month. But revolutions have a tendency to linger - there are no closing ceremonies, as Lebanese satirist Karl Sharro suggested, not even in the speeches delivered at the dismantling of Yemen's Change Square camp. As she called for an end to the revolution that toppled the president, Karman proposed a new stage. "We have a new revolution," she told the remaining protesters in the square, "to cleanse the state from corruption."

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Libraries in Sana'a

Al-Sonidar complains about the number of books in the library

where she works. There are fewer than 150 titles, she says.

There are books for all different reading levels.

Underfunded, but still havens for learning

Story and photos by Samar Qaed

s soon as you enter the Agial Foundation for Educating Beggars Marginalized Children in Sana'a, the hustle and bustle of the street outside is forgotten. Inside this small space about 20 children sit quietly reading books and watching education and entertainment programs on the facility's television

Bookshelves are neatly organized and indexed according to genres so children can easily find reading material that interests them.

in the foundation since they were kids," said Hana Al-Maqwali, the library's supervisor, pointing to young boys engaged in a game of

This library, which opened in 2005 and now has over 500 books on its shelves, has been hailed as the biggest success in a library creation project that was started

The Social Fund for Development, a government entity that provides "Those two have been studying money for social issues, helped start 87 libraries with this project in cooperation with the Yemeni Association for Culture and Knowledge Dissemination

(YACKD), a local non-profit.

Development initiative.

These libraries were established as public spaces for children, but some have grown into facilities for people of all ages and some seek funding from international book organizations to keep their libraries

While each library was started with anywhere from \$4,000 to \$15,000 from the Social Fund for Development, they are all run by private organizations or individuals. All project proposals had to be in a densely populated area lacking educational services.

"Every library is different from the other. This has to do with activity [efforts] of the librarian and the foundation," said Abdullah Jameel, the founder of YACKD.

Because of this, the quality of each library varies.

The library called Number One is in Souq Inqad, near Bab Al-Yemen in Sana'a. It provides a contrast to the Agial library. Number One occupies a small

space on the upper floor of its sponor's building. Its sponsor, the Environmental Awareness Center provides health services for schools and stay-at-home mothers. While people come in and

out of the building for health consultations, the library space sits neglected. There is no sign to advertise its presence.

"Only three people visited the library in a whole month," said Zal Alhm Al-Sonidar, the library's supervisor, as she pointed to an empty visitors' record book.

Al-Sonaidar said most of her visitors are college students who are conducting research.

"I've [already] finished reading the 150 books we have in the library," she said.

But, as the Social Fund for Development's funding was a onetime contribution, Al-Sonaidar says they are suffering from a lack of funding to keep their institution afloat. They are meant to seek out other monetary sources but it's difficult for them.

Al-Sonaidar says the library isn't even serving their targeted audience. The library opens in the morning and closes at 1:00 p.m., hours when children are at typically at school.

Even at the Agial library, which has been successful in obtaining international funding, money is still an issue. Up until a month ago, the facility was open until 4:00 p.m. each day with a visitors' record full of names. Now, due to an inability to fund employees' salaries, the library closes at noon.

"I haven't read anything since last month," said Ahmed Al-Mohaia, a 9-year-old boy who is upset about the new

Although Jameel says it is up to the libraries' supervisors to themselves continuous support, he says the Social Fund for Development may be in a position to provide some additional funding to the libraries they determine worthy.

"We found out only 17 of [the 87 libraries] were actively holding reading-related events," said Sulaiman Ghanim, a project officer at YACKD.

"[They] could be given funding," he said.



Libraries provide a space for reading, writing and playing games, like chess.

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Children say that they like it here. They just wish the libraries



In a joint interview with the Yemen Times: National Dialogue Houthi representative Ali Al-Bukhaiti and Parliamentarian Dr. Saleh Ba'shar

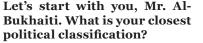
"There are diverse perspectives. The Southern factions themselves don't have a united stand about the division."

Two years ago, talking about the possibility of introducing federalism to Yemen would have sent a person to prison. Today, almost all political parties are discussing it.

Where did this change come from? Is it the outcome of current changes or support from some political powers, such as the **Houthis?**

National Dialogue Conference (NDC) Houthi representative, Ali Al-Bukhaiti, and Dr. Saleh Ba'shr, a parliamentarian, provide insight on this question in an interview with the Yemen Times. They talk about adopting federalism in Yemen verses the appropriateness of dividing the country into regions in accordance with Houthi influence in the North.

Interview and photos by Mohammed Al-Hasani



First of all, we didn't call for federalism nor separation. These issues, beginning with the Southern Issue, were presented because Southerners had full membership in the Arab League and the United Nations. However, the Sa'ada Issue is different.

But, can't we discuss it because you are a party that is part of the political scene in Yemen?

There is no federalism in Sa'ada because the governor who runs it is affiliated with authorities in Sana'a. Nothing happened to the official state bureaus such as the Criminal investigation and the oppressive Political Security in the governorate. Anyway, due to the six wars that took place in the governorate, services and security the state provides are absent. We want the state to back with security and services and not with suppression.

Don't you rule over Sa'ada?

No, we don't. No one person can say they rule this country. For instance, President Hadi can't say that either.

So, who chose the governor in

It's not a matter of choice, but rather I don't want to mention their a result of the wars in Sa'ada. I wish the Sa'ada Issue would be differen-

tiated from the Southern Issue. The governor was chosen by the local council based on a decree issued during the time of former President Ali Abdulla Saleh. The members of the Sa'ada local council met and voted. Faris Mana' won the position. Unfortunately, this decree is being violated because republican decrees are issued to appoint governors.

It's said you will benefit the most if Yemen is divided into regions. Is that right?

This isn't true. We have no problem with the central state. We have a problem with a suppressive authority that has sent thousands of our supporters to prisons, killed people and destroyed homes. Our demands are different from the ones of Southerners.

Don't you think there is a relation between your attempts to expand and the division of the state into regions?

There is no expansion. Some people misunderstand this. They deem our activities-such as distributing booklets and cassettes about [the Zaidi religious leader] Hussein Badr Al-Deen Al-Houthi—as a kind of expansion.

The current political administration has recognized our grievances. They've called the victims of the wars in Sa'ada "martyrs."

In general, do you support dividing Yemen into regions?

We will accept the outcome of the National Dialogue Conference (NDC). If dividing Yemen into regions will solve our problems, we will support it. But we are afraid that the current administrations will make the same mistakes of the former regime. We are also afraid that the idea of dividing Yemen into regions will weaken before public opinion.

So you are against that?

I'm not going to give you a specific answer but I can say that we don't trust the current government because it may destroy federalism just like it did with the national unity [that came following the Civil War of 1994].

What is your relation with the Southern Movement that calls for separation?

The overwhelming majority of the Southern Movement calls for secession, but there is another "Southern Movement" [that is] made in Sana'a. It presents people who say that they are affiliated with the Southern Movement, but it supports unity. We know those people who diverted from their original attitudes.

Who are they?

names, but we know those figures that called for separation before, but have been persuaded to change their minds once they received salaries and cars.

What about you?

We want unity but voluntary unity that is based on partnership.

But tell me-what is your relation with the Southern Movement?

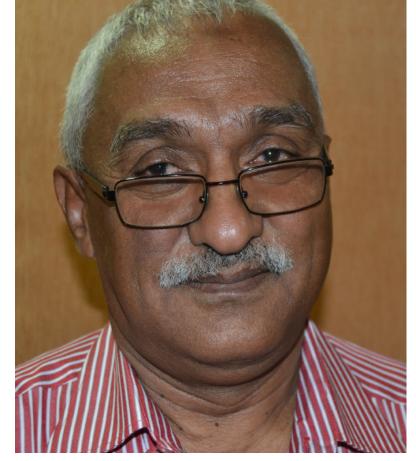
We have a good relation with the Southern Movement.

What about your relationship with the Islah party?

We also have a good relationship with Islah. We signed an agreement to settle everything down between us and the Joint Meeting Parties in general, prior to the NDC. Now, we are together in the NDC and there are no current problems. I think that we won't have any problems with any political parties and the state will regain control over Sa'ada and the South if the 20 Points presented by the Technical Committee are applied.

Dr. Saleh Ba'shar, is the federal system a good fit for Ye-

First, I would like to say that what has led us to this critical point is the political fallout of the Civil War of 1994, [the effects of which] we still feel today. Of course, these problems should have been tackled



Dr. Saleh Ba'shar

earlier. The former regime committed faults, and this regime is responsible for them, particularly in the South where many grievances accumulated such as dismissing lots of soldiers and civil employees as well as hijacking land plots. The fallout of these problems has exacerbated within time.

In my opinion as an academic, there is a difference between federalism and dividing the country into regions. Unfortunately, the NDC stakeholders don't have experience in terms of this issue.

Why do you think the shape of the current political system is suitable?



We have a problem with a suppressive authority that has sent thousands of our supporters to prisons, killed people and destroyed homes.

- Ali Bukhaiti

We have reached this critical situation because of the political conflicts. Once I met with an official at the Ministry of Cooperation and International Planning in 1994 and asked him: why don't we follow regional planning? If we follow the method of the regional planning, we would not drag the country to a crisis. Instead, resources and development projects would be distributed equally between all regions in Yemen. The person I met did not want such planning because it was disadvantageous to his self-interest. They want to maintain central

corruption. There are several criteria and foundations to divide the country into regions. For example, there are economic regions, and there are investment regions.

Do you think the lack of political classification for Houthis is a problem?

There are partisan coalitions. These coalitions keep oscillating. At one time, the Islah Party was siding with the General People's Congress (GPC) and opposing the Socialist Party. Now Islah sides with the Socialist Party against the GPC. This will go on. Anyway, I say we still have a unique opportunity in the NDC. Yemenis can distance themselves from partisanship and look forward to the interest of their country.

Do you think some political groups-such the Houthis and the Southern Movement—will impose a change on the political system?

There are diverse perspectives. The Southern factions themselves don't have a united stand about the division. Some support the two-region federalism of South and North. Others support the subsidiary regions. Others also want two-state system.

What do you think of the protests in Aden?

The disobedience that takes place in Aden from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturdays and Wednesdays has harmed people and exacerbated their difficult situation. Poverty increases because of businesses shut down.

Who do you think is responsible for this?

Those who impose the disobedience are responsible. There are many other ways that one can display dissatisfaction instead of disobedience. Imagine, the students study just three days a week. The schools are closed during the rest of the day. Anyhow, people are unhappy with the disobedience.

How many do you think are unhappy?

I think over 90 percent of locals in Aden are unhappy with the proDo those imposing disobedience realize that people are

unhappy with it? Indeed, they know this. But they say this is inevitable and the protests must be carried out.

Do you think they resort to this way to spite some political parties in the Southern governorates, like the Islah Party for example?

The political parties—either the Socialist Party or the Islah Party—in the South (particularly in Aden and Hadrmout) have become confined to a few groups. However, imposing



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violence by the Southern separat-

Do you think the government

is contributing to the success

Unfortunately, the government is

shared 50-50. Positions have been

distributed based on regions, rela-

tions and friendships, not eligibil-

ity. Frankly speaking, we want a

technocratic state. For example,

[now], the minister of water and

environment specializes in psy-

chology. The minister of telecom-

munication has a major in political

ists will have a negative effect.

of the NDC or not?

-Saleh Ba'shar

science. The right person should be placed in the right place regardless of their political affiliation.

What do you think the dialogue has achieved so far?

I say what President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi said: either we participate in dialogue and come up with ideas that serve Yemen, or [the dialogue] ends in failure. This would be a waste of a historic opportunity.

Some say there are foreign agendas driving the NDC. What do you think?

There are interventions. These interventions, either regional or international, were going on before the dialogue because of the fragile political situation in the country.

Do you think foreign influence affects the shape of the state in Yemen?

I think if federalism or dividing the country into regions is chosen as a way of governance, the interests of these countries will not dwindle. Their interests would increase instead.

To what extent would foreign influences impact the outcomes of the NDC?

Foreign intervention exists because of the current feeble political situation. I think foreign intervention plays a big role in streamlining the sessions of the NDC.

Which do you think is more effective, adopting federalism or creating regions?

In my view, there is still obscurity in this matter. Even the NDC has not started discussing this. What has been done about this issue is to introduce papers or proposals only. Those who introduce them are not qualified to be doing so.

Will federalism benefit Yemen if it is agreed upon as the system to run the country?

If there is goodwill, this system will be for the good of Yemen provided this government, which I consider a failure, is changed. Since its [government] formation in 2011, it has not provided us with a report about what it has accomplished thus far.



Ali Al-Bukhaiti

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المناسب، بغض النظر عن إنتماؤه الحزبي أو حتى إن لم

دكتور كيف تنظر إلى ما حققه الحوار حتى

أنا اقول مثل ما قاله الرئيس عبد ربه منصور هادي إما أن

ندخل في هذا الحوار ونخرج بمخارج جيدة تخدم اليمن أو

أن يكون فشلا،والفشل هذا سيرمينا إلى مزبلة التاريخ.

هناك من يطرح بأنه ثمة وجود أجندة

خارجية في الحوار يجب مراعاتها..كيف

في الحقيقة هناك تدخلات، وهي موجودة من قبل

انعقاد مؤتمر الحوار، تدخلات اقليمية وتدخلات من دول

أخرى، والوضع السياسي الهش في اليمن هو من سمح

هل تفرض العوامل الخارجية شكل النظام السياسي لدينا

تنظر إلى ذلك؟

بتواجدها في حقيقة الأمر.

العصيان

علي البخيتي

ما هو التصنيف السياسي الأقرب لكم؟ أولاً نحن لم نطالب بالفيدرالية، ولم نطالب بالانفصال، ولم يكن لنا قضية بتاتاً من هذا النوع. تلك القضايا طرحت من القضية الجنوبية لأن الأخوة في الجنوب كانوا دولة.

كان لديهم عضوية كاملة في الجامعة العربية، وفي الأمم المتحدة، بينما قضية صعدة قضية أخرى لها خصوصيتها. لكن نحن نناقش هذا الطرح باعتباركم طرف له حضوره في المشهد السياسي اليمني؟ لا يوجد واقع فيدرالي في صعدة لأن محافظها يتبع السلطة

المركزية في صنعاء، وهو من يديرها والأجهزة الرسمية مثل الأمن، البحث الجنائي وحتى الأمن السياسي القمعي لم يمس داخل المحافظة. وصعدة على كل حال بسبب الحروب الستة الماضية التي شنت عليها غابت الدولة بخدماتها وبأمنها، ونحن نريدها أن تتواجد بخدماتها

ألا تحكمون صعدة حاليا؟

نحن لا نحكم صعدة ولا يوجد أحد يستطيع اليوم القول إنه يحكم اليمن..مثلا الرئيس هادي لا يستطيع قول ذلك.

إذاً من اختار محافظها وكيف؟

المسألة ليست مسألة الاختيار المسألة مسألة نتاج ستة حروب مضت في صعدة، فنتمنى التمييز بين صعدة والقضية الجنوبية.. هذا من ناحية، ومن ناحية أخرى، محافظها تم اختياره من قبل المجلس المحلي، وهذا قانون صدر في عهد الرئيس السابق علي عبد الله صالح،وللأسف هناك التفاف عليه اليومويتم تعيين المحافظين في عدد من المحافظات بقرارات جمهورية، وهذا مخالف للقانون.. في صعدة اجتمع أعضاء المجلس المحلى وحصل اقتراع ونجح فارس مناع بمنصب المحافظ.

يقال إنكم أكثر المستفيدين في حال تم تقسيم اليمن إلى أقاليم؟

هذا ليس صحيحا.. لأنه ليس لدينا مشكلة مع الدولة المركزية، وإنما مشكلتنا مع سلطة قمعية.. سلطة زجت بالآلاف من مناصرينا في السجون.. سلطة قتلت الناس ودمرت المنازل، لذا مطالبنا تختلف عن مطالب الأخوة في القضية الجنوبية، لأن كل مطالب تنطلق من المظلومية

ألا تعتقد بوجود علاقت بين سعيكم للتوسع أو للتمدد كما يطرح مع خيار تقسيم الدولة

لايوجد لدينا شيئ إسمه توسع.. هناك خلط كبير لدى بعض الاطراف، فمثلا عندما نقوم بتوزيع ملازم للسيد حسين بدر الدرين الحوثي أو أشرطة محاضرات أو أي نشاط ثقافي نمارسه في أي مكان يعتبرونه توسعا.. إلى الآن لم تؤمن كثير من القوى بعد بوجود تعدد ولا بوجود ثورة قامت في ٢٠١١ و أن هناك مناخا جديدا للحريات.. فيعتبرون أي نشر لهده الملازم أو أي تمدد ثقافي توسعا، وتوسعنا الثقافي هذا ليس لغرض الاحتلال أو السيطرة.. وعلى كل النظام السياسي معترف بمظلوميتنا وسمى ضحايا الحروب في صعدة شهداء، وليس من المنطقي أن يكون كذلك إن كنا نسعى للتمرد أو التوسع.

طيب إجمالا هل انتم مع خيار تقسيم اليمن

نحن سنقبل بما سيخرج به المتخاورون.. إذا كان تقسيم اليمن إلى أفاليم هو المخرج لمشكلاته، فنحن معه، لكن لدينا مخاوف في أن يكرر النظام خطأ ما بعد ٤ ٩ وإساءته

لاستخدام الوحدة، وأن يتم استهلاك فكرة الأقاليم وإضعافها أمام الرأي العام ليتم بعدذلك تطبيقها بشكل غير صحيح، فضلا عن أن القوى التقليدية التي أساءت للوحدة بسبب المحاصصة قد تنقل فسادها الى كل

يعني ترفضون فكرة التقسيم الى اقاليم؟ ليس مفروضا علي ً أن أعطيك اجابة محددة، ولكن استطيع القول لك أن مخاوفنا من السلطة الحالية التي أساءت تطبيق كل ماهو جميل،و من الحكومة الحالية التي لا نثق فيها، لأنها قد تفسد الفيدرالية كما افسدت الوحدة.. ومن هنا اطالب بتشكيل حكومة جديدة تتمكن من الانتقال باليمن انتقال آمن وصحيح الى الفيدرالية أو الى الاقاليم،

حتى لا تتحول الى وسيلة تكسب جديدة. في شأن علاقتكم ببعض الاطراف السياسية..

كيف هي علاقتكم بتيار الحراك الجنوبي المطالب بالانفصال؟

الغالبية الساحقة من الحراك الجنوبي في الحوار تطالب بالانفصال، لكن هناك حراك جنوبي صناعة صنعانية، حيث يأتي ويقول إنه حراك ويطالب بالوحدة.. نحن نعرف مثل هذه الشخصيات التي تحولت في موقفها.

لا أريد تسميتهم.. لكن نحن نعرف بعض تلك الشخصيات التي كانت تطالب بالانفصال.. وبمجرد أن تم مراضاتها في صنعاء وصرف المرتبات و السيارات أصبحت الآن تطالب

وأنتم مع من؟

نحن نريد الوحدة.. لكن ماهي الوحدة التي نريدها؟نريد الوحدة الطوعية التي تقوم على أساس الشراكة.

لكن لم تجيبني كيف هي علاقتكم مع تيار الحراك المطالب بالانفصال؟ علاقتنا جيدة مع كل تيارات الحراك.

كيف تقيمون علاقتكم بحزب الإصلاح وماهو مستقبل هذه العلاقة؟

علاقتنا جيدة بحزب الاصلاح، وهناك اتفاق للتهدئة وقع بيننا والمشترك عموما مع انعقاد اللجنة الفنية للتحضير للحوار الوطني،ونحن الآن سوية في الحوار وهناك من الامور التي إتفقنا عليها. وحاليا ليست هناك أية اشكالات لدينا مع الاصلاح. واعتقد انه لو طبقت النقاط العشرين التي أقرتها اللجنة الفنية لن تكون لدينا أي اشكالية مع أي طرف سياسي وستبسط الدولة نفوذها على صعدة والجنوب من جديد.

أنتم لا تعترفون بحكومة الوفاق؟ ومع ذلك دخلتم الحواركيف ذلك؟

نحن لم نعترف بالمبادرة الخليجية، والحكومة بالنسبة لدينا حكومة أمر واقع، و الحوار الوطني هو أتى بناء على دعوة لمصلحة اليمن. فمن أين اتت هذه الدعوة سواء من الخليج أو من الدول الاخرى أوحتى من الدول الأوربية نحن مع الحوار ووافقنا على الحوار في الكثير من الأمور.. وحاليا نحن نطالب بتشكيل حكومة بديلة.

لماذا لم تقدموا مقترحات لمعالجة جوانب القصور التي ترونها في أداء الحكومة؟ نحن قدمنا عدة مطالب وأنه يجب إبعاد هذه الحكومة

وتشكيل حكومة تكنوقراط من المستقلين أصحاب الكفاءات لتدير المرحلة الانتقالية وتكون مواكبة لمؤتمر الحوار،لأنه لا يعقل أن تواكب أعمال الحوار حكومة تحاصص فيها الفساد و الإجرام حتى اليوم.. وإن لم فيمكن تشكيل حكومة وحدة وطنية موسعة تضم كافة الأطراف السياسية تترافق مع مؤتمر الحوار وتتمكن من تطبيق مخرجاته وتتمكن من الاعداد للعملية الانتخابية

هل تطحون لرئاسة الحكومة؟

نطمح إلىي أن نكون شركاء في الدولة وفي النظام، وهذا مطلب طبيعي، وليس نحن فقط،وإنما كل الاطراف تطمح، ونحن نطمح لنكون شركاء في السلطة.. على الأقل حتى لا تدار علينا الحروب مرة أخرى، وكي لا نتعرض لمظلومية كما تعرضنا لذلك في السابق، وهذا مطلب مشروع ولا

هل تعتقد أن الحوار أنجز شيئا حتى الآن؟ الحوار يواجه مصاعب كثيرة.. يواجه عدم ثقة، لأنه في

وادي والحكومة في واد آخر، لذلك نلاحظ الكثير من الاضطرابات، الكثير من الأطراف تعلق مشاركتها، بسسب أن الحكومة المسيطر عليها من قبل قوى مناطقية وقبلية تجير كل أجهزة الدولة وامكاناتها لصالحها تمهيدا لدخول الانتخابات القادمة، و القوى السياسية المغلوبة على أمرها تخوض حوارا عقيما دخل مؤتمر الحوار. وقد طرحنا أنه من الضروري تغيير الحكومة حتى ينجح الحوار.

كيف تقبلتم إعلان اللجنت التنظيميت للثورة الشبابية تعليق الاعتصامات؟

نحن لا نعترف بهذه اللجنة ممثلة لكل الشباب لأنها تابعة للمشترك، وهذا الأمر معروف.

لكن هناك ممثلين لكم فيها؟

لا.. كان هناك ممثلين لكنهم خرجوا من وقت مبكر، وأصبحت لجنة خاصة بالمشترك، وأصبح الكثيرمن الشباب بسميها اللجنة التضليلية وليس التنظيمية، لأنه ما يصدر عن حكومة الوفاق تقوم بتنفيذه، لذلك هذا الإعلان يخصها، ومن حق بعض الأطراف تقبل هذا الإعلان، ومن حق الأطراف الاخرى التمسك بالبقاء في الساحات، ونتمنى من الجميع ألا يتم التاثير السلبي على المواطنين في الساحات.. إذا كان يمكن التوفيق بين الاعتصام وفتح الطرقات فهذا شيئ جيد، ولابد من التوفيق بين استمرار الفعل الثوري ومصالح الناس.

ماذا ينقص مؤتمر الحوار ليكون يمنيا مائت بالمائة؛ لأنك تقول ليس كذلك.

ينقص مؤتمر الحوار أن نتوافق، لأن النخبة السياسية ليمنية فشلت، لذلك جاءت التدخلات الخارجية. وأنا لا أعتقد أن التدخل الخارجي جاء مفروضا على اليمن بل لفشل أطرافه السياسية في معالجة خلافتها الداخلية وبحث بعض هذه الأطراف عن مصالحها الخاصة، كما اعتقد أن اليمنيين إذا وصلوا الى قناعة أنه لا فائدة من كل التخلات الخارجية من أي طرف كانت حتى من إيران بالتاكيد سيتمكون من بناء بلدهم بشكل صحيح.

هل تعتقدون أن نظام الفيدرالية يخدم اليمن؟ خيار الفيدرالية إذا تم التوافق عليه وبشرط أن يتم تطبيقه بطريقة صحيحة ولا يؤدي الى فشل مثل ما حصل في تطبيق الوحدة والديمقراطية لن نعترض عليه وأعتقد أنه سيخدم البلاد.

هل يتالائم النظام الفيدرالي جيوسياسيا مع اليمن عموما؟

بداية أقول إن الذي أوصلنا إلى هذه النقطة الحرجة هي التداعيات السياسية التي لحقت باليمن منذ ما بعد حرب صيف ٩٤ حتى الآن. طبعا كان لا بد أن تجاوز هذه المشاكل من وقت مبكر.. النظام السابق كان له أخطاء كثيرة ويتحملها، وخاصة في الجنوب.. هناك مظالم كثيرة تراكمت،منها تسريح كثيير من العسكريين والموظفين المدنيين، والسطو على الأراضي.. وهذه المشاكل تفاقمت تداعياتها مع الأيام.وأنا من وجهة نظري كأكاديمي هناك فرق بين الفيدرالية وتقسيم الدولة إلى أقاليم. للأسف الشديد المعنيون بالحوار الوطني لا يمتلكون خبرات في هذا الموضوع، والأقاليم يمكن أن تكون دولة واحدة نقسمها إلى عدة أقاليم،لكن الفيدرالية عبارة عن مجموعة دول أو دويلات كان لها حكم ذاتي تتحد في فيدرالية.

لماذا لم يعد شكل النظام السياسي الحالي ملائما برأيك؟

تراكمات الأوضاع و الصراعات السياسية أوصلتنا إلى هذه النقطة الحرجة.. أنا مرة التقيت بأحد الأخوة في وزارة التخطيط عام ٩٤ وسألته لماذا لا نتبع طريقة التخطيط الأقليمي لأنه لو أتبعنا طريقة التخطيط الأقليمي لما أوصلنا البلاد إلى هذه الحالة من التأزم، لأنه عبارة عن توزيع الثروات ومشاريع التنمية بالتساوي بين كل مناطق أو أقاليم اليمن.. طبعا هذا الشخص الذي التقيت به ليس من مصلحته أن يكون هناك تخطيط اقليمي من السابق لماذا لأنهم يريدون أن يظل الفساد المركزي موجود.. وهناك عدة معايير أو أسس لتقسيم البلد إلى أقاليم،هناك أقاليم تخطيطية هناك أقاليم اقتصادية

دكتور ألا تعتقد أن عدم وجود تصنيف سياسي للحوثيين هو المثبكلة؟

وهناك استثمارية، وغيرها.

هناك تكتلات حزبية، وهذه التكتلات طبعا تتأرجح من وقت الى آخر. في فترة من الفترات كان حزب الإصلاح مع المؤتمر وضد الاشتراكي والآن مع الاشتراكي وضد المؤتمر،وستظل عملية الانقلابات هذه بينهم البين. وعلى كل أنا أقول أنه امامنا فرصة فريدة في مؤتمر الحوار لكي يبتعد اليمنيون عن الحزبية وأن ينظروا إلى الامام من أجل مصلحة وطنهم.

هل ترى أن معادلة بعض الاطراف السياسية كالحوثيين والحراك الجنوبي هي التي فرضت طرح تغيير شكل النظام السياسي؟ في الحقيقة هناك وجهات نظر مختلفة لأنه حتى الجنوبين مختلفين فيما بينهم حول التقسيم، هناك مجموعة مع

الفيدرالية بين إقليمين شمالي وجنوبي، ومجموعة أخرى مع الأقاليم الفرعية.

ماذا لو كان تم طرح الفيدرالية في عهد الرئيس السابق على عبد الله صالح؟ على حد علمي أن الكونفيدرالية طرحت قبل التسعينات

وقبل أن يتم التوقيع على اتفاقية الوحدة الاندماجية، ثم وجدت أنها غير مناسبة مع الأوضاع السياسية في ذلك الوقت، ثم طرحت الفيدرالية، ولكن أيضا نتيجة للظروف التي عاشها الجنوب في ظل منظومة النظام الاشتراكي في السابق تم رفضها. وأقولها صراحة كان الجنوب حينها يعيش فترة صراعات، حيث كانت ستنتقل صراعات ٨٦ الى العام ٩٠، ولذلك هرب الجنوبيون من

دولة الاشتراكية إلى دولة الوحدة، ومن ثم حدث ما حدث و اكتشف الجنوبيون بعد ٩٤ أن الوحدة كانت لمصلحة مجموعة محددة هي التي كانت في دولة الشمال.

بالانتقال إلى محور نفوذ الحراك الجنوبي المطالب بفك الارتباط في المحافظات الجنوبية.. كيف ترى تقبل العصيان الذي

يقيمه وخصوصافي عدن؟ العصيان الذي أصبحت تشهده عدن من الساعة السابعة صباحا إلى الحادية عشرة ظهرا يومي السبت والأربعاء من كل اسبوع أضر بالناس وتسبب في تفاقم أوضاعهم الصعبة.. الفقر زاد نتيجة توقف الأعمال والخدمات.

من يتحمل مسؤولية ذلك برأيك؟

أنا أحمل الأخوة المسؤولين عن العصيان.. لأنه هناك وسائل كثيرة للتعبير عن عدم الرضى عن الوضع غير العصيان.. تصور المدارس يدرس فيها الطلاب ثلاثة أيام فقط الأحد والإثنين والثلاثاء وبقية الأيام مغلقة.. وهناك على كل حالة عدم رضى عن العصيان.

كم نسبة حالة عدم الرضى هذه؟ و الله أنا اعتبرها كبيرة.. الأغلبية، يعني أكثر من بالمئة من سكان مدينة عدن في اعتقادي غير راضين عن حالة العصيان.

لكن ألا يخالف قولك هذا ما يطرح بأن شعبيت تيار الحراك الذي يعلن العصيان كبيرة في المحافظات الجنوبية؟

والله أنا جزء من هذا المجتمع وأعيش الحالة الصعبة التي يعيشها. هناك نتيجة للعصيان.. معظم الناس لا يتفقون مع من يدعون له، ولذلك تحصل المهاترات، ويستخدم العنف في منع الناس من الذهاب إلى أعمالهم وفتح محلاتهم، وهذا أدى إلى ردود أفعال سلبية من الناس تجاه من يدعون للعصيان. والحالة التي يعيشها الناس الآن هناك هي نوع من الخضوع للواقع ،يعني خلاص

ألا يدرك قيادات الحراك الجنوبي أن هناك حالة استياء عام من العصيان؟

طبعا يعرفون هذا الشيئ لكن يقولون هذا واقع ولا بد أن نقوم بالعصيان.

ألا تعتقد أن لجؤهم لذلك هو من باب النكاية ببعض الاطراف السياسية التي لها حضور في المحافظات الجنوبية؟

تقصد حزب الإصلاح.

ياخي في الجنوب الآن وخاصة في عدن وحضرموت أصبحت الاحزاب السياسية سواء كانت الاشتراكي أو حزب الإصلاح محصورة في مجموعات قليلة جدا، لكن طريقة فرض العنف من قبل الحراك في العصيان المدني سيكون له مردود عكسي عليهم.

كيف تنظر إلى الحكومة هل تراها عاملا مساعدا لمؤتمر الحوار،أم غير ذلك؟

للأسف الحكومة الآن عبارة عن محاصصة تم التوزيع المناصب فيها بحسب المناطق و الصداقة وصلة القرابة،كما لاتوجد فيها أي كفاءات..أقولها صراحة.. نريد دولة تكنوقراطية،مثلا وزير المياه و البيئة تخصصه ماذا؟ علم نفس.. وزير الاتصالات تخصصه علوم

في اليمن من وجهة نظرك؟ أنا اعتقد أنه لو تم اختيار الفيدرالية أو الأقاليم كنظام للحكم لن تتقلص مصالح الدول التي لها نفوذ في اليمن بل قد تزداد ،وقد تعمل هذه الدول مثل أمريكا والدول الأوروبية على المساهمة في فرض ذلك وفقا

أكثر من ٩٠ بالمئة من سكان مدينة عدن في اعتقادي غير راضين عن

إلى أي مدى تؤثر التدخلات الخارجية التي يقول بوجودها البعض على نتائج مؤتمر

التدخلات الأجنبية نتيجة الوضع السياسية الهش في اليمن، اعتقد أنه سيكون لها دور كبير، حتى في تسيير جلسات مؤتمر الحوار.

أيهما الأقرب لحل مشاكل اليمن من وجهت نظرك الفيدرالية أم الأقاليم؟

من وجهة نظرى.. لازالت هناك ضبابية صراحة في الوضع، وحتى مؤتمر الحوار لم يبدأ في مناقشة هذا الموضوع، وكل ما يدور حول هذا الموضوع عبارة عن اطروحات فقط وتقدم من أشخاص ليسوا متخصصين

هل سيخدم نظام الفيدرالية اليمن في حال اتفق عليه كنظام للدولة اليمنية الحديثة؟

إذا كانت هناك حسن نية فعلا يمكن أن يخدم اليمن وعلى شرط أن تُغير الحكومة، التي اعتبرها فاشلة، لأنها على الأقل حتى اليوم ومنذ تشكيلها في أواخر العام ٢٠١١ لم تقدم لنا في مجلس النواب تقريرا واحدا عما

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Migrant voices - Ethiopians in Yemen describe kidnapping and torture

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ecord numbers of migrants from the Horn of Africa are crossing into Yemen, most of them on their way to find better opportunities in Saudi Arabia and other rich Gulf countries. But many do not make it any further. Seeking a new life, they end up unwitting victims of a smuggling racket designed to exploit the migrants at each juncture of their journey.

Recent years have seen Ethiopians make up the majority of these migrants: Of the 107,000 recorded migrants crossing the Red Sea/Gulf of Aden into Yemen in 2012, around 80,000 were from Ethiopia.

Four irregular migrants with diverse backgrounds, all from Ethiopia, told IRIN about their journeys to Yemen.* While their stories differ in details, they all share a similar set of experiences: brutality, broken promises and extortion.

Marta, mid-30s, from Dire Dawa, eastern Ethiopia:

Marta says she fled Ethiopia in 2010 when she and her family were accused of supporting the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF), a state-designated terrorist group. "The government said, 'You are with the party of OLF,' and chased us out of country. I don't know where my family ended up."

"I spent a year and a half in Djibouti, where I gave birth to my daughter. After her father disappeared, we left for Yemen. I paid a broker 10,000 Djiboutian francs [about US\$55] to ride in a boat with 15 others from Djibouti to Yemen.

"Our night-time crossing of the Red Sea was calm until the end. As we neared the Yemeni coast, the owner of the boat, who was part of the smuggling operation, threw us into the sea. No one knew how to swim because in Ethiopia, we don't have a sea, just lakes. The brokers and their thugs were waiting for us as we came ashore. They raped me and the other women. I'm 9 months pregnant with a child from that night.

"When I arrived to Sana'a, I was tired and decided to stay. For seven months, I was a house maid, but now I can't work because of the pregnancy, so I have no income. [Ethiopian] migrants from the community in Sana'a are supporting me.

ey. The women were raped there. I was detained and tortured for five days. On the fifth night, they untied me because I was in charge of feeding the others, and I managed to escape.

"I'm interested in tackling my problems, but at the moment I am pregnant and I am tired. All my money goes to my daughter, so this makes me tired. One day I will win."

Alima, 18, from Miesso, eastern Ethiopia:

Alima fled to Dijoubti after being accused of being a member of the OLF. "I worked for one year in Djibouti City, where life was not good but not bad, until gangs started robbing us near where we collected our salaries. That's when I decided to go to Yemen, where I've been for five months.

"I paid a broker 20,000 Djiboutian francs [about \$110] to take me to the island of Haiyoo, where we would take a boat to Yemen. Thugs captured us and demanded more money when we arrived to Haiyoo. Because I had no money, they raped me. Men who did not have money were beaten, and the women were raped. Eventually, I contacted family and convinced them to send \$200.

"We arrived to Yemen, north of Bab al-Mandab [the Mandab Strait], in a 120-person boat, and were transferred to the Yemeni smugglers who control that part of the country. The gangsters raped most of the women and tortured and beat the men to extert more money.

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"They sell women who can't find

more money to other brokers, who send them to work as maids in Yemeni households. A broker bought me and sent me to Radaa, where I worked for three months cleaning houses.

"One man who loved me paid for my release and married me. He was also in Radaa, working on a qat farm and raising livestock. We moved to Sana'a two months ago. He cleans in a restaurant and I'm a maid.

"If an opportunity arises, or if I make money, or if the situation in Yemen gets worse, I'm interested in going to a better country."

Mesfin, 38, from Dese, north-central Ethiopia:

"I was born an orphan in Ethiopia, and grew up there. I had no family, and no one was helping me. Life was boring, so I decided to explore.

"I travelled five days on buses, trains and hiding out on heavy trucks before arriving at the border with Djibouti. I could have cut straight across the Welo desert to the Red Sea, but it was too dangerous. Most people spend their lives there.

"I paid brokers 1,000 Ethiopian birr [about \$50]. That was supposed to cover the entire trip from Ethiopia to Yemen, but I was forced to pay 400 Ethiopian birr [\$20] extra at Haiyoo.

"We crossed the Red Sea in a small fishing boat loaded with about 80 people. While we were boarding, I heard the brokers contact Abd al-Qawi's* people, who said they were prepared to receive them near Mokha. About five hours later, we hit land, and Abd al-Qawi's gangsters started beating the men trying to escape and raping most of the women right there on the beach.

"They took me and some of the men and women to a detention centre, where they tortured them until money was transferred. The building was like a jail; people are not helped until someone sends them money. The women were raped there. I was detained and tortured for five days. On the fifth night, they untied me because I was in charge of feeding the others, and I managed to escape.

"I ended up in the main street of Mokha and caught a ride to Taiz in a day. An Ethiopian migrant paid for me to come to Sana'a, where I've been for five days. I want to work here, make some money, then return to Ethiopia to search for relatives."

Yassin, 23, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:

"I had no political issues not many - in Ethiopia, but I had economic problems. I am from a poor family in Addis Ababa: no father, only my mother, and I have many sisters and brothers. I went to Yemen imagining living a better life because my mother couldn't provide for us.

"I stowed away on a train from Addis to the Djibouti border, and from there to Haiyoo we travelled in a Land Cruiser. I paid a broker 1,000 Ethiopian birr [about \$50] for the whole trip.

"After a week of waiting in Djibouti, we took a fishing boat filled with 45 people to Yemen. Before pushing off on our four-and-a-half-hour journey, another boat left ahead of us, which was built to hold 25 people but



Exhausted survivors of the Gulf of Aden crossing wait for help on a beach in Yemen.

50 piled in. The boat split in half and sunk not long after its departure. We could hear their screams as they drowned in the night. When the bodies washed ashore, we buried them before leaving. During the pitch-black crossing, we encountered a ship which seemed like an island it was so big. The waves filled our boat with water, and we almost capsized. We arrived near Bab al-Mandab.

"The landing wasn't very scary because we were dropped so close to shore. But as we waded to the beach, Abd al-Qawi's thugs started shooting guns into the air to scare those who tried running away. They loaded us into trucks and took us to detention centres to extract money. Because I know different dialects, I acted as translator and was released

with those who paid. I saw them rape women, hang men by their hands and beat them with metal rods and red-hot poles; they shot off fingers and toes, poked hot shards of metal into their eyes and poured boiling plastic on their bodies.

"I travelled one day by Hilux to Haradh along the Saudi border. I saw the same beatings and rapes for extortion in Haradh throughout my six months there. As you see in Yemen, there is no work, so I have plans to leave to anywhere by any means."

*Full names withheld

*Most migrants referred to Abd al-Qawi as the name of the Yemeni gangs who carried out the abuses, though the origin of this name is not clear.





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JSI is seeking an Arabic-English translator to be based in Sana'a, Yemen. The translator will be responsible for providing translation and interpretation services for the USAID |DELIVER PROJECT.

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- Translate a range of project documents from Arabic to English or English to Arabic and format those documents appropriately in Arabic. Documents can include technical reports, training materials, manuals, handbooks, website content, and other print and electronic publications.
- Interpret English-Arabic and Arabic-English during meetings and technical activities, as needed.
- Attend project meetings, take minutes, and distribute minutes to JSI/Sanaa and Home Office, as appropriate
- Assist the Administrative/Financial Manager with other tasks as needed

Qualifications:

- · Yemeni national
- Strong communication skills in English and Arabic (written and spoken).
- 1-3 years translation and interpretation experience
- Strong MS Office and Powerpoint skills
- Experience working with an NGO or USAID-funded project is preferable.
- Strong knowledge of public health and supply chain terminology. Experience translating for reproductive health and/or logistics activities preferred.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and positive attitude.
- Ability to work independently and to manage work conducted in teams
- · Ability to multi-task and manage deadlines effectively
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- Receive visitors and maintain Visitors Log
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- Supervise postal arrangements respond to customs payments/issues, pick-up/drop off of mail, arrange for DHL service/payments, etc.
- Create and maintain filing system for all projects (hard copy and electronic)
- Perform general clerical duties to include but not limited to: photocopying, faxing, mailing, typing and filing
- Assist in organizing meetings and workshops, including inviting participants, arranging venues, catering, etc.
- Arrange hotel and transport for consultants from Headquarters and for in-country travel
- Manage reservations for the office's conference rooms
- Attend project meetings, take minutes, and distribute minutes to JSI/Sanaa and Home Office, as appropriate
- Assist the Administrative/Financial Manager with other tasks as needed

Qualifications:

- Yemeni national
- Strong communication skills in English and Arabic (written and spoken).
- Experience with both hard copy and electronic filing systems.
- Experience working with an NGO or USAID-funded project is preferable.
- Strong attention to detail and organization desired.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and positive attitude.
- Ability to work independently and to manage work conducted in teams
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"راديو يمن تايمز"

العمل في هذا المشروع في بداية ٢٠٠٢، والذي كان تأسيسه من اهم رؤى مؤسس يمن تايمز الرحال، بروفسور عبد العزيز السقاف. ولذلك سعت نادية السقاف وهي رئيس تحرير صحيفة يمن تايمزالى تحقيق فكرة البرفسور الراحل،من خلال تأسيس راديو يمن تايمز بمشاركة الكثير من المتطوعين والداعمين ومن امن باهمية الاعلام المستقل ودور الاذاعات المجتمعية. وتعد جزءا من أصواتنا، وهذا الأخير هو برنامج دولي يدعم تأسيس الإذاعات المجتمعية في دول الربيع العربي. حيث يتمحور هذا البرنامج حول العرب الذين سعوا لانه تكون أصواتهم المستقلة مسموعة، بعيداً عن الاحتكارات الحكومية، أو التجارية، بحيث تكون نقطة انطلاق جديدة لكل من يريد الخوض في تجربة الاذاعات المجتمعية المستقلة.

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التأسيس

"راديو يمن تايمز" هو أول إذاعة مجتمعية في صنعاء، حيث بدأ

للاعلام دور كبير ومهم في الدعوة للتغير السلمي , ولكن الصراع اعتاد ان يترك اثرا سلبيا واضحا على طابع استقلال الاعلام مما اثر بشكل مباشر على معايير اساسية مثل الحيادية والموضوعية.

وهنا يسعى "راديويمن تايمز" لتعزز من دور مؤسستها الاعلامية المستقلة لتصل الى كل من لا تصل اليه صحيفة اليمن تايمز لتكون من الاذاعات الرائدة في اليمن على الرغم من عدم وجود قوانين ناظمة لعمل الاذاعات الخاصة في اليمن.

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يعمل "راديو يمن تايمز" على طرح للجمهور اليمني وجهة نظر جديدة واعلاما جديدا يعايش قضايا المواطنين الذين يجيدون





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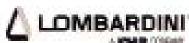
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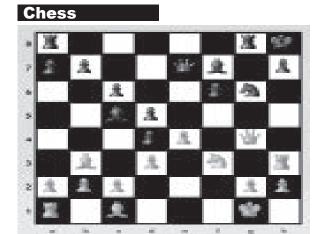


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Downpour causes rockslides as Yemen moves into rainy season

Story by Nasser Al-Sakkaf Photo by Ali Al-Moshki

he road that connects the governorates of Taiz and Sana'a was blocked on Saturday by rockslides that came following heavy rainfall in the Sumara area, a rocky plateau in the governorate of Ibb

Yemen's Civil Defense removed the rocks on the same day. Traffic is back to normal, officials reported.

Heavy rains were reported in many governorates. Four houses in the Bani Al-Harith district of Sana'a flooded on Thursday, but no casualties were reported. In Asser Area, in central Sana'a, two cars were crushed by rockslides and the road was blocked for around 12 hours.

Colonel Abdulkareem Al-Bukhaiti, director of the Civil Defense in Sana'a—which typically deals with the aftermath of flooding, rockslides or other natural disasters—said that people who leave their cars in places that are threatened by landslides or who build their homes in areas known to flood are acting irresponsibly.

"The deficiency of equipment in the Civil Defense in Sana'a worsens the matter and obliges us to request help from the Public Works Office which cooperates with us," he added.

The Civil Defense has previously suggested the Capital Secreteriat install alarms in Al-Saila, the wide canal that runs through the city to reroutes rainwater to the outskirts of

the city. Al-Saila floods regularly and sometimes catches pedestrians and vehicles in the water.

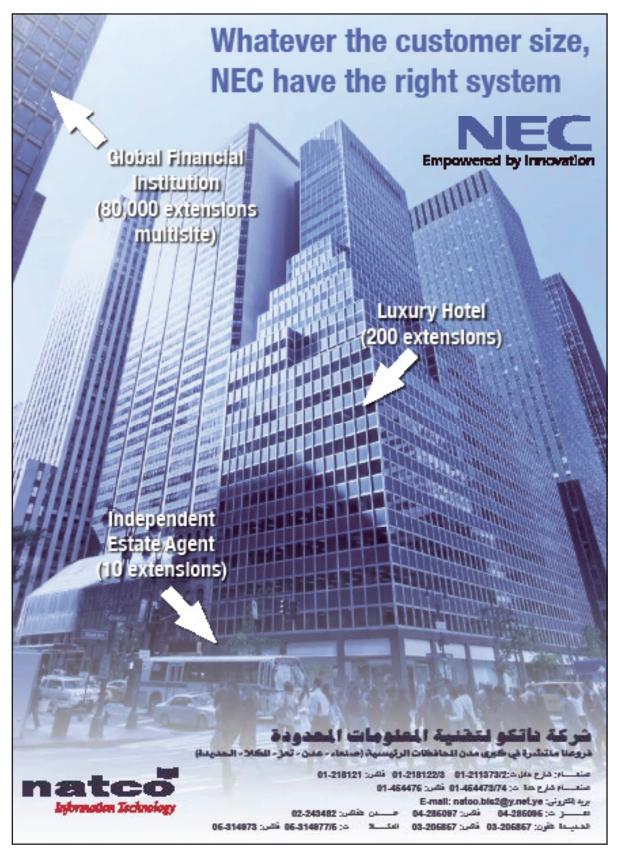
Engineer Abdulkareem Ata, director of the Public Works office in Sana'a, said several roads, such as Suq Ans Road in Al-Safia area flooded during the recent downpours. Lack of road maintenance—and the unregulated digging of local sanitation systems—can exacerbate the problem of flooding, Ata said.

Yemen's rainy season typically runs from March through August.

Last week, the Yemeni Meteorology Center aired warnings on television and radio. Text messages were also sent, warning Yemenis not to drive in Al-Saila or walk in high areas or roofs. No one should go swimming, the center advised.



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