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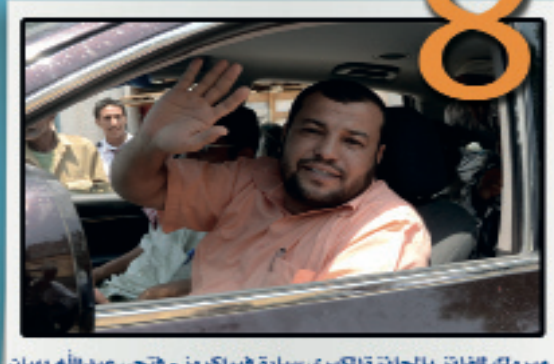
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Living on the edge: A motorcycle stunt team from Saudi Arabia left an impression on Yemeni fans during their shows at the Summer Tourism Festival, which came to an end this week. Eight motorcyclists wowed crowds with their often dicey moves. "We like to entertain," said one biker. *Read more on page 10.*
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Southerners celebrate anniversary of Southern military's founding

Many question symbolic meaning of celebration

Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki

ADEN, Sept. 2 — Thousands of soldiers dressed in the original uniform of the Southern army marched in the streets of Aden on Sunday to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of the armed forces' inception.

This is the first public celebra-

tion of the South's army since 1990 when Yemen's North and South unified as one nation. Thousands are reported to have gathered at Military Parade Square in Aden to watch as men performed routines with their guns and marched in uniform.

Many high-profile Southern Movement leaders attended the event, including Brigadier Nasser Al-Nobah.

The parade is taking place at the same time that Southern Movement leaders are boycotting Yemen's ongoing reconciliatory talks

at the National Dialogue Conference (NDC). Leaders have suspended their participation until certain stipulations are met, such as moving the conference abroad.

Although Al-Nobah said he was pleased with the event, he said if organizers had more uniforms on hand the parade would have been that much bigger.

"100,000 soldiers would have participated," he said.

Al-Nobah didn't deny that there was a message behind the day's event. He said he and other leaders want the international commu-

nity to know that the South will not give up on its calls for secession, a stance many Southern Movement leaders have taken.

A political analyst at the Madar Strategic Center, Dr. Fadhl Al-Rabei, downplays the fear expressed by some that the South may resort to military action if NDC talks fail. However, it is "a message to the National Dialogue Conference that the Southerners do not care about the results of the dialogue."

Hospitalized soldier dies from injuries sustained in Air Force Bus bombing

No new details have emerged from ongoing investigations

Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki

SANA'A, Sept. 2 — A soldier who was injured in last week's explosion on an Air Force bus in Sana'a died in the hospital on Sunday from injuries sustained in the bomb blast, an Air Force spokesperson confirmed.

Corporal Sadeq Mohammed Abdullah Sabr was seriously injured in last Sunday's bombing, in which one other person died immediately and 24 others were injured. Sabr lost his legs in the blast and died while receiving treatment at Sana'a's Military Hospital, Abdulrahman Al-Helali, the Air Force spokesperson said.

Last Wednesday, it was announced that Sabr and four other seriously injured soldiers would be moved abroad for treatment.

"The four injured soldiers were urgently sent to Jordan on Sunday

after Sabr's death," Al-Helali told the Yemen Times. But, Al-Helali would not comment on the reasons that delayed Sabr and the others' transfer to facilities abroad.

Meanwhile, officials have announced no new findings in ongoing investigations of the bombing. Last week, officials said they believed the bomb had been detonated remotely and that the vehicle had been kept at the bus driver's house the night before the explosion. They emphasized that this did not imply that the bus driver had been involved in the incident.

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"It's not about killing anyone, but about sending a message."

—An anonymous government official on the alleged assassination attempt on Yemeni Prime Minister Mohammed Salim Basindowa's life on Saturday. (McClatchy)

"I want my show to be eye-catching and full of music and lights."

—Saudi motorcycle stuntman Suliman Al-Jameeli on how he makes crowds swoon when he performs with his bike.

"The cemetery and memorial are nice, but it would be better if the government fulfilled its pledge to pay monthly salaries to [the fallen's] relatives."

—Talal Taher, whose brother Maher was killed during Yemen's 2011 uprising, on a partially-funded memorial project that would honor those who died while protesting in 2011.

Yemen flash floods damage IDP camps

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Mazraq camp, near Haradh for IDPs displaced by the six conflicts in northern Yemen between Houthi rebels and government forces.

DUBAI, Aug. 28—Flash floods have destroyed half of the tents and caused widespread damage at three camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs) near Haradh, northwestern Yemen.

More than 8,000 camp residents are affected, while over all the torrential rains and flash floods, which started in mid-August, have killed 39 people and destroyed homes, schools and infrastructure.

"The tents were old and leaking, and UNHCR [UN Refugee Agency] was preparing to replace them before the storm hit," said

Erich Ogo, public information and advocacy officer for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

"It was tough for the IDPs, as they scrambled to cover food and other items that could be damaged by the water and protect children from the heavy rain."

The three Mazraq IDP sites were set up in Hajjah Governorate on the border with Saudi Arabia when Yemenis fled from neighbouring Sa'dah Governorate in 2009 during a civil conflict between the army and Zaidi Shi-ite Houthi rebels.

Although a truce has held since 2010, most of the displaced have yet to return, fearing more insecurity and awaiting reconstruction.

In addition to the tents, the winds damaged more than 600 latrines; 20 classrooms and outpatient rooms at ADRA's (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) clinic were also "extensively damaged", according to OCHA.

UNHCR has started handing out 1,000 new tents to residents at all three sites, and further sup-

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plies are due to arrive from the capital Sana'a. Oxfam will rehabilitate 400 latrines, while the Ministry of Education is sending tents to replace the damaged classrooms. The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) is assessing the damage.

"Since the devastating floods of 2008, Yemen has made some progress in disaster risk reduction and is engaged in projects to reduce vulnerability to natural disasters," said Ogo. "For

humanitarian organizations, the latest flooding shows why early warning and pre-positioning of stocks in areas that are disaster-prone are important."

Aid agencies are not appealing for additional funding, but this year's Humanitarian Response Plan for US\$702 million is only 43 percent funded so far.

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Shahi Haleeb

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Sara Al-Zawqari

They say that we are one of the poorest countries in the world, they say our people live below the poverty line. But we cannot keep using "poverty" as an excuse, I refuse to accept that we are a poor country. Yemen is rich with culture, history and beautiful scenery.

God created Yemen with magnificent, diverse landscapes that include valleys, bays, shorelines, mountains, deserts, waterfalls, islands and our beautiful sky. Whoever hears of all this diverse landscape available in one country would be forgiven for believing that Yemen must have a booming tourism industry.

Countries are now creating artificial beaches, mountains and deserts. We, on the other hand, have everything ready-made—we don't need to build anything, we just need to take advantage of what we have. In addition to all of Yemen's natural wonders and beauty, we have human-built wonders like Zabid city, Sana'a's old city, Aden's Sahareej, Shibam, the throne of the Queen Sheeba, the Cairo fortress and many more historical marvels. Our simple ancestors left us an incredible history.

Many countries around the world depend heavily on tourism, and all they have to show for it are some recently built buildings or "historical" sites a few decades old. And in Yemen, history is everywhere—in every inch of the country there is something interesting to see. Just look at the Maldives, Dubai or Turkey and see how many billions they make a year from tourism alone. That's money Yemen could make good use of. Instead, we neglect and ruin our historical sites, leaving them dirty and risking Zabid and Sana'a's old city's statuses on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

Consider the millions and billions of dollars that have come into the country over

the years—look around and see if you can see the results of all that money. I don't know where it went! Well, I have an idea.

Should anyone consider visiting Yemen, a quick google search will expose them to hundreds of warnings and articles about terrorism, kidnappings and bombings.

As if murders and kidnappings don't happen in other parts of the world. When you type Yemen into a search engine, it is difficult to find anything that isn't negative. You're led to believe that you're insane and on a suicide-mission if you visit the country. If you choose to ignore all the hype and visit anyway, you will face a lot of visa troubles. Even the Yemeni government, represented by its embassies abroad, will tell you not to come and try to convince you it doesn't issue tourism visas. I've never seen an embassy encourage people not to visit its country. It's true that bad things happen, but there is more to Yemen than that.

Domestically, we should be calling for a better living—electricity, nutritious food and clean water. Our international requests should include encouraging people to come visit our magnificent country.

Dear Ministry of Tourism,

Can you please let me know what you are doing? The least you can do is start building a positive image of Yemen.

Stop blaming the security and safety situation for the lack of tourism. Brazil, South Africa, the Congo and Nigeria—all dangerous places—have better images than Yemen. You need to start thinking about Yemen as a brand that needs to be well-marketed.

At the very least, if we start thinking about Yemen as a tourist destination, those of us already inside the country can begin thinking about touring Yemen. It's difficult enough for Yemenis to get visas to travel abroad. There are places in Yemen that, if marketed properly, would discourage us

from spending all of our holidays abroad. Money would stay in the country, the economy would grow, and if we start enjoying our country, maybe others will to.

So many people crave adventure, and Yemen could be marketed as a place for diving, rock climbing and hiking. Stop blaming the security situation. Let the security forces do their jobs and you, Ministry of Tourism, do yours—or shut down, at least until the security situation improves.

Instead of preserving and taking good care of our ancient ruins, statues, sculptures and moments, we neglect them and allow them to be smuggled out of the country. Some spread stories about demons and genies that haunt these ancient places, frightening people away and leaving these areas vulnerable to theft. It gives them a green light to steal what they like and take it out of the country, selling our culture and history in the process. Many people have been caught at airports, seaports and checkpoints, but those who have not been caught are many. Even museums get robbed, and everything valuable trickles through the borders. Everything we'd rather do without makes its way to us through the borders as well.

If you wanted to go to a tourist location, you would not find proper roads or accommodation—all you would find is trash. Sometimes you reach your destination tired from the journey just to find that there is no water. All I know is that the government has neglected these places for years, instead of investing in them. If you go to Kawkaban and Shibam, home to the world's first skyscrapers, you'll have a rough time. There will be a small sign "welcome" you, followed by no one to explain anything to you. You'll have to knock on people's doors to get the story.

When you enter any museum, you simply hand over your ticket and enter. There is no guide, book, brochure or pre-recorded

tape to explain anything to you.

Stop blaming other countries for our failures, implying that they don't want us to move forward and develop. These countries care about their borders and as long as there is conflict here, they are invested in our future.

People don't understand the value of things we have, they don't see the potential in them. It's OKAY to throw our trash out wherever we happen to be or doodle on walls and buildings. This is our civilization, or history, we should learn to appreciate what we have and to take care of it. As for our government, it has a lot of responsibilities, but most importantly, it is obligated to stop the smuggling of our heritage through the borders. We have a gem, there is nothing inherently wrong with our country. What's wrong is the people who are running it.



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In the heart of Ibb

Old city hoards history but struggles with preservation

Story and photos by Ali Abulohoum

In the green, fertile mountains of Ibb governorate sits its largest city, sharing the same name as its region. Branded by its highlands, agricultural sophistication and rich history, the city of Ibb supports a population of what some estimate to be over 200,000. Within the hustle and bustle of this urban population lies the timeworn beginnings of this

town, Ibb's old city.

"Anyone who roams the streets and lanes of Ibb's old city feels the nobility and genuineness of the ancient humans who built this city in a visually striking way," said Ahmed Al-Nowa, the general manager of the Yemeni General Authority to Preserve Ancient Cities.

Although lacking the fame and international standing of the capital, Sana'a's old city, known as Bab Al-Yemen (the Gate of Yemen), which was added to the United Nations

run into disrepair, as have many historical sites in Yemen. UNESCO has threatened several times to kick both the ancient city of Zabid and Bab Al-Yemen off its heritage list and cut funding for construction violations that the organization says violates their preservation.

Without the help of global organizations like UNESCO, Ibb's distinct old city has struggled to meet people's changing modern appetites and preserve its heritage and unique architecture. Its buildings are often compared to those of mountainous villages, built with local stones.

Historically, natural gypsum-based plaster was used to bind stones in its construction, but in recent years cheap and readily available cement has replaced the ancient technique.

Historians believe the city of Ibb was conceived as a trade hub in the Arabian Peninsula. The city was built on a plateau and for protection from invaders, it was built with high walls, recounts Dr. Najj Al-Aswad, a history professor at Ibb University.

The head of the economics department in the Studies and Researches Center at Sana'a University, Dr. Abduldaem Al-Hadad, who also grew up in Ibb said the fall of the imam's regime in the 1962 revolution in Yemen, marked the beginning of a new era for Ibb's old city.

During the revolution many of the old city's trademarks were destroyed by soldiers fighting against the rule of the imam.

"Soldiers thought they were ridding Yemen of its backwardness and symbols representative of [pre-revolutionary] Yemen," Al-Hadad said.

However, in recent years the city has



One of the city's entrances after renovation.



Unlike Sana'a's old city, Ibb's small streets do not allow for cars in its narrow alleyways.



Renovation projects in Ibb's old city were underway but stopped in 2011 due to Yemen's popular uprisings.

Among the landmarks destroyed were the five original entrances to the walled old city.

In 2008, the government funded a project to repair the entrances but many criticized the restoration's use of cement and making the structures appear too modern.

An influx of immigrants to Ibb from rural villages in 1962 because of changing economic structures also had an impact on the old city. More people meant an increased demand for housing and goods. People began building more stories on their houses and adding buildings for new restaurants and shops. With no sort of construction

code, Al-Hadad says structures went up haphazardly using modern materials.

Al-Hadad says the old city that exists today is only a fraction of the one he remembers growing up.

One of his fondest memories of exploring the winding alleyways of the old city when he was a young boy in the 1940s was the religious diversity.

Before the vast majority emigrated to Israel in 1948, Al-Hadad says there was a small but significant Jewish population in Ibb. Al-Hadad recalls no intolerance on either the part of the Jewish minority or the majority Muslim population, saying

the coexistence was just normal.

Today, residents and officials alike say Ibb's old city is in need of repair and preservation. In 2010, the General Authority of Preserving the Antique Cities funded a project that was meant to repair buildings while maintaining the historic and traditional integrity of the area.

The project began with the initial goal of restoring 17 buildings. However, in 2011 when Yemen's popular uprisings began, with only construction finished on only four homes, the project came to a halt, Al-Nowa said. To date, Al-Nowa says there hasn't been any interest to pick up where they left off.

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- ❖ Supervising the performance of the advertising, circulation and marketing departments
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- ❖ Observing media market development and identifying significant changes for the CEO and other associated colleagues
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- ❖ Maintaining relations with clients and suppliers

Required qualifications:

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- ❖ A comprehensive knowledge of Yemeni markets and environment
- ❖ A minimum of a bachelor's degree in management or a relevant field
- ❖ Leadership, team work and communication skills
- ❖ A demonstrated commitment to professionalism and demonstrated experience in achievement

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- ❖ الإشراف على الإعلاميين وأداءهم المهني وتطويرهم الوظيفي
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- ❖ التأكد من سلامة العمل وسرعته وانتظامه

الصفات والمؤهلات المطلوبة:

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- ❖ يحل محل المدير العام في حال غيابه / غيابها
- ❖ الإشراف على العقود مع العملاء والموردين
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المؤهلات المطلوبة:

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“We all agree that the apology is too late and made by those not responsible for the war in the South.”

The National Dialogue Conference sits in a state of paralysis. After announcements at the end of the Eid holiday in mid-August, that several prominent Southern representatives were boycotting the National Dialogue Conference (NDC) sessions, lawmakers and others scrambled to find an appropriate solution to lure the Southerners back to the dialogue table. Boycotting Southerners have made demands such as moving the conference abroad. They also say they are still waiting on the implementation of the 20 Points and then the additional 11 that were more recently added, a list of stipulations to that have been made to condition Southern participation. Some of the demands made in the list of 31 points like an apology for the 1994 Civil War, which was fought under the rule of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh, have recently been fulfilled. Earlier this month the transitional government officially extended an apology, which has been both praised and criticized. But, many have said the move is not enough.

In an interview with Brigadier Nasser Al-Taweel, a Southern Movement representative at the NDC, he explains why some Southerners have maintained their boycott.

Amal Al-Makhadi, an NDC member representing Houthi interests, a group that also received an apology for wars waged against them the past decade in the North, also weighs in on making the dialogue work and what should happen next.

Interview and photo by Mohammed Al-Hasani



Why did you demand an apology?

Nasser Al-Taweel: First of all, we are not calling for an apology today. All in all, we demanded the restoration of Southern people's rights. But Sana'a's regime turned a deaf ear to our calls. This apology came as part of a continuous demand to implement the 31 points in order to prepare the political climate for dialogue. Honestly speaking, the apology was supposed to be made by the parties that launched the war, not by the government on their behalf. Also the apology was not enough. Tangible procedures should follow.

Was the apology one of the 31 points you mentioned?

Al-Taweel: The apology is a question of morality, and it should be made without a demand. Words are not enough without deeds. For example, if you harshly beat my head, I don't need just an apology. First, I need medicine so that my head feels okay. It is not enough to

say I apologize to you and then get off. The South has suffered greatly. The South was occupied by tanks, planes and cannons. It was

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entirely destroyed in a systematic way. Even the identity and the history of the South were wiped out. This caused the Southern people

to take the streets, asking for their rights.

Did the [transitional government's apology for the 1994 Civil War] live up to your expectations?

No, it did not. It was incomplete, and crimes committed in the South were not reconciled. The apology called the war in the South a moral fault. This is incorrect. What happened was a serious crime. It was a war to occupy territory.

Do you have a specific outline for an appropriate apology?

Al-Taweel: First, the apology should be on the ground, and procedures to enable Southerners to restore their institutions and reclaim their [stolen] land plots should take place.

Sorry, you have not answered my question. Do you have a specific outline for what an apology should say and do?

Al-Taweel: Yes, we do. Firstly, violations committed against the South should be specified. Secondly, an apology for these violations should be made to Southerners, and this apology should address the consequences [of past mistakes]. Next, the Southern people should be given the right to self-determination. The unity they speak of does not exist anymore. Real unity took place before 1990. People used to respect one another in the North and the South and everyone was eager to achieve unity. Every day people took oaths to preserve unity because it was a common goal. But following unity and as a result of an [oppressive] Northern regime, we wanted the opposite, an end to unification. Unity was only a paper constructed by Ali Abdulla Saleh and Ali Salem Al-Beidh. After that, a number of Southern ministers travelled to Sana'a. They were assassinated. The 1994 Civil War broke out.

But unification came about based on agreements between representatives from the South and the North. It was not imposed by one party as you have stated.

Al-Taweel: That is true. But, an agreement to unify the two countries was only one page. Two systems and the agreement of two republics was just one page. This is a farce. When Sudan went through something similar, there was a 5,000 page document produced.

Is the number of pages that important?

Al-Taweel: It is important in order to guarantee the rights of people. However, the unity agreement wasn't that transparent. Proof of this is that a series of assassinations took place after unity. 129 people were assassinated in Sana'a streets.

The apology is a step that must be followed by several steps.

Should former Southern President Ali Salem Al-Beidh apologize to the South as well?

Al-Taweel: Yes, he should apologize to the South because he caused problems there.

Do you think the government's apology is a sign of the current government's goodwill and seriousness towards the Southern Issue?

Al-Taweel: We hope it is, but we are waiting for the government to implement procedures on the ground.

Some say the Southern Movement has varying stances on the government's apology. Does this reflect ongoing disagreements between Southern Movement factions?

Al-Taweel: Although there are different visions, objectives and principals remain the same. We don't have different stances about the government's apology, [only opinions].

But, media outlets have reported that some Southerners have publically rejected the apology and others accepted it conditionally?

Al-Taweel: That's not true.

So, what is your collective stance?

Al-Taweel: We all agree that the apology is too late and made by those not responsible for the war in the South. We want a real apology on the ground.

Is it fair to say the apology is a crucial step to address the Southern Issue?

Al-Taweel: Yes, but only if followed by effective procedures. If not, the apology is only an attempt to convince the Southern Movement to sign on the outcomes of the NDC.

Let us shift to Ms. Al-Makhadi, what was your impression of the government's apology?

Al-Makhadi: The apology is a step that must be followed by several steps.

You accepted the apology as a positive move but some question the different stance you and the Southern Movement have taken?

Al-Makhadi: We feel Southerners have a larger grievance as they had a separate state. We believe they have the right to demand self-determination.

I think all Yemenis need an apology, not only for wars but for poverty, illiteracy and the current situation.

You only asked for an apology?

Al-Makhadi: No. In my opinion, the apology was a sign that the government is doing its duty. We accepted it to enable the government to implement more steps such as compensation and national reconciliation. [But,] we hoped Ali Mohsen Al-Ahmar would be the one to apologize to Sa'ada as he led the war.

Don't you think [the Houthis]

should also apologize because they were part of the war in Sa'ada?

Al-Makhadi: I think the party that initiated the war should be held accountable as the other party was only defending itself and was also a victim of this war.

Are you willing to apologize to the other parties affected by the Sa'ada war?

Al-Makhadi: We support national reconciliation because the state involved all tribes in the war.

But most of the affected residents in Sa'ada aren't associated with any political parties?

Al-Makhadi: I think all Yemenis need an apology, not only for wars but for poverty, illiteracy and the current situation.

[Back to Mr. Al-Taweel]. You have asked for equal representation between the North and the South in NDC sessions. Isn't this the same demand you had before participating in the conference?

Al-Taweel: First, we were invited by the international community and President Abdu Rabu Mansur Hadi to partake in the NDC. We discussed the roots of the Southern Issue and presented our vision to address it.

Why are you now demanding equal representation in the NDC?

Al-Taweel: This has been our condition since the Technical Committee [for the NDC] was established.

Some say you boycotted the NDC now to put more pressure on the conference.

Al-Taweel: Of course because none of our demands have been achieved so far.

[Ms. Al-Makhadi], what has been achieved for the Sa'ada Issue so far?

Al-Makhadi: Everything is still ink on paper and nothing tangible has been achieved so far. Reconstruction hasn't started and those affected haven't received any compensation so far.

Do you think the NDC will be extended?

Al-Makhadi: Yes, in order to compensate for the Southern movement's suspension period.

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On two wheels

Saudi biker group steals the show, wins hearts

Story and photos by Samar Qaed

There is no shortage of motorcycles in Sana'a, but the capital city added at least eight bikers to its growing list of motorists recently. The Sana'a Summer Tourism Festival, which came to an end on Sunday after a two-week run, invited entertainment groups from around the region to participate in the festival, including the Saudi biker team, Jeddah Cruise. The festival's crowds have dispersed and activities come to an end, but the talk surrounding Jeddah Cruise has not.

Loud applause and admiration welcomed the eight motorists as they performed their motorcycle stunts during the festival. It was the group's first performance in Sana'a.

The group performs dicey tricks that include raising their motorcycles in the air until they are perpendicular to the ground while balancing on it.

"These shows are risky, but we like to entertain the audience," Ahmed said.

The Yemeni Red Cross was close by with a first aid kit in case of an emergency.

Established in 2006, Jeddah Cruise has participated in festivals in the Gulf, Jordan and Egypt. Eight of the team's 50 motorists attended this year's festival in Yemen, but more hope to participate next year.

"It's our first trip to Yemen, but Qasim Sallam from the Ministry of Tourism has promised us that we will be able to participate in festivals in Tareem, Hadramout and Hodeida next year," said Ahmed of Jeddah Cruise.

Suliman Al-Jameeli is the oldest biker on the team. After retiring from a Saudi government job, the 65-year-old decided to spend his days entertaining folks with his motorcycle. He's been riding since he was 10-years-old.

Al-Jameeli has been doing stunts with the group for three years.

"I want my show to be eye-catching and full of music and lights," said the man.

During his short time in Yemen, he immersed himself in the culture—Al-Jameeli was chewing qat, a mild narcotic leaf consumed by much of Yemen's population, during his interview for this article.

The team enjoyed interacting with the local community, they say. They took orphans and persons with disabilities for rides on their bikes.

"They enjoyed themselves," Al-Jameeli said.

While Al-Jameeli is the oldest member of the team, Abdullah Aseeri, is the youngest at 18. He's been riding for two years and earned a reputation for being a crowd favorite at the festival.

Aseeri told the Yemen Times that a motorcycle is the most convenient form of transportation in Saudi Arabia. But, he encourages riders to take safety seriously and wear helmets and protective gear to guard vulnerable body parts such as elbows and knees.

"I love traveling, and motorcycles make it possible to travel very quickly," he said. After their return to Saudi Arabia, Aseeri and his teammates plan to ride their motorcycles to Qatar. They've previously traveled to Dubai together on their bikes.

The team says they enjoyed their time in Sana'a, but hope they will be given more space next year for their show so that the team can perform tricks together, instead of one-by-one.

"Yemen is a beautiful country. Before I left for Sana'a, my mother made me a list of items to bring back for her. She specifically requested silver and precious stones," Aseeri said.

This year's festival was the sixth of its kind held in Sana'a. The festival included traditional and modern entertainment from around the region, including Egyptian dancing, handicrafts, camel-jumping and several booths highlighting Yemeni cultural heritage.

The deputy head of the Tourism Ministry, Abduljbar Saeed, said the festival attracted 30,000 visitors daily and 50,000 visitors per day during the weekend. This was the first festival since Yemen's popular uprising began in 2011, which resulted in the ousting of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh and the shutdown of much of the country's infrastructure and weakening of its tourism industry.



The oldest member of the motorcycle team is 65-years-old, and the youngest is 18.



The group says they look forward to returning to next year's Summer Tourism Festival.





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Location: Say'un
Duration: 18 months

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Qualifications for applicants for this post are:

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- Knowledge of Sand Dams construction and preparation of designs and Bills of Quantity for tendering works for Sand Dams construction are essential;
- Experience of participatory design processes encouraging community involvement in design decisions;
- Knowledge of the action mechanism according to the methodology of "Cash for Work";
- Sufficient knowledge of the nature of the project areas considered an advantage;
- Fluent (Speaking and writing) in English and Arabic are essential;
- Computer skills (MS Word, MS Excel, MS project,...);
- Willingness to work and travel in the field.

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Location: Say'un
Duration: 12 months

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and communities; and to conduct field-based distributions of NFIs in villages and schools.

Qualifications for applicants for this post are:

- University degree in health;
- Fluent (Speaking and writing) in English and Arabic are essential;
- At least three years program officer experience, preferably on US-government funded public health programs;
- Computer skills (MS Word and MS Excel software);
- Willingness to work and travel in the field.

OPERATIONS OFFICER – 1 post

Location: Say'un
Duration: 18 months

Under the direction of the Operations Manager, the Operations Officer will conduct the administrative, human resources and office procurement in Say'un field office; ensure all filing, paperwork, and tracking systems are set up according to IRD policies and procedures and are followed on the daily basis; track leases, vehicle rentals, local transportation expenses; time sheets; vacation and leave forms;

Qualifications for applicants for this post are:

- At least a diploma in management, administration or related subject;
- At least three years administrative or office management experience with an INGO;
- Fluent (Speaking and writing) in English and Arabic are essential;
- Computer skills (MS Word and MS Excel software).
- Ability to manage and operate independently.

FINANCE OFFICER - 1 post

Location: Say'un
Duration: 18 months

Under the direction of the Country Director/ Finance Manager, the Finance Officer will manage the field based payments, cash payments and track the use of petty cash; maintain responsibility for the safe and the cash it contains; generate the general ledger on a monthly basis; ensure scanning and sending of all hard copies to Sana'a office,

ensuring all paperwork is present and maintaining accurate files; and ensure that IRD financial systems and procedures are being followed and maintained.

Qualifications for applicants for this post are:

- Minimum of BA in Accounting or Finance or related field;
- At least three year experience as an accountant, finance officer with an INGO – preferably on a US government funded project;
- Fluent (Speaking and writing) in English and Arabic are essential;
- Excellent computer skills (MS Word and MS Excel software);
- Ability to manage and operate independently.

DRIVERS – 3 posts

Location: Say'un
Duration: 18 months

Under the direction of the Operations Officer, the Drivers will drive safely and in accordance with the posted traffic laws; assure that IRD staff and other persons are transported in a safe and secure manner; insure that the IRD vehicles are maintained in good working order and properly cared; maintain vehicle log book/s; assist Operations officer in coordinating vehicle assignments, and report any vehicle damage or malfunction to the Operations officer; undertake the delivery of mail, materials, and equipment; and undertake other duties as required.

Qualifications for applicants for this post are:

- At least completion of High school education is required,
- Have a valid driving license;
- Excellent driving skills and a safe and clean driving record;
- Good knowledge of English and excellent knowledge of Arabic are essential;
- Previous driving working experience with NGOs or other INGOs desired;
- Basic First-Aid knowledge;
- Ability to work effectively in a fast-paced, stressful environment;
- Must be flexible, willing to perform other duties and work irregular hours.

Application Procedure:

For all positions, applicants should send a CV and covering letter, both in English, to irdyemen@irdglobal.org with the title of the position you are applying for in the title of the email.

The closing date for applications is Saturday 21st September, 2013.

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Republic of Yemen

Ministry of Finance

Public Finance Modernization Project-(PFMP)

IDA Grant No. H6350/Ry

Procurement of Computing Platform for Datacenter and Backup Sites

ICB No. 4/C2.1-A/G/ICB/PFMP/13

1. This Invitation for Bids (IFB) follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in UNDB online and dgMarket website on. September 01 st, 2013
2. The Republic of Yemen under Ministry of Finance has received a grant from the International Development Association toward the cost of Public Finance Modernization Project-(PFMP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under the contract for **Procurement of Computing Platform for Datacenter and Backup Sites** - ICB No. 4/C2.1-A/G/ICB/PFMP/13.
3. The Public Finance Modernization Project-(PFMP) serves as the implementing agency for the project and now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for Supply & Installation of Information Systems for Procurement of Computing Platform for Datacenter and Backup Sites- ICB No. [4/C2.1-A/G/ICB/PFMP/13].
4. Bidding will be conducted using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all Bidders eligible as defined in these Guidelines that meet the minimum qualification criteria set out in the Bid Data Sheet component of the Bidding Documents.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Public Finance Modernization Project-(PFMP) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 08:00 - 15:00 working hours (Sunday – Thursday)
6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **YER45,000** or in **US\$200**. The method of payment will be Cash.
7. Bids must be delivered in sealed envelopes (1 Original and 2 Copies) valid for **90 days** from the date of bid opening. The document will be sent by hand or by courier services for overseas delivery
8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **11:00am on Wednesday October 23th, 2013**. Bids need to be secured, and the amount of Bid Security required is **US\$85,000** valid for **120 days** at the Bidder's option, be in the form of unconditioned either a certified check, letter of credit, or a bank guarantee from a banking institution, or a bond issued by a surety. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below on **Wednesday October 23th, 2013 at 11.00am**
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10. Bids should be submitted with copies of valid Tax, Insurance, Charity (Zakat), and Trade Register Cards (*only for local bidders*).

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Still fighting years later

Displaced families file lawsuit against Al-Saleh Charity Foundation

Story and photos by
Ali Abulohoom

Politics often determine one's feelings about Sana'a's Saleh Mosque—the sprawling, \$60 million construction and namesake of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh, that has become one of the capital's most recognizable landmarks.

Saleh critics, many of whom participated in the country's 2011 uprising, have refused to enter the mosque, while many Saleh supporters make it a point to attend Friday prayer there every week. For a few Sana'ani families, the matter is beyond politics—it was their land that was taken for the mosque's construction, they say, and now they are filing a lawsuit against the Al-Saleh's Charity Foundation, which is being accused of coercing families into selling more land in 2008.

Construction on the Saleh Mosque began in 2000 and lasted for eight

years, finally being completed in 2008. Over 100,000 square meters of land were purchased to make way for the large structure, but only 27,300 square meters have been used for the mosque and mosque grounds.

Private land located adjacent to the structure was then again sought after in 2008 by the Al-Saleh Charity Foundation. Families say they were asked to sell their land for public projects like schools. But now, two families have teamed-up and brought a lawsuit against the Al-Saleh Charity Foundation, a non-governmental organization that says it is committed to reducing poverty, because they say they were deceived and ripped off when their land was sold a second time.

Families who sold their land to make way for the Saleh Mosque back in 2000 say they gave up trying to fight the sale after years of pressure from project coordinators. Because the land would be used to build a mosque, as opposed

to a shopping center or apartment building, the families say they re-lented sooner than they otherwise would have. Now with only 27 percent of the land being used for the mosque, families say they feel deceived.

Many of the families that were pressured to sell their plots adjacent to Saleh Mosque in 2008 are the same families who were pressured to sell in 2000. The Al-Kabli and Tamish families told the Yemen Times that they were forced to accept the price that was offered for their land the first time around. A committee determined the value of the land—far below market value, according to the families—and construction soon began, with or without a family's consent.

The families were told that because the land would be used for a mosque where attendants would be worshipping God, God would reward them in the afterlife if they conceded the land.

The majority of the land owners did not agree to the price set by the Compensation Committee, according to the families, who have discussed the matter with other land owners. There are a total of 13 families who own plots of land that were confiscated for the Saleh project in 2000.

Fuad Al-Kabli told the Yemen Times that though they disagreed and disputed the land offer, they never resorted to the courts because they feared retaliation and violence from the former president's forces.

Feeling they had little choice in the matter, Al-Kabli said his family accepted the compensation offered for the land.

The Yemen Times repeatedly contacted the Al-Saleh Charity

Foundation for statement, offering them an opportunity to respond to the accusations. A spokesman for the Al-Saleh Charity Foundation, Akram Bakr told the Yemen Times that he had no information regarding the matter.

Lutf Al-Usaimi's family also owned part of the plot that was used for the Saleh Mosque. Al-Usaimi's brother, Fuad, told the Yemen Times his brother lost his temper when workers came and started digging on the family's land. He considers it a forced sale, claiming that his family was coerced into accepting the offer.

Qanaf Tamish and his family owned 1,200 square meters of land that was sold.

When the family continued to reject the offered compensation package, soldiers from the Republican Guard began harassing them, they say. The crops they had planted were uprooted, removing an important source of income for the family.

Pressure mounted, and the Republican Guard troops soon built a fence around the family's home.

The situation became more than the Tamish family could handle. Republican Guard troops promised the family public sector jobs if they accepted the offered price, the family said.

Why accept promises of jobs from soldiers?

Because the elite Republican Guard troops, which were dissolved in a military restructure at the end of last year, have that sort of power and sway, Tamish said. "They control a lot."

The family says it never received the promised jobs.

The Tamish family now lives in



The Tamish and Al-Kabli families have asked the transitional government to help them with their case.

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"We live in an apartment in one of these [mass-produced] buildings while Republican Guard troops reside in our homes on Sabeen [Street]. Our only source of income after leaving our agricultural lands is a taxi," Tamish said.

After construction ended in 2008, digging began on the plot opposite the mosque. A map provided to Yemen Times shows that the second plot of land measured over 40,000 square meters. The Al-Kabli and the Al-Usaimi family owned the majority of the land bought in 2008.

That time around, the families really felt short changed. They were offered \$2,500 for every 44 square meters. But, Fuad Al-Usaimi says he could sell the same amount of land at market value and fetch \$60,000.

"We were forced to concede our land last time because their excuse was it was for a mosque. But why should we have had to concede our land a second time?" Al-Kabli asked.

Al-Kabli is the legal affairs manager at the state-run Al-Thwara

newspaper. In 2008, when news of the upcoming land grab arrived, Al-Kabli decided to challenge the Al-Saleh Foundation.

While visiting his plot, he was suddenly surrounded by a number of military forces, and he and six family members were eventually detained.

Al-Kabli's colleagues at Al-Thwara threatened to strike if he remained in custody. He was released from detention two days later, he says.

He filed a complaint with his district police station but there was little that could be done once the station manager learned that the complaint was against then-president, Ali Abdullah Saleh's forces, he says.

After repeated attempts, he finally convinced a prosecutor to refer his case to court. Given the proximity of the defendants with the former president, Al-Kabli said, the case has been postponed.

The families' lawsuit is the first of its kind. The families hope others will soon join, but say many fear retaliation from the former president's associates.



The Al-Saleh Charity Foundation has built a fence around the new plots of land they bought in 2008.

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Radio Yemen Times is pleased to announce its newest monthly initiative for its community service series, Hand in Hand.

This month in coordination with My Book Is Yours project-Yemen, a group of community activists, Yemen Times will be collecting children's books and other items to furnish small libraries to be established throughout the city. Radio Yemen Times is collecting both new and used items like shelves, chairs and notebooks. We invite you to join us and ensure the success of this initiative. Over the past four years, My Book Is Yours project has set up 10 small libraries and book cabinets in the city, including one in Al-Thwara Public Hospital and one in Al-Miqdad School in the Shumaila neighborhood.

For more information, tune into our radio show, Sabahukm Ridha, at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday.



يمن تايمز بالتعاون مع "مبادرة كتابي كتابك - اليمن"، تنفيذ مشروعها الجديد

يهدف مشروع كتابي كتابك لجمع كتب الأطفال القديمة والجديدة إضافة إلى المستلزمات الخاصة بالمكاتب (أرفف كتب، كراسي، ألوان، دفاتر رسم وغيرها من المستلزمات...)، ليتم بعد عملية الجمع إنشاء عدد من المكتبات الصغيرة، أو زوايا قراءة في بعض الأحياء التي تتضمن أماكن تهتم بالأطفال وباجبة لإنشاء مكتبات خاصة بهم. وتدعوكم لمد يدكم إلى يدنا ومشاركتنا في التبرع بتلك الاحتياجات، إضافة إلى دعوة الموهبين بالرسم للمشاركة في هذا المشروع من خلال مبادراتهم بالرسم في الجدران التي سيتم اختيارها كزوايا ومكتبات صغيرة لإنشاء أماكن خاصة بالقراءة للأطفال. خلال الأربع السنوات الماضية انشأت مبادرة كتابي كتابك- اليمن أكثر من 10 مكتبات وزوايا قراءة ضمن مؤسسات أو جمعيات أو مدارس في العاصمة صنعاء منها: زاوية القراءة بمركز الزيري التابع لهيئة مستشفى الثورة العلم، مدرسة المقداد في حي شميلة، اهداء قصص وكتب لدار الأيتام وغيرها من الأماكن.

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