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Aiming for victory: The women who participated in last year's shooting tournament at the Arab Women's Championship in the UAE said they tried to eavesdrop on other teams to hear instructions from coaches because they had none of their own. This year, 10 women are going to compete again. Their resources may be modest, but their ambitions are not. *Read more on Page 5*

(Photo by Samar Qaed)

Released kidnapped Dutch couple head home

Details of abduction have not been released

Ali Saeed

SANA'A, Dec. 11—A Dutch couple who spent six months in captivity after being kidnapped from their home in Sana'a flew home to the Netherlands on Wednesday morning.

Judith Spiegel, a journalist based in Sana'a, and her partner Boudewijn Berendsen spoke to reporters at Sana'a International Airport as

they waited for their flight.

Spiegel told media outlets that she and Berendsen were "treated very well" by their abductors.

Spiegel, who was working for various Dutch media outlets at the time of the kidnapping, had no information on whether a ransom was paid for their release or the identity of the kidnapers. Berendsen was employed in the insurance sector.

Local media outlet, Almasdaronline quoted Spiegel as saying that she "still loves Yemen."

The government of the Netherlands issued a statement on Tuesday welcoming the news of the

couple's release.

"The couple is in a good physical condition, extremely happy to have survived their ordeal unharmed and wishes nothing more than to be reunited with their family," the statement read.

Both the Interior Ministry and the Dutch Embassy in Sana'a declined to comment on the case.

Abdullah Al-Shulaif, head of the Raqeeb Human Rights Organization, a NGO that deals with issues related to kidnappings in Yemen, said the majority of abductions of foreigners end peacefully. Tribes will typically take hostages as a

bargaining chip with the central government to gain money or services.

He said the Yemeni government paid a ransom of YR65 million (about \$300 thousand) for another Dutch couple who were kidnapped in 2009 and held for two weeks.

"The government handed the cash to the abductors through a tribal mediator," Al-Shulaif said.

Yemen has an anti-kidnapping law that was signed in 1998, which says convicted kidnapers are subject to the death penalty. Al-Shulaif says no one to date has been sentenced to death under the law.



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Will we or won't we?

Yemen unlikely to join GCC if union is formed

Mohammed Al-Hassani

SANA'A, Dec. 11—Yemen's chance to join the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will be slashed should the organization decide to form a union, political analysts say. But the move has not been embraced by all members of the GCC, who are unlikely to trade in sovereignty for integration.

Earlier this week at the Manama Dialogue, held in Bahrain, Yemen's Foreign Minister Abu Bakr Al-Kirbi reiterated that Sana'a is willing to join the GCC and "now the decision is up to the council."

Given the sectarian conflict between Salafis and Houthis and the weak security and political situation in the country, the odds of Yemen being accepted into a union are dismal, said political analyst Adel Al-Sharjbi. As for joining the GCC, pre-union status, Qatar and its allies support the move while Saudi Arabia and its allies oppose it. The

Saudi influence is stronger in the GCC, he said.

"The issue of Yemen's joining the GCC is objected to by Saudi Arabia, who is competing for influence in Yemen," Al-Sharjbi said.

The 34th GCC summit is being held in Kuwait and discussions of a union are on the agenda.

The GCC currently consists of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar and Kuwait. Jordan and Morocco were invited to join the council in 2011 but have not taken steps to do so.

Oman has said it is not interested in joining a union but would not stand in the way of its formation. Oman would simply leave the GCC if it was formed, said Youssef bin Alawi, the Omani Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the GCC summit this week.

Analysts say that Oman, whose economy is strong and is not tempted by Gulf aid to join a union, fears

Yemen's integration into the GCC would depend on the Gulf countries' support for its economy

being pulled into regional conflicts. Despite ongoing tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran, Oman helped the United States and Iran with a breakthrough agreement in November regarding nuclear talks and is not interested in the sectarian Sunni-Shi'a conflicts in the region.

Oman's objection

Economist Rasheed Haddad said Yemen would be a major obstacle to forming a union if it joined the GCC, especially if the union formed a single currency.

"Yemen's integration into the GCC would depend on the Gulf countries' support for its economy," he said.

Concerning the Yemeni ministries that have partially joined the GCC, Al-Haddad said it's only a form of cooperation. Yemen has already joined the GCC's health, culture, sports and labor councils.

"The gulf offered support to Yemen by employing Yemenis," said

Omar Al-Hassan, head of the Gulf Center for Strategic Studies. But the expulsion of over 1 million Yemenis in 1990 because of Yemen's support for Iraq during its invasion of Kuwait had severe consequences for Yemen's economy.

In 2013 alone, amendments to Saudi labor laws saw the deportation of about 170,000 Yemeni migrants, according to the Yemeni Expatriates Ministry.

Al-Hassan says the capital, Sana'a, reduces Yemen's odds for joining the GCC because it is so unlike the capitals of the other Gulf states with regards to security and the economy.

What it has going for it is its strategic location, he said, for military purposes.

According to a new report by the Gulf Research Center, Yemen's integration into the GCC will depend on Yemen's commitment to the economic and political conditions the council enforces.

"Yemen is still facing internal challenges and obstacles that need radical solutions," wrote Abdulaziz Sager in the report. "If these obstacles continue unresolved, this will have a negative impact not only on the internal situation in Yemen but for its regional and international relationships as well."

Yemenis are mixed on whether the country should join the GCC. Government employee Sharf Al-Murtadha, 29, said the economy prevents Yemen from joining the council.

"The difference between our economy and the Gulf is huge. We cannot join the GCC while we face such enormous economic issues," he said.

Some Yemenis, such as 33-year-old shopkeeper Essam w, do not trust the Gulf.

"He's a fool who thinks that the Gulf states want to snatch us from poverty because they believe they are happy if we are not."

Government 'incapable' of dealing with attacks on electricity

Officials say NDC is hurting rather than helping the problem

Nasser Al-Sakkaf

SANA'A, Dec. 11 — Destructive attacks on power lines have cost the nation millions in losses and citizens hours of painstaking frustrations. But according to the minister of electricity and energy, those responsible for the attacks are going to continue to go unpunished as long as the country sits in a transitional limbo.

Since the beginning of this year, over 45 attacks on power lines have been reported, according to the Public Electricity Corporation.

In a speech delivered on Sunday at the Ghalib Al-Qurshi Forum, a weekly event that gathers leaders to discuss a myriad of issues in Yemen, Saleh Sumei, the electricity minister said the absence of state security has directly led to increased attacks on electricity infrastructure.

He said the ministry has a list of names of culprits that have been handed over to the Ministry of Interior.

"The two ministries agreed one month ago to try the accused without them being present in court," Al-Qurshi said.

"There will not be punitive measures against the saboteurs prior to the end of the National Dialogue Conference [NDC]," he said. "But after the conclusion of the dialogue, you will see another face of the state."

Many have blamed the transitional government of ineffectiveness. The NDC, stipulated as part of Yemen's transition after its 2011 uprising, is supposed to pave the way for the drafting of a new constitution and national elections.

"The state is confused and incapable of facing the problem," said Dr. Ghalib Al-Qurshi, a parliamentarian and the head of the forum.

Al-Qurshi says that tribes, who are typically responsible for attacks on infrastructure, have been cooperative with the government in identifying guilty parties. Tribesmen often use the attacks to pressure the government to provide them with services and jobs.

"It is believed that some NDC members are cooperating with the electricity saboteurs," Al-Qurshi said. "So if the saboteurs are punished now, this will impact the progress of the NDC. On this basis,

it is preferable punishments are delayed until after the dialogue."

Security researcher Mohammed Al-Khalid said too much politics was at play.

"We are in a critical phase where all sides are trying to be pleased," he said. "The capture of the accused may compound the problem rather than contribute to solving it."

Abdulrahman Saif, the director of the Public Electricity Corporation, said it would take a lot of effort on the part of the government to tackle the problem.

"It is not possible for the Ministry of Electricity to single-handedly catch and try these saboteurs," he said.

According to Sumei, Yemen is only producing about 15 percent of its electricity needs, a problem compounded by the attacks on infrastructure.

Sumei also estimates that 60 percent of Yemen's population in rural areas live without electricity.

"If the state punished the saboteurs immediately, beginning with the first destructive act, this issue would not be going on," said Sheik Jabal Tuaiman a parliamentarian from the rural Marib governorate.

"Unfortunately the state has not been serious about penalizing the attackers."

Yemen fulfills promise to create supervisory body for donors' pledges

Roughly a quarter of aid money pledged to Yemen has been disbursed

Story and photo by Ali Abulohoom

SANA'A, Dec. 11 — Yemen may finally be able to more quickly and effectively have access to large sums of money that have been pledged as aid for a nation in the middle of a political transition.

On Monday in the presence of Mohamed Al-Sadi, Yemen's planning and international cooperation minister, along with the British minister for international development, Alan Duncan, Yemen's government officially established an Executive Bureau to accelerate the donors' pledges.

The creation of such a body has been sought after by the donors, known as the "Friends of Yemen" since a meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in September 2012 in which the international community gifted \$7.9 billion to Yemen.

However, Yemen has received only a fraction of the money due to Yemen's history of corruption and lack of transparency, something the

new bureau is supposed to remedy.

The World Bank says that as of September, of the almost \$8 billion pledged over a year ago, \$6.9 billion has been allocated to specific programs and \$2.2 billion has been disbursed.

"The bureau was established to make sure the pledges that Yemen is supposed to receive are properly used in the field of public service and developmental projects," said Hadi Al-Arabi, the manager of new bureau.

"The Yemeni government will use pledges to improve education, health services and to provide people with pure water and food security."

"I am very proud to have been present at the launch of the Executive Bureau which promises to play a vital role in attracting the funding for projects which will drive faster economic growth and deliver real improvements to people's lives," said Duncan at a press conference at the British ambassador's residence on Monday.

Duncan also encouraged the Yemeni government to take measures to build its economy independent of donor aid.

"These steps include the lifting of fuel subsidies which absorb over a quarter of governmental expenditures, the abolition of ghost workers

and the establishment of a genuinely independent and effective anti-corruption commission," he said.

Although the World Bank has urged donors to follow through with their pledges, Yemen's slowness to enact economic reforms promised to donors has not instilled confidence, said economist Rasheed Al-Hadad.

Al-Hadad said Yemen's hesitance to do away with fuel subsidies is understandable given the country's current economic and political climate. While the international community argues the abolition of such subsidies would grow Yemen's economy in the long run, Al-Hadad says average citizens would be unable and unhappy to absorb the hike in price of fuel as a result.

Al-Hadad said Yemen also has to use the newly created oversight body to restore trust in Yemen's ability to effectively direct donor money towards development.

He said many of the plans to use the pledged money that have been put forward fall short of donor expectation which include support for the private sector and other ways to curb unemployment.

The Executive Bureau will be operated by the Yemeni government with cooperation and oversight from the U.K., the World Bank and the European Union.

Alleged drone strike in Abyan kills eight

Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki

SANA'A, Dec. 11—Officials and soldiers in the Ahwar area of Abyan said a drone strike killed eight unidentified people in Abyan Tuesday morning. The Ministry of Interior has not officially announced the strike on its website although the security chief of Abyan, who is employed by the ministry, says the strike took place.

"The armed men targeted in the last strike were [among] the most dangerous ones in the governorate," said Colonel Mohammed Donba, Abyan Security Chief, but did not provide names of the targeted men.

He said the strike took place in the Wadi Malaha area of Ahwar district.

According to Shaker Al-Ghadeer, a soldier in Brigade 111 positioned in Ahwar area, two vehicles were hit in the attack and everyone inside was burned.

Al-Ghadeer alleges that two soldiers from Brigade 115 who were believed to be spies working with AQAP were killed in the strike.

Brigade 111 said they informed citizens in Ahwar last week to prepare in case clashes between the state and militants broke out.

"Al-Qaeda insurgents have spread widely," said local resident Hadi Mohammed Ahwar. "Residents live in panic as the security

situation is not under control here. They are afraid of the shelling."

Al-Ghadeer said armed clashes broke out on Saturday and Sunday between alleged AQAP affiliates and the brigade. He said there were no deaths or injuries.

This came a day following the death of three alleged Al-Qaeda affiliates in a drone strike in Al-Qatan area of Hadramout.

On Monday, a believed American drone killed at least three people in the Al-Qatan district of Hadramout governorate. The Interior Ministry has not confirmed the strike nor the identity of the victims.

The United States continues to wage a controversial drone war in Yemen, with the support of the Yemeni government.

With every new strike, anti-drone activists continue to point out the lack of transparency and accountability of the program. Rights groups say dozens of civilians have died in the strikes.

"The drone attacks aren't justified as these armed men could be caught, imprisoned and tried," said Abdulrahman Barman, a lawyer and human rights activist with the National Organization for Defending Rights and Freedoms (HOOD).

A resident of Ahwar, Abdulla Dokhn, said, "We are afraid of the drone strikes and thinking of moving to another area."

Hadramout tribes give government deadline, call for withdrawal of troops

Tribes say they will assume government's role

Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki

SANA'A, Dec. 11—Tribes in Hadramout gave the government 10 days from Tuesday to withdraw military camps and checkpoints from the governorate, threatening to overthrow the government if their demands are not met. The threat was in response to the killing of a tribal sheikh at a checkpoint in Sayoun city last week.

Hundreds of tribal sheikhs from the governorates and thousands of residents met in Wadi Nahb of Ghail Bawazeer district on Tuesday to discuss the killing of Sheikh Sa'ad Bin Hamad Bin Habrish of the Al-Hamoum tribe and head of the Hadramout Tribal Federation. Three of Habrish's bodyguards were killed along with his at a checkpoint when the vehicle refused to stop for inspection at an entrance to Sayoun.

The assembled released a statement, calling on the government to remove the camps and checkpoints and declaring that Hadramout locals will take over the responsibility of security and military forces in the governorate.

Saleh Mola Al-Dwaila, the spokesperson of the Hadramout Tribal Federation told the Yemen Times that tribes are prepared to take over government duties and insisted that the tribes will do a better job at protecting the governorate

than the central state. "The military's presence is useless. Al-Qaeda affiliates come and go in the governorate, assassinations are commonplace and chaos is [everywhere]," Al-Dwaila said. "We will protect [Hadramout] ourselves."

He claimed all Southern governorates have sided with Hadramout and that many Southern sheikhs were present at the gathering on Tuesday. A pre-recorded speech by former

South Yemen President Ali Salem Al-Beidh was played at the gathering.

Sayoun security manager Col. Hussein Hashim said the government "will have an appropriate answer to the statement released by Hadramout tribes," and declined to comment further.

Sabri Omar Masoud, head of the Haq Foundation for Defending Human Rights in Sayoun said security forces removed four security check-

points in the past week and that the security presence in the city was visibly less.

"Armed tribesmen are all over the streets of Sayoun," he said.

Mohammed Ahmed Bahadad, a local in Hadramout told the Yemen Times that the entire governorate would participate in the overthrow of the government starting Dec. 20 if the government did not heed their warning.

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Jobs and training for university and vocational graduates

A new project under the Social Fund for Development is tackling one of Yemen's most pressing issues, unemployment.

The Wathba Project of Small Enterprises Development Agency is providing opportunities for young people to apply and get jobs through a six-month training project. The project aims to improve the private sector in Yemen and create work opportunities for the youth.

Mohammed Al-Awini, the project's director, said "The project aims to facilitate training opportunities within institutions for 400 male and female graduates of colleges and vocational institutes in Sana'a and Aden based on the private sector's needs."

The agency provides half a student's monthly salary for six months and the organization or company that the project helps the applicant get pays the other half.

Al-Awini said they are still accepting

applications from companies who wish to participate in the project. About 550 companies have applied so far. Interested companies are encouraged to apply through the organization's website.

In terms of individuals seeking employment and training as part of the project, about 2,000 have applied. The organization will continue to accept applications through Dec. 20.

Participants will be selected randomly at the beginning of January.

"We noticed that the private sector had an interest in providing training and jobs for thousands of students," said Wesam Qaed, the director of the Small Enterprises Development Agency. "The govern-

ment faces difficulty providing work opportunities for the youth. The Wathba project will attempt to eradicate unemployment [through these initiatives," said Al-Awini.

Khalid Abdullnasser, a project applicant, said he is excited about the prospect of being chosen.

"I have been looking for training and work since I graduated more than a year ago," he said.



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OUR OPINION

Reflections on last Thursday

What happened last Thursday was a tragedy on so many levels. Terrorism in and of itself is a problem, but the brutality and savagery of this attack was unprecedented in Yemen. Al-Qaeda released a statement denying involvement, even they are afraid of being linked to such ruthlessness.

The attack was initially planned as an assassination of President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi. The president's brother had been receiving treatment at Al-Urdhi hospital for some time. When intelligence confirmed suspicious movements around the hospital the night before, the president cancelled his visit.

Little did he know that the criminals would carry out their plan anyway. If they couldn't get the president, they would create as much damage as possible—taking innocent lives.

The terrorists went from floor to floor, opening fire at patients, doctors, visitors and anyone in their way. They even went into operating rooms and killed the medical staff performing surgeries and the patients under the knife.

People who survived the tragedy said the debris came from below and above and they thought it was judgment day.

President Hadi visited the scene and commanded the defense operations first hand from the site of the attack. He stayed until the early hours of the next day. He proved to be courageous, albeit reckless, and sent a reassuring message to all Yemenis: when the going gets tough, the tough get going.

As a military man, he did the right thing. But if something had happened to him, I don't know what we would have done. According to the constitution, if there is no deputy president, as is the case today, the speaker of parliament becomes president. I would hate for that to happen, he would be the worst leader for Yemen.

In the aftermath of the tragedy, when the dust had settled, I was shocked to learn that—unlike their male colleagues, the two female doctors who were killed in the attack were denied the honor of being buried in the Martyrs Cemetery. I knew women in Yemen were discriminated against but never imagined that the discrimination would follow us to our grave, literally.

Investigations are ongoing and new security measures are in place at key places. We lost many Yemeni lives and lost many of our international friends, who risked their lives to come to Yemen to help us. The silver lining is that what does not kill us as a nation, only makes us stronger. The country survived last Thursday and will come out stronger against terrorism and those who use it.

Last Thursday's event shocked Yemenis and made them reconsider their attitudes toward jihadists as well as violence in general. It has also provided Hadi with more domestic and international support and has made Yemenis love him more.

However, it has also quickened the urgency to end this transitional period and get to the real business of building our new Yemen. God have mercy on those whom we lost, and God have mercy on the living, that we may see these changes accomplished.

Nadia Al-Sakkaf

On the International Human Rights Day

For a bright future, Yemen must respect human rights

Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed

First of all, I wish to express my deepest condolences to the people of Yemen following the sad events of last Thursday. Our hearts are with families and friends of victims that were robbed of the most basic human right of all—the right to life. I have the whole U.N. family in Yemen with me joining in your grief of the lost lives and the wounded.

Last week also witnessed a great leader and global role model reaching the end of a fruitful and inspiring life. As we celebrate Human Rights Day (Dec. 10) this year, we remember how this leader started a global struggle that we are now left to continue. Nelson Mandela once said that, "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

Our freedom and our rights depend on each other. We are called to protect not only our own rights, but those of our sisters and brothers, regardless of race, religion, tribe, nationality or gender.

Respect for human rights principles stands at the heart of all the work we, as the U.N., are doing. This is not merely because it is universally and morally right, it is also because we firmly believe that respect for human rights is the only approach that will foster long term development, peace and stability in any country.

Yemen is facing many challenges and respect for human rights needs to be at the center of all activities addressing these. It includes political rights as freedom of expression and protection under the rule of law, but it also includes rights to basic social services as education and healthcare, and the right to food and clean water. We are committed to assisting Yemen in ensuring that people enjoy these rights.

The U.N. has a large family of agencies and programs present in Yemen. We have supported a draft law to establish an independent National Human Rights Institution in Yemen to ensure compliance with the Paris Principles. This was done in close consultation with civil society. The independent institution will address human rights violations committed by public authorities and needs to be endorsed very soon. We, as the U.N., are dedicated to provide technical support if required to build capacities of this institution.

We acknowledge the need for greater transparency and accountability for participation of individuals, women and marginalized groups into public life, and we welcome the positive achievements in this regard under the National

Dialogue Conference process. Bringing the political process forward, this trend needs to continue.

We recognize the importance of accountability for human rights violations committed in the past and the need for providing remedy and reparation to survivors. We commend the establishment of the National Commission of Inquiry and now call for the urgent need to appoint commissioners and make it fully operational.

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We work to support migrants and refugees with limited access to social public services, and build awareness on the difficult realities facing many refugees and migrants in Yemen. We are currently working with the Ministry of Human Rights to develop a law to combat human trafficking in Yemen and believe a firm and unified position against Human Trafficking and smuggling needs to be established. Currently, in addition to screening and identifications of victims of trafficking, we as the U.N. support victims by providing protection.

Half of all Yemenis are women. This is a resource the country cannot afford to ignore. We need to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women in law and in practice, including harmful practices such as female genital mutilation, and enhance participation of women in public life by introducing the 30 percent quota.

Addressing injustice faced by women and girls in Yemen includes the complete elimination of child marriages. It is a shame to still witness children being married off by family members against their will. We encourage the Yemeni government to set a minimum age for marriage, and to define by law what constitutes a child. This would enable actors like the government, the U.N. and the civil society to better ensure the protection of children and address harmful prac-

tices violating the rights of a child.

Yemen also needs to ensure that gender based and domestic violence is condemned in the country; there will be no free and prosperous future in Yemen unless we end degrading, harmful and life threatening domestic violence committed against women in their own homes.

Lastly I wish to again express our commitment to the people of Yemen. Together with the government, with the civil society, with international partners, but most of all with you Yemenis of all background and affiliation, we stand committed to support building a future for Yemen where all can live fulfilled lives in peace.

Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed is the U.N. resident coordinator based in Sana'a.



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Female shooters aim to take home the gold in Sharjah competition

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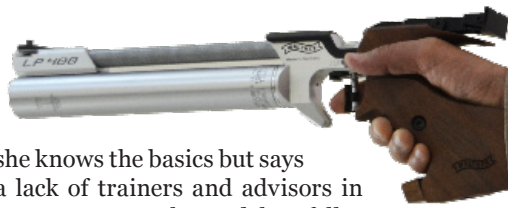
The heavy rifle Bushra Al-Khawlani holds steady as she prepares to shoot a target 10 meters from her seems out of place in her delicate, small hands. But this does not stop her from firing a round of bullets into a silhouette of a man printed on paper at the Al-Oroba Club.

Al-Khawlani is one of the 10 Yemeni women preparing for the Arab Women's Championship in

Sharjah, UAE in February. The championship will host shooting, basketball, table tennis and weight lifting competitions.

She was one of only three Yemeni women who participated in the championship last year, complaining that Yemeni women rarely receive invitations to participate in competitions outside the country.

Al-Khawlani was drawn to shooting because she loves the feel of a gun, loves holding it, aiming it and shooting it. A graduate of the Police Academy,



she knows the basics but says a lack of trainers and advisors in Yemen means she and her fellow teammates found themselves at the championship last year without knowing the rules.

"We had to try to get close to other teams so that we could eavesdrop and overhear the instructions by other coaches," said Afrah Al-Ansi, a teammate of Al-Khawlani's.

The girls soon found out that

participating required a uniform at the astronomical cost of \$3,000 per woman.

"We had no idea we had to wear a uniform. Fortunately, a Kuwaiti businessman bought them for us," Al-Ansi said.

The team still has last year's uniforms, but must make do with only three for their expanded team.

For Al-Ansi's teammate Kifaya Noman, the uniforms pose a bigger problem than having to share them with nine other women. None of the three uniforms fit her. Uniforms are the least of the team's problems, however.

"Unfortunately, we achieved nothing [last year]," Al-Ansi said.

Forty women from Yemen applied to participate in the championship this year, though ultimately only 10 were chosen.

Salal Al-Dali, another woman who will be competing in the championship, is a member of the Special Forces.

"The Yemeni flag has never been raised as a winner in this competition. I hope to realize this dream in Sharjah," she said.

With no shooting clubs devoted to women, females are forced to use male clubs when they are not crowded, Al-Dali said. Combined with a lack of resources, the women have had to get creative.

"We make the target silhouettes ourselves," Al-Dali said.

The hall the women often train in is only 10 meters long, though the one they will be shooting in Shajah will be 25, said Abdulghani Al-Wajeeh of the Police Shooting Federation who is helping train the women.

The women have had some success this year securing more

weapons and training. They now have 16 Olympic-quality weapons. This is a vast improvement over last year, when they had two rifles and two pistols to work with, Al-Wajeeh said.

The weapons were provided by the Women Sports Federation. The federation hopes to take the women to Sudan for a two-week long training course before the tournament, said Nadeema Abdulsalam, the head of the federation.

"We want to win," she said. "The girls will train for two months before the tournament."

"I expect positive outcomes from this training," she added.

Faisal Al-Arqban, who previously trained a Qatari team for two years, has come to Yemen to help prepare the Yemeni one. He gives instructions. Each girl shoots 10 bullets, followed by 40 more.

"We will surprise everyone this year with the Yemeni team's performance. We're going for the gold," he said.

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Rehabilitation center caters to victims of uprising, conflicts

Story and photos by Amal Al-Yarisi

Saad Hashim slowly makes his way down one of the corridors at the Artificial Limbs and Physiotherapy Center in Sana'a. The 22-year-old struggles, using his wooden crutches to limp towards his therapy appointment. Every morning the young man comes here to be among others who share in his physical struggles and to rehabilitate himself in a safe environment.

Located in the Hesaba district of Sana'a, the center is not only a daily destination for Hashim but for 200 other persons—including men, women and children—who are recovering from injuries or receiving physical therapy for birth defects.

Hashim found himself at the center after he was shot in his spine while participating in a protest during Yemen's 2011 popular

uprising. Now the center is like a second home for Hashim.

"Leaning to use the crutches has become much easier," he said.

The facility, which also has branches in Aden, Taiz and Hoideda, is constantly busy serving a population recovering from the wounds of the anti-government unrest. An estimated 29,000 were injured during Yemen's Arab Spring.

"The bulk of cases [we see] are victims of wars and armed clashes especially from 2011," said Dr. Ahmed Al-Sakkaf, a physiotherapist at the center.

Al-Sakkaf says many of their patients are also victims of the Sa'ada wars in the North. Fighting between a group known as the Houthis and government forces culminated in six wars between them from 2004 and 2010, leading to thousands of deaths and injuries.

In the center's equipment room,



A doctor at the Physiotherapy Center in Sana'a says the bulk of his cases are victims of the uprising or armed conflicts.

Ali Al-Faishani has difficulty trying to turn the wheel of a sports machine with his legs. He takes a deep breath and looks up to the

sky. It has been a long journey for him at the center since 2008 when his spine was injured by a bullet during the fifth war in Sa'ada.

"My life was completely changed as I was unable to walk," Al-Faishani says of the early days of his injury. He grew so frustrated that he eventually dropped out of physical therapy and just recently rejoined. Slowly he says, he is making progress.

"We supervise and help [patients] overcome obstacles," Dr. Zaid Al-Arasi, the supervisor of the exercises department said, describing the atmosphere at the center.

The center's artificial limb department is also full of victims from the Sa'ada wars and Yemen's most recent uprising. Just like the facility's other services—with the exception of a YR1,500 (\$7) fee—artificial limbs are made for the patients free of charge.

"Many have benefited from this service especially those who lost their limbs due to landmines," said Dr. Ali Ahmed, the supervisor of the department.

Most recently, the center opened a new department especially for women and children, two groups that are often marginalized in Yemeni medical care.



The center says it is having difficulties keeping up the large number of patients needing attention.

Since the center began receiving female and child patients seven months ago, Asma Al-Mahbshi, a physiotherapist in the women's department, said the center is having trouble keeping up with demand.

"The center's services are developing as patients [continue to come]," she said.

Al-Mahbshi says the majority of her child patients are recovering from injuries like fractures. There

is also a sizeable population with cerebral palsy.

Afrah Al-Matri, a 34-year-old patient at the center, who was born with lose control of her limbs—a condition doctors never diagnosed—says she is able to move for the first time in a number of years after beginning therapy.

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The Houthis and outside assistance Is Iran playing games in Yemen?

Mohammed Al-Hassani

Yemen, often the battle ground for proxy wars in the region, is no stranger to accusations that Iran funnels money into the country to fund a group known as the Houthis. The Houthis are Zaidi Shi'ites who have battled the government for power in Sa'ada governorate for almost a decade. In March 2011 during Yemen's popular uprising, the governor of Sa'ada fled and the Houthis took control of the area.

The group, often termed 'rebels' and 'militants', are controversial internationally for their anti-American and anti-Israel slogan.

However, they have growing political clout. The Houthis have made a name for themselves under their political wing called Ansar Allah at Yemen's National Dialogue Conference (NDC), where their delegates sit side by side with the nation's major political players, hammering out a plan for Yemen's future.

While the central government has been relatively welcoming of their presence at the dialogue and in the political scene, they have made it clear that the group's possible connection to Iran is worrying.

Yemen's minister of foreign affairs, Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi, interim President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi and Gen. Ali Hassn Al-Ahmadi, the head of Yemen's national security,

have all on separate occasions accused Iran of meddling in Yemeni affairs.

In 2012 and at the beginning of 2013, ships carrying war weapons including guns and missiles were intercepted off the coast of Yemen.

Yemen accused Iran of being behind the multiple shipments, although concrete evidence has never been made public.

wouldn't need to seek the financial assistance of outside powers.

"The Houthis amassed weapons from the Sa'ada wars and from open markets where weapons are sold. Some pro-Houthi military leaders help the Houthis and provide weapons for them," he said.

The Houthis fought six wars with the central government in Sa'ada between 2004 and 2010 under for-

"The former regime aimed to exert and get international and regional support using the claims of 'Iranian assistance' as a scarecrow," he said.

Al-Bukhaiti points out that the transitional government issued an official apology this year for the Sa'ada wars.

"It doesn't make sense that the government apologizes to the Houthis...and then has doubts about their patriotism," he said.

In a Wikileaks cable from 2009, Mohammed Naji Al-Shaif, a tribal leader with close ties to Saleh and his former circle, said that Saudi Arabian officials privately speculated that Saleh's claims of Iran propping up the Houthis were exaggerated to enlist Saudi support for the wars against the Houthis in Sa'ada.

Moreover, the U.S. previously admitted that they have no solid evidence linking Iran to the Houthis.

"Many of our friends and partners have talked to us about the possibility of outside support to the Houthis (rebels) and we have heard the theories about Iranian support to the Houthis," Reuters quoted then-U.S. Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs Jeffrey Feltman as saying at a regional security conference in Bahrain.

"To be frank, we don't have inde-



Are they or aren't they? Houthis are being accused of accepting support and weapons from Iran. Houthis say they have a large circle of domestic support and do not need Iran's help.

The Houthis have been adamant that they are independent of foreign influences. A political analyst, Ahmed Sinan, said there is not enough evidence to prove Iran is funneling money to the Houthis.

He argues the Houthis have enough internal support that they

mer President Ali Abdulla Saleh, who was ousted following popular protests in 2011.

Ali Al-Bukhaiti, the spokesperson for the Houthis at the NDC, said that accusations of ties to Iran are just a spillover from the former administration of Saleh.

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pendent information about this," said Feltman, who is now the U.N. under secretary general for political affairs.

But the Houthis growing power still leads many to believe that Iran is supporting the group.

Mohammed Al-Amrani, a local researcher concerned with Houthi affairs, said that the Houthis have expanded their presence in Medi Harbor in Hajja governorate. This seaport is strategically important and is where the Houthis are believed to receive weapons ship-

ments. Al-Amrani says weak government oversight in the area, a couple of security boats, has allowed the group to capitalize and take control.

"Lots of land plots and real estate have been bought by the Houthis or others loyal to them [near the port]," Al-Amrani said. "These lands were farms, but have been turned into arsenals."

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American-German committee investigates explosion at Defense Ministry

Rammah Al-Jubari

SANA'A, Dec. 11—A joint American-German committee will begin investigating the Defense Ministry attack on Wednesday, a source at the Defense Ministry told the Yemen Times on the condition of anonymity.

A preliminary investigation conducted by a Yemeni committee revealed that the explosives used in the bomb-laden vehicle that detonated at the ministry's gate were not made of TNT but some other unknown material. The American-German committee is a team of experts, the ministry told the Yemen Times and has advanced training and weaponry that Yemeni forces lack.

"Germany has the right to get involved in the investigation because two German doctors were killed in the incident," said security analyst, Saleh Al-Asbahi.

The attack on the Defense Ministry on Thursday left 56 people dead and 215 others injured, according to the Interior Ministry.

The campaign will be implemented in Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, Hodeida and Al-Mukalla.

Gharama said that UNHCR covered the campaign's expenses, the World Health Organization (WHO) trained the medical staff, the Health Ministry provided the necessary medicine and equipment, and civil society organizations participated in raising awareness via a media strategy.

Campaign organizers will be testing people in 12 locations in each of the five governorates.

Abduhafid Alward, the program's manager of surveillance and studies section, told the Yemen Times that

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Human Rights Ministry lacks budget to conduct desired field visits

Rammah Al-Jubari

SANA'A, Dec. 11—Yemen's Human Rights Ministry commemorated the International Human Rights Day in Sana'a on Tuesday. At the commemoration, the ministry called for more funds so that it can prepare a human rights strategy.

Yemen's Cabinet asked the Ministry of Human Rights to prepare a national human rights framework, but the ministry has been unable to move forward because of the lack of financial resources, said Hameed Al-Rafeeq, an advisor to

the ministry.

A committee was formed in June to prepare a strategy and to conduct a firsthand study, Al-Rafeeq said, but it did not have a budget for field visits.

"The committee is still searching for funds. The Human Rights Ministry is not able to fund the committee," he added, telling the Yemen Times that committee members need training and resources.

Minister of Human Rights Houria Mashhour said at the commemoration that Yemen has made large

strives in establishing protective measures for human rights.

U.N. special envoy to Yemen, Jamal Benomar, told the assembled crowd at the commemoration that gross violations of human rights continue to happen in Yemen.

"Based on my experience as a political detainee who spent eight years in prison [in Morocco], the Yemenis have a real opportunity to limit human rights violations through the success of the National Dialogue Conference and the progress of the transitional period," Benomar said.

AIDS campaign to test 8,000 people

Samar Al-Ariqi

SANA'A, Dec. 11—Yemen's Ministry of Public Health and Population in cooperation with the National AIDS Control Program (NACP) launched a campaign against HIV/AIDS in Yemen on Tuesday, testing 8,000 people for the virus in five Yemeni governorates.

The campaign aims to raise public awareness about the importance of early voluntary HIV testing by establishing field camps in densely populated residential areas in the governorates.

Fawzia Gharama, the NACP coordinator, told the Yemen Times that

"the five governorates will be covered in 10 days."

At a press conference held by the Health Ministry, Osama Muraei, a representative of the WHO, said the organization has worked to establish central medical centers for testing in each of the targeted governorates.

Majid Al-Junaid, the deputy minister of health, said that the number of HIV-positive citizens has increased in Yemen since last year.

As of November, there are 3,920 documented AIDS cases in Yemen, according to official reports. Yemen had 3,760 documented cases in 2012, an increase of 160 cases in a year.

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