

Country/entity Yemen

Region Middle East and North Africa

Agreement name Peace and National Partnership Implementation Agreement

Date 1 Nov 2014

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim arrangement Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Yemeni Civil Wars (1994) (2011 -)

The Republic of Yemen was formed in May 1990 after the merger between the Yemeni Arab Republic (YAR) in the north and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY) in the south. The unification process was rushed and the final agreement between President Ali Abdullah Saleh and President Ali Salem al-Beidh was based on the imperfect promise of equality. Following the merger, integration of the militaries and civil services was at best incomplete or at times entirely non-existent. When Saleh's General Congress Party (GPC) allied itself with the newly created Islamist Islah ('reform') party in 1993, the former ruling party of South Yemen – the Yemen Socialist Party (YSP) – was effectively side-lined in the 1993 General Elections. Violence involving the use of heavy weaponry and aerial bombardment erupted in April 1994 and on the 21 May 1994 Vice President al-Beidh declared the secession of the south, citing political centralization with the northern highland tribes, violence against the YSP and economic discrimination. In the midst of fighting, negotiations in Cairo, Egypt, collapsed. The war ended with the military victory of the north, and on the 1 October 1994, Ali Abdullah Saleh was elected President.

Despite the unification of Yemen in 1990, political power during the 1990s and 2000s remained centralized with the northern highland tribes, particularly the villages from which President Ali Abdullah Saleh and his confidants stemmed. The system of clientelism established through the ruling General People's Congress party maintained relative loyalty among the fractured political allegiances of Yemen's traditional tribal leadership. However, diminishing oil reserves and the shrinking opportunities for access to rent increased economic and political marginalization in Yemen's peripheral communities. The degree of regionalism of conflicts is further defined by other local grievances. In the northern governorate of Sa'dah, a backlash was provoked among the local Zaydi Shi'a against Sunni Salafist cultural incursions resulting in six wars between 2004 and 2010. In the southern governorates of Hadramawt, Shabwa, al-Dhali and Abyan, civil and military personnel forcibly retired after the 1994 Civil War began protesting and eventually formed the secessionist Southern 'al-Hiraak' movement in 2007. Furthermore, tribal grievances have spurred attacks on oil companies and government installations to extract rents. Various takfiri groups including al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula have also increased their presence since 1995.

The Yemen Spring in early 2011 allowed all these movements to express their joint displeasure. Moreover, factionalism in the regime split the already weak military and thus allowed the Houthis, the takfiris and tribal-based militia known as popular committees, to assert themselves militarily. Mandated by the UN-sponsored Gulf Cooperation Council Initiative, the National Dialogue held from March 2013 to January 2014 aimed at guaranteeing power-sharing among the different parties. However, the GCC Initiative only included formal political parties that did not accurately reflect political realities. Furthermore, provisions lacked adequate transitional justice and provided former-President Saleh, as well as others, full amnesty. As a result, little faith was placed in the process by formerly marginalized groups such as the Zaydi Shia Houthi rebels (Ansar Allah) and al-Hiraak who opted to increase their bargaining power vis-à-vis the state by strengthening their own territorial enclaves. In September 2014 the Houthis succeeded in capturing the capital Sana'a and gradually expanded their control southward. The subsequent UN-mediated Peace and National Partnership Agreement between transitional president Hadi and the Houthis on a federal, democratic Yemeni state, failed to be implemented as the Houthis successfully dissolved the parliament and deposed Hadi in January 2015. Following the Saudi military intervention to restore the Hadi government in March 2015, ceasefire attempts continuously failed. A two-year

Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Yemen peace process
Parties	<p>Hassan Mohamed Mohamed Zayd, al-Haqq Party; <small>20</small> <small>28</small></p> <p>Dr. Ahmed Ubaid Bin Dagher, General People's Congress; <small>20</small> <small>28</small></p> <p>Abdul Wahab al-Ansi, Islah Party<small>20</small> <small>28</small></p> <p>;</p> <p>[No Signature], Arab Baath Socialist Party<small>20</small> <small>28</small></p> <p>;</p> <p>Yahya Mansour Abu Asbaa, Yemeni Socialist Party; <small>20</small> <small>28</small></p> <p>Abdul Aziz Ahmed Jabari, Justice and Construction Party; <small>20</small> <small>28</small></p> <p>Mohammed Sulayman Mohammed al-Samman, al-Rashad Party; <small>20</small> <small>28</small></p> <p>Nabil Abdullah, Union of Popular Forces; <small>20</small> <small>28</small></p> <p>Ahmed Ali Kalez, Unionist Union Party<small>20</small> <small>28</small></p> <p>;</p> <p>Saleh Ali al-Samad, Ansar Allah<small>20</small> <small>28</small></p> <p>;</p> <p>Yassin Omar Makkawi, Southern Movement; <small>20</small> <small>28</small></p> <p>Shayef Azi Saghir, National Democratic Alliance; <small>20</small> <small>28</small></p> <p>Dr. Abdullah Mohammed Dahan, Popular Unificationist Nasserite Organization</p>

Third parties -

Description Implementation agreement between the Yemeni political parties including Ansar Allah and the Southern Movement, calling for the creation of a new Unity government under President Hadi and Prime Minister Khalid Bahah, extending support to that government and guaranteeing that it's actions will not be challenged in the name of national interest.

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Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/
national group** No specific mention.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced
persons** No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

**Women, girls and
gender** No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

**Nature of state
(general)** No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references
Page 1, We, the parties and the political components signed below, ask President Abd Rabbo Mansour Hadi and the designated Prime Minister, Khaled Bahah, to form a Government of National Competencies in accordance with the criteria agreed upon in the National Peace and Partnership Document - "Integrity , Competence and expertise; Law and impartiality in the administration of the affairs of the country " - in a manner that does not violate the provisions of the Peace and National Partnership Document, in particular paragraphs seven and eight of the second item, and in the Spirit of consultation between all parties to the Peace and National Partnership Document and in the interest of the supreme national interest. [Will end following the complete implementation of the GCC Initiative]

Page 1, We are fully committed not to challenge what the President of the Republic and the designated-Prime Minister will find.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/ religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	Power sharing→Political power sharing→General State level Page 1, We, the parties and the political components signed below, ask President Abd Rabbu Mansour Hadi and the designated Prime Minister, Khaled Bahah, to form a Government of National Competencies in accordance with the criteria agreed upon in the National Peace and Partnership Document – "Integrity, competence and expertise; Law and impartiality in the administration of the affairs of the country" – in a manner that does not violate the provisions of the Peace and National Partnership Document, in particular paragraphs seven and eight of the second item, and in the spirit of consultation between all parties to the Peace and National Partnership Document and in the interest of the supreme and national interest.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.

Media and communication Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles
Page 1, We are committed to providing all necessary support, including media support, to the new government that will be announced.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

**Water or riparian
rights or access** No specific mention.

Security sector

**Security
Guarantees** No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

**Intelligence
services** No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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