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Country/ entity	Yemen
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Letter to Presidential Mediation Council on Terms of Ceasefire from Sheikh al-Hajuri
Date	11 Jan 2014
Agreement status	Unilateral document
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Yemeni Civil Wars (1994) (2011 -))
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Yemen Inter-group Agreements
Parties	Sheikh Yahyā bin ‘Alī al-Hajūrī, Head of the Dar al-Hadith Madrassa in Dammaj.
Third parties	Presidential Mediation Council (recipient of the letter)
Description	Five point letter providing the conditions for the evacuation of the Dar al-Hadith Madrassa under al-Hajuri following sustained clashes with Ansar Allah (Houthi militias) in the area (approximately 6 months). The five points highlight the need for the evacuation of the students of the school within 4 days; a helicopter for al-Hajuri; reparations from the state for the loss of property and land; resettlement to Hudaydah governorate.

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Local agreement properties

Process type Isolated example

Rationale While there is a more general practice of local agreements between the Houthis and other groups at this time, this type of letter agreement following a ceasefire is a distinct or isolated example in the sense it is by one party to a mediator of a previous agreement. It could however also be considered as part of this broader culture of the time of local peace agreement-making due to the issues the letter seeks to address.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process? Yes

Link to national process: articulated rationale The local ceasefire agreement between Ansar Allah (Houthis) and the Salafists of the Dar al-Hadith Madrassa in Dammaj which precedes this agreement was mediated by the Presidential Mediation Council. In this context, the link would be inferred by the involvement of this state body acting as a mediator, which this agreement in the form of letter is addressed to. The provisions of this agreement also refer to the safe conditions which are necessary in order to implement both the safe evacuation of the students and the infrastructural guarantees which are an extension of the original ceasefire agreement, in this way reference to the 'state' and 'the council' implicitly refer to the function of the national body, and its role as an enforcer of the related ceasefire agreement/process. Page 1, 4. That we will be compensated with whatever the council and the state deems appropriate, god save them, to build some mosques, houses, wells, and health clinics. Page 1, 5. Fair compensation for losses of the war in terms of possessions, homes, and recognition of the martyrs of Dammaj as accounted to the state , and care and treatment for all those wounded during the first quarter of this year.

Name of Locale Dammaj Valley (Town)

Nature Of Locale Other

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 16.886860, 43.814555

Participant type Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

Mediator, facilitator or similar Mediator (references) Mediator or similar referred to

Type of mediator/facilitator/similar Unclear/Other

Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture)	<p>Page 1, Untitled Preamble, In the name of Allah, the Beneficial, the Merciful</p> <p>Page 1, Untitled Preamble, Praise be to Allah and I bear witness that there is no God but Allah and peace and blessings be upon the messenger of Allah.</p> <p>Page 1, Untitled Preamble, Based on the words of Allah Almighty, ((and fitnah is worse than killing)) and the messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said: ((that is good for those who have suffered fitnah)), we put to the venerated mediation council, Allah save them, the following:</p> <p>Page 1, 4. That we will be compensated with whatever the council and the state deems appropriate, god save them, to build some mosques, houses, wells, and health clinics.</p>
Grievance List	<p>[Summary] (1) Ending all violence and conflict in the affected areas; both in Dammaj and in the areas involved in the transfer of students to Hudaydah (2) Immunity from Houthi threats to the people in Dammaj and those settling in new areas as part of the relocation (3) A safe exchange of those killed (4) Ensuring the continued existence and function of the religious institute Dar al-Hadith (5) Implementation of compensation to and covering: civic infrastructures, those killed in the conflict, their families and those wounded in the first quarter of the year.</p>
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
