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Country/ entity	Yemen
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	al-Qa'alah and al-Aghbarah Reconciliation Agreement
Date	4 Aug 2014
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
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	two tribes of al-Qa'alah and al-Aghbarah [9 signatories]
Third parties	good endeavour blessed by Al-Sayyid Ahmed Bihay al-Din Salih al-Sarwari
Description	A truce lasting three years between the al-Qa'alah and al-Aghbarah. Sit downs between elders are continuing to resolve remaining disputes within this time frame. Agreement translation is missing details due to illegible handwriting.

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Local agreement properties

Process type Formal structured process

Rationale	There appears to be a form of dedicated supporting body comprised of prominent social figures from the area, elders and politicians as described in the text. There is clear formally established process present, with the elder representatives of the two tribes leading talks and ensuring agreement - this is a typical local practice where signing parties themselves lead and shape agreements, based on a tradition of self governance and mutual understandings of confidence building measures. This agreement also reflects a locally accepted signing practice in the sense that it is part of a long term agreement set out between the two tribes, and in this sense is part of an ongoing process which may involve later revisions or other truces/ agreements. This agreement is to last three years.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	T
Link to national process: articulated rationale	It cannot be assumed that the supporting efforts of the politicians described in the text can necessarily be viewed as a national support structure or input. The wider peace process is not specifically mentioned in the text. There is also no further research which indicates a clear structural link to the national peace process.
Name of Locale	Sabiha (al-Subaiha/Shuaibi), area within the governorate of Lahij
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	13.057711, 44.882743
Participant type	Local armed group
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	Al-Sayyid Ahmed Bihay al-Din Salih al-Sarwari (Sorouri) is described in the document text and the source attached to it as leading the agreement talks and continuing to endeavor to ensure peace between the two tribes. His name is listed in the agreement text in the context of blessing the agreement. It seems implicit by the source that his endeavors go beyond this and involve longer term conciliatory efforts. The fact he blessed this agreement likely implies he is the Sayyid (an Arabic title of honour/respect given to people who are culturally accepted as descendants of the prophet Muhammad) who is more implicitly referenced as a mediator in the document text for the other agreement in this process.
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	

Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture)	Page 1, In the name of God, most Gracious, most Compassionate Page 1, Praise be to God, and May His Peace and Blessings be upon the Messenger Mohammed bin Abdullah and upon his family and companions. Page 1, Allah says: “And say, ‘Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He will inform you of what you used to do” [9:105].
Grievance List	Page 1, Paragraph 3: Following the good endeavour blessed by... (c) [reparation, a cease fire and security. Sit down with wise men and elders of the al-Qa’alah tribe continuing]
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
