

Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>

Country/ entity	Yemen
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Untitled Agreement [in Yarim, Ibb Governorate]
Date	21 Oct 2014
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Yemeni Civil Wars (1994) (2011 -))
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Yemen Inter-group Agreements
Parties	"meeting was held between sheikhs, dignitaries, representatives of political parties, local, military and security authorities, representatives of civil society and representatives of Ansar Allah and the Popular Committees"
Third parties	-
Description	Part of one of a series of agreements between the Houthis and local communities as they were expanding their territorial control in Yemen in 2014. Is arguably a form of surrender agreement on behalf of the local community.

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Local agreement properties

Process type	Formal structured process
Rationale	<p>This agreement reflects broader local practices of signing agreements with the Houthis to preserve local areas based on the recognition of public needs and preservation of the community and wider region. There is an increased level of formality to this agreement in comparison to other similar local examples at the time, with the signing meeting being attended and fully supported by an extensive range of societal actors and local civic bodies. The provisions set out are also clearer. The dedicated body of support includes religious representation, local political representation, a presence from the military and security apparatus of the region and broader civil society representation. This agreement also follows a local pattern of urgency in signing, as another example of an agreement between local groups and Ansar Allah being made shortly after an intense period of fighting; with a sudden reversal of clear anti-Houthi opposition or sentiment by the local group. In the week before this agreement there was intense fighting between the tribal groups of Yarim and Ansar Allah. A number of key tribal figures, some of whom were also sheikhs, had had their homes targeted. As this group is part of the body upholding the talks, in light of the context, this can be viewed as a strongly led tribal and religious non-state process.</p>
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	T
Link to national process: articulated rationale	None of the authorities mentioned in the text as supportive of the agreement signing meeting can be clearly identified as being affiliated to the state. The wider peace process is also 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	Yarim area / city district, Ibb governorate
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	14.296654, 44.375410
Participant type	Local state actor Local armed group Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	There is no clear reference to a mediator or actor playing a supporting role of any kind apart from the wording that the meeting was 'held' by all of the civic groups who attended, supported dialogue and signed.
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)	Page 1, Untitled Preamble: In the name of God, most Gracious, most Compassionate Page 1, With God's assistance, Page 1, God is the guardian of success [...].
Grievance List	[Summary] (1) Presence of al-Qaeda; (2) freedom of thought; (3) Ensuring peace and development in the region and all parties condemning a party which attacks another.
Cattle rustling/banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
