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Country/ entity	Yemen
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Agreement regarding the Exchange of Prisoners, Detainees, Remains and Missing Persons
Date	18 Jan 2018
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Yemeni Civil Wars (1994) (2011 -))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Yemen Inter-group Agreements
Parties	First Party Represented by Mr. Zia-ul-Haq Idris Munawar Al-Ahdal Resistance Coordination Council (Paradise of Prisoners) of Taiz Governorate - (described in agreement text as 'Representative of the Prisoners Committee of the Governorate of Ta'iz') Second Party Represented by Mr. Abdelqader Hassan Al-Mortada Chairman of the National Committee Prisoners Affairs & Missing Persons - (described in the agreement text as 'Representative of the Prisoners Committee of Sana'a')
Third parties	-
Description	This is a short but detailed and comprehensive exchange agreement between the Houthi (Ansar Allah) affiliated National committee for Prisoners and the Taiz governorate committee for prisoners. The agreement sets out provisions for exchanging firstly the names and information around detained prisoners as part of an extensive exchange of fighters from conflict across the governorates of Taiz and Ibb. It also provides for the exchange of information and names regarding the dead, including places of burial and exchange of any other information regarding remains.

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Local agreement properties

Process type Informal but persistent process

Rationale This appears to be one of the earliest noted agreements involving prisoner exchange we have, yet there is an argument that this both sets a precedent for further prisoner exchange agreements and also continues some culture of signing. Another agreement takes place later the same year at national level which encourages wide spread exchange of prisoners throughout the country, similarly to this agreement which mentions similar ideals around consideration of exchange across a wide geographic range. There are also other local agreements signed in the years leading up to this which involve provisions that include cultural practices for exchanging information regarding the dead or remains of fighters from both sides, which this agreement also addresses. There are no formal frameworks of support for this agreement and while the process is set out in an orderly way in terms of brokerage and implementation, the proposed set of steps appear to have a level of openness/flexibility to them.

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

Link to national process: articulated rationale In the case of this complex local conflict within the wider Yemeni conflict, the decision has been made based on the fact that at least one of the representatives here could in some ways be viewed as being affiliated with local governance actors and with a clear stance towards the wider conflict. Resistance groups in Taiz are affiliated with a wider umbrella group of fighters and army sects, at this stage with a clear affinity and stance in the conflict.

Name of Locale Governorates of Ta'iz and Ibb

Nature Of Locale Region

GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	13.669200, 44.168646
Participant type	Local state actor Local armed group
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	Abd al-Tayif Āhmad Sālih al-Murādī and Bisām Āhmad al-Briq are described as the mediators/ 'brokers' of the agreement.
Type of mediator/ facilitator/ similar	Unclear/Other

Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture)	<p>Page 1, Paragraph 1, ... the honest desire of the two sides for cooperation according to the will of Almighty Allah</p> <p>Page 1, 4- ...They also pledge that the signing of this agreement is a true pledge to Allah and that clarification and credibility are the basis of this agreement and its implementation.</p> <p>Page 2, Allah is the Conciliator and the Wise</p>
Grievance List	Page 1, 6- The two sides agree that each side will provide special announcements with the names of those who died or killed on both sides as well as the names of those buried including the areas of burial, the numbers of buried, the bodies analysed during the war whose names are unknown, as well as the number of unidentified the location of their remains.
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
