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Country/ entity	Yemen
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Minutes of Agreement - Ta'iz
Date	27 Apr 2018
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	committee tasked by the Governor: Muhammad Najib: Signature: [signed] Ridhwan al-Hashidi: Signature: [signed] 'Abduh Qassim al-Jar'i: Signature: [signed] Colonel Abd al-'Aziz al-Majidi: Signature: [signed]
Third parties	-
Description	An 8-point agreement to solve internal disputes (and establish a ceasefire) between the Brigades of Abu Abbas and other pro-Hadi forces in the city of Taiz. Includes (1) a guarantee for the treatment of injured and compensation for martyrs; (2) a ceasefire; (3) the formation of a joint committee and arrest of wanted individuals; (4) handover of buildings; (5) withdrawal of Abu Abbas Brigades to front line; (6) prisoner release and (7) a ceasefire monitoring commission.

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Local agreement properties

Process type Formal structured process

Rationale This appears to be formalised to an extent, by the organisation of a committee being set up and run by the local Governor and local security officials. There are provisions for a committee formed by the local Governor to ensure hand over of prisoners, government buildings and another body to support and monitor the ceasefire. It could be argued that there is a persistent practice of signing similar agreements, with other national agreements involving conflict in Taiz being signed, one of which has also involved religious groups and southern groups - who make up a prominent element of fighting groups in Taiz. Taiz has tended to be a central point of conflict in the country - with high numbers of civilian casualties, ceasefire agreements in this area are common. This leads to an irrefutable link to the wider national process (outlined in box below).

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

Link to national process: articulated rationale Ceasefire provisions are mentioned specifically as an issue in this agreement text. The provisions also outline the handover of government buildings which speak more broadly to the power struggle in Taiz and control of security. Brigades outlined in the agreement represent two opposing religious warring factions, a Salafist group (35th Brigade) and an Islah affiliated group (22nd Brigade). Attempting to clear these groups out of Taiz is arguably part of a hope for pro Hadi forces to control security in Taiz and this arguably feeds into the other national ceasefire processes between the Government and the Houthis as a security imperative.

Name of Locale Taiz governorate

Nature Of Locale Region

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 13.580576, 44.018446

Participant type Local state actor

Mediator, facilitator or similar Mediator or similar referred to

Mediator (references) The Mediator can be considered to be the Governor of Taiz, Amin Mahmoud as the committee discussion and signing, as well as the physical hand over of official buildings are thought to have been convened and overseen by him respectively. The handover itself was implemented and supervised by the committee.

Type of mediator/
facilitator/
similar Regional state actor

Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture)	Page 1, Untitled preamble, In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful
Grievance List	No specific mention.
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	Page 1, 3. Implementing the directives of the Governor to form a joint force based on the directions issued by him to the Deputy Governor for Defense and Security Affairs to arrest wanted individuals
