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Country/ entity	Yemen
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Agreement between the Bani Maudhah, Bani al-Shurayfi and Bani Rassam in Utмах, Dhamar
Date	20 Jan 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	Page 1, ...agreement was reached between the brothers whose names and signatures are listed below, each one of them representing themselves, their side, the families of the victims, and the sheikhs, prominent social figures, dignitaries, and civilians from the Bani Maudhah, Bani al-Shurayfi, and the Bani Rassam, all of whom are from Mikhlaf Himyar in the middle of the Utмах district in the Dhamar governorate
Third parties	Page 1, This truce was written under the knowledge of: General Ismael al-Samawi [Signed] Judge Hamoud bin Abdulhameed al-Hitar
Description	Truce agreement to last for 6 months between three tribes in the Utмах District of Dhammar Governorate. Agreement appears to be mediated by a judge and signed by the mediator and a general on behalf of the conflict parties. Truce is to extent to public and private venues and beyond the borders of Yemen to include individuals abroad. Enforcement mechanism is a four-fold retribution on anyone that violates the agreement undertaken by those calling for the truce and the guarantors.

Agreement document	YE_140120_Agreement between Bani al-Shurayfi and Bani Rassam in Utmah, Dhammar_EN.pdf 📄 Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	YE_140120_Agreement between Bani al-Shurayfi and Bani Rassam in Utmah, Dhammar_AR.pdf Download PDF

Local agreement properties

Process type	Formal structured process
Rationale	This inter-tribal agreement appears to follow established processes regarding representation and enforcement and is supported by a judge and a general. The judge appears to be making supportive statements in the media, where the general appears to be affiliated with local security forces and could be viewed as a type of guarantor. The agreement reflects a broader practice at the time of tribal agreements which are underpinned by mutual understandings around respect and social or cultural values. Parties themselves are both the actors who appear to enforce the agreement and ensure punishment of those who violate it. These practices are often tied in with some form of pledged support from local security actors, who they are truly affiliated with however is not always clear. In this example, it is also worth noting that many of the examples around the same time are agreements between tribes and Ansar Allah (Houthis). In this sense, tribes may enter an agreement or carry out a practice throughout a process differently when entering agreements with each other as opposed to with the Houthis or terrorist organisations.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	Yes
Link to national process: articulated rationale	[Summary] Agreement on Ministry of Justice letterhead and signed by a judge and a general on behalf of the three tribes to which the agreement pertains. It does not seem the letter heading can infer a link, there is no clarity or evidence on how the piece of paper was procured or circulated. As this is within a complex conflict and on the basis of involvement by local governance actors or state representatives, it could be possible to consider the involvement of the Judge as a link to the national process as he is playing a form of mediatory role.
Name of Locale	Dhammar governorate

Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	14.501454, 44.016026
Participant type	Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	Page 1, 2. ... The signatures of the parties to the truce and their guarantors are included below in agreement for what is written in this agreement, and Allah is the arbiter of success and guidance. This truce was written under the knowledge of: General Ismael al-Samawi Judge Hamoud bin Abdulhameed al-Hitar [Signed] Additionally, the source implied the Judge was playing the role of a mediator, leading the effort and providing official statements in the media. The General appears as a guarantor and it seems is representing local security forces. Guarantors from both sides are also referenced in the provisions as sources of enforcement, regarding punishment of those who violate the agreement.
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)	Page 1, In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful Page 1, The signatures of the parties to the truce and their guarantors are included below in agreement for what is written in this agreement, and Allah is the arbiter of success and guidance.
Grievance List	[Summary] (1) End all conflict and inter-tribal feuds in the affected areas and demobilise arms and fighters (2) Disassemble military installations from all areas of fighting (3) return of displaced people to their homes (4)
Cattle rustling/banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
