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Country/

Yemen

entity

Middle East and North Africa Region

Agreement

Document of Reconciliation and Forgiveness Between the Families of the Al

name

Ali bin Ahmad Al Awlaqi Clan

Date

7 Apr 2019

Agreement

Multiparty signed/agreed

status

Interim

Yes

arrangement

Agreement/ Intrastate/local conflict (Yemeni Civil Wars (1994) (2011 - ))

conflict level

Stage Framework/substantive - comprehensive

Conflict

Inter-group

nature

Peace

Yemen Inter-group Agreements

process

Parties Sheikh Saleh bin Fareed bin Muhsin Al Awlaqi

[SIGNED]

Muhammad Mufni Abdullah Fareed [SIGNED]

Sheikh Saleh bin Abdullah BaDhayaf [SIGNED]

Abdullah Masa' Abd Rabboh Batinah [SIGNED]

Sheikh Abdullah Saeed Al Qirai' [SIGNED]

Ali Ahmad Muhammad [SIGNED]

Muhammad Ali Al Sawd [SIGNED]

Saber Nasser [SIGNED]

Ahmad Fareed Hadi Abdullah [SIGNED]

[ILLEGIBLE] [SIGNED]

Awadh Muhammad Al Tabalah [SIGNED]

Abdullah Saleh Abdullah Al Fayadh [SIGNED]

Nasser Salem Ahmad BaFayadh [SIGNED]

Ali Salem Barlak [SIGNED]

Mahdi Nasser Ali Muneeb Saber BaHada [SIGNED]

Saleh Salem Al Saadi BaFat [SIGNED]

Saleh Ahmad Omar Al Madhaji [SIGNED]

Abdullah Saleh Salem Mithaq [SIGNED] Page 2 of 6

Third

CC:

parties

- The Office of the Minister of Interior
- The Governor of the Shabwa Governorate
- The Governorate Security Director
- The Al Saeed Court Judge
- The Al Saeed Public Prosecutor
- The Shabwa Appellate Court Judge
- The Shabwa Appellate Public Prosecutor

## Description

This agreement which addresses an ongoing tribal conflict, commits the parties to reconciling sub-divisions within the same clan, drawing a line under the dispute and recognising the signing as an official pardon of all those involved in the conflict by the wider clan. Societal leaders and dignitaries of the clan addressed issues involved in the tribal conflict including specific incidents of killings during a period between 2014 and 2019. These issues are expressed as unresolved by the previous related agreement, this agreement commits the signatories to ensure that compensations are made to the families of 11 men killed in the tribal feud as well as ensuring general reconciliation across all branches of the tribe.

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## **Local agreement properties**

Process

Formal structured process

type

Rationale

It appears there is a systematic process of invitation of important social figures within the local network made by a Sheikh in this agreement (and this also tends to reoccur as a normative practice in a number of other tribal agreements throughout the country). There also appears to be a historic practice of signing similar types of agreement carried out by the tribe involved, this is explicitly mentioned in the agreement text. There is some form of support in the form of presence/encouragement/witnessing(to be clarified by 'CC' but possibly suggests form of presence) by either or both regional leaders and national figureheads, in the form of the interior ministry even if CC does just mean copied or informed of the agreement, there may be meaning as to why this local agreement specifically was raised for attention at that level.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process?

No

Link to national process: articulated rationale

There is no direct reference of the wider process in the text - either by content/specific issues or to the broader process. There is an ambiguous mention of the 'representatives' (which could involve those listed as 'CC' as the text notes representatives as being prominent/social figures)expressing the importance of the need for 'unity' in light of the 'difficult situation we are going through' - which may be a reference to the wider conflict in the context of the sentence. There may also be meaning or interpretation in the fact that one of the third parties is the office of the minister of interior - a government body which has been at the forefront of attempting to manage the armed forces connected to the Southern Transitional Council, as it has evolved as its own entity in the South. Traditionally the governorate(Shabwah) that this agreement addresses would be central to this devolved Southern power dynamic, as Shabwah has historically tended to hold a level of autonomy from central government. This connection to broader national efforts regarding Hadi's process and national unity could explain the presence/ mention of the interior ministry in this agreement.

Name of Locale

Shabwah

Nature Of Region

Locale

GPS Lat/ 14.529495, 46.829847

Long (DD)

Local armed group Participant

type

Mediator or similar referred to Mediator,

facilitator or

similar

Mediator (references)

Sheikh Saleh bin Fareed bin Muhsin Al Awlagi is considered as the Mediator here as the person who invites the parties to talks and signs the agreement

Type of

Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

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, All praises be to Allah, who said "Whoever pardons and seeks reconciliation, then their reward is with Allah."

Page 1, And He said: "Whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity."

Page 1, Untitled preamble, ... This bloodshed has been carried out without purpose and without end, harming everyone, and it does not please Allah, his Messenger, or any human being for this to continue. These representatives saw the importance of finding root solution to all of these problems, ensuring that these solutions please Allah and please all involved, especially since we are in dire need today of unity and to stand together because of the difficult situation that we are going through requires that we all stand together. We also hope to build a solid foundation of brotherhood and cooperation, as well as a safe future for us and our children, free of any of the negatives and diseases of the past. ...

Page 2, May Allah guide us.

Grievance List Page 1, Paragraph 1, ...This document is applicable for all of the issues that were not included within the scope of tribal vendettas as they are known to the tribes of Arabia, and it includes the issues that have come up recently, starting with the accidental killings and followed by cases of killings. These issues were solved with solutions that were incorrect and irrational, and there were specific entities that were benefitting from these problems and feeding into them.

Based on that, the families of Al Ali bin Ahmad clan, represented by their sheikhs, dignitaries, elders, prominent figures, and social figures, have met on this blessed day and agreed to put an end to this bloodshed between the members of the clan. This bloodshed has been carried out without purpose and without end, harming everyone, and it does not please Allah, his Messenger, or any human being for this to continue.

Page 2, Paragraph 1, The cases that are addressed by this document were selected, and they are the cases of eleven men who were killed. They were all from the tribes of Ali bin Ahmad, and the following is a list of their names:

- 1. Ahmad Hanash Awadh
- 2. Aamer Muhammad Ali Atef
- 3. Muhammad Abdullah Awadh Al Sawah
- 4. Jamel Khalid Muhammad Ali Atef
- 5. Muhammad Salem Ali Numair
- 6. Saleh Nasser Salem Atiah
- 7. Ali Muhammad Hussein Al Arsah
- 8. Abu Bakr Ahmad Hanash Awadh
- 9. Saleh Salem Al Ja'ar
- 10. Assem Nasser Atef
- 11. Abdullah Salem Nasser Al Awfah

Naturally the listing of the names of the men should be viewed implicitly as a form of grievance and the provisions then go on to expand on the actions to be taken in relation to the provision that lists the names.

Page 2, 1. All of the eleven men who were killed are the men of the Ali bin Ahmad clan, and they are all our brothers and our sons. Their loss is our loss, and it is our blood that was shed.

Cattle rustling/banditry

No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.