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Country/ entity	Yemen
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Document of Reconciliation between areas of al-Mahariq and al-Saliyah, Sheikh Othman, Aden
Date	26 Apr 2019
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	The brothers in the area of Al-Mahariq, and they are: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Muhammad Saeed Saleh Abdullah2. Badr Ghaleb Ghaleb3. Sheikh Ali Muhammad bin Muhammad Burahah And the brothers in the area of Al-Saliyah, and they are: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Shawi Hasan Abdoh2. Mayal Muhammad Ahmad3. Iyad Taha Noman
Third parties	Agreement witnessed by: Commander of the Sheikh Othman [ILLEGIBLE] Abu Jamal/ Nasser al-Hout [SIGNED] Commander of the 3rd Infantry Forces Sheikh Bassam al-Mihdhar [SIGNED]
Description	A short ceasefire agreement between two district level local armed groups to stop the conflict and violence between Muslims during the month of Ramadan.

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Local agreement properties

Process type	Isolated example
Rationale	It appears this is a one off arrangement with focus on cessation of violence during the month of Ramadan. Provisions set out for how parties should continue the process following this are vague. It appears that by early July 2019, violence had returned and deaths had occurred in connection to clashes in these same area (see additional reference).
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	This is a highly localised agreement between groups of gunmen in a city district of Aden - with brief suggestion from an additional source that security presences may be attempting to resolve the ongoing conflict between these seemingly local non-state actors. Even though listed under witnesses, is a commander of the 3rd infantry and a signature with 'governorate' attached, the rest of this governorate signing is deemed 'illegible'. Therefore, it does not seem there is enough clarity around these signatories and their level of involvement or affiliations, to suggest a link to the national. In such a contested southern city as Aden, there is no guarantee these groups have full or true affinity towards national institutions or the process and it cannot even clearly be ascertained what their stance is on the wider conflict. (See additional references)
Name of Locale	Sheikh Othman (Shaykh Uthman) city district in Aden governorate.
Nature Of Locale	Smaller
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	12.863683, 44.990087
Participant type	Local armed group
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to

Mediator (references)	The leader of the district who is also a Sheikh, Sheikh Ahmad al-Mihdhar called for talks to be held and while there is no reference to a Mediator in the text, by the description of his role he could be considered as such. There are another two Sheikhs described and signed as witnesses, one of which hosted the agreement signing in his own home. In this case the witnesses can likely also be considered as facilitators.
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture)	Page 1, Untitled preamble, In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful
	Page 1, Untitled preamble, Peace and blessings be upon the Prophet of Allah, his family, and his companies.
	Page 1, ... Then, they will resort, after Allah, to the authorities to settle the dispute between them based on the law and using the secondary methods. Page 1, ... May Allah guide us to what He loves and desires.
Grievance List	Page 1, ... So, both sides adhere to not causing any violence or chaos after this agreement due to the coming of the blessed month of Ramadan and so as not to disturb the peace. This agreement is put in place to stop bloodshed between Muslims.
	Page 1, ... This agreement aims to fix the relationship between everyone and help the people of the district avoid conflict and violence.
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.