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**Country/
entity** Yemen

Region Middle East and North Africa

**Agreement
name** Agreement between Yafa'ai tribe security belt members and Lahj governorate officials to protect the roads

Date 22 Mar 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** Inter-group

Peace process Yemen Inter-group Agreements

Parties Local Yafa'ai tribe as part of Security belt forces and Governorate officials in Lahj governorate.

Governor of the province [signature]

Director of Security for Lahij Governorate [signature]

Commander of the Security Belt, Lahij Governorate and Yafa' sector [signature]

Director General of Laabos Directorate [signature]

Director General of al- Hadd Directorate [signature]

Director General of Yahr Directorate [signature]

General Director of al-Maflahi Directorate [signature]

Commander of Laabos security [signature]

Commander of al-Hadd security [signature]

Commander of Yahr security [signature]

Commander of al-Maflahi Security [signature]

Director of Public Works and Roads Department, Laabos Directorate [signature]

Director of Public Works and Roads Department, al- Hadd Directorate [signature]

Director of Public Works and Roads Department, al-Maflahi Directorate [signature]

Director of Public Works and Roads Department, Yahr Directorate [signature]

Third parties -

Description Short agreement which provides for the protection of key roads in Lahj governorate, including acts of banditry and destruction of roads. The agreement provides for a range of detailed measures in the interest of preserving roads for public interests, setting out a system of public reporting and commensurate fines.

Agreement document [YE_180322_Agreement between Yafa'ai tribe security belt members and Lahj governorate officials to protect the roads_EN.pdf](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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Local agreement properties

Process type Isolated example

Rationale Further sources suggest this is an unusual agreement although it seems formalised to an extent and detailed in its provisions. While the agreement is well supported by a range of officials, local security leaders and other societal notables, agreements which deal with roads in such detail may be unusual in these areas. Insufficient level of further sources make this isolated, where it is not clear that such agreement practices are either persistent or formalised.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process? No

Link to national process: articulated rationale No clear link in the agreement text or from further sources.

Name of Locale Yafa'a

Nature Of Locale Smaller

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 13.653613, 45.212016

Participant type Local state actor
Local armed group
Regional state actor

Mediator, facilitator or similar No mention of mediator or similar

Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and process (including use of scripture)	<p>Page 1, Preamble</p> <p>In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful</p> <p>Page 1, Preamble</p> <p>Praise to Allah, the Lord of the worlds, and may blessings and peace be upon his truthful and faithful Messenger Muhammad, may God bless him, and upon his good and pure family and companions and after: -</p> <p>Page 3, The Subject: Protection of public roads and the secondary roads of Yafa'</p> <p>... This and Allah is the arbiter of success</p>
Grievance List	<p>Page 1, The Subject: Protection of public roads and the secondary roads of Yafa'</p> <p>1 - All acknowledges banning and outlawing all kind of attacks on the main and secondary roads, and no group or individual has the right to attack or disrupt them, for whatever the reason, because they are public routes that serve everyone and are a red line and it is forbidden to narrow or attack them from any party, group, or people.</p>

Cattle
rustling/
banditry

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7 - It is firmly prohibited to assault roads and sub-gravel roads, or damage approved plans (the current existing roads), or prevent repairing, maintaining, paving, and asphaltting, and every directorate, region and village concerned, has to report damage or assaults [carried out] by any party or persons. The concerned authorities shall respond to any report quickly.

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11- This letter and what has been agreed upon will be copied for the relevant authorities in the four directorates, local councils, notables, leaders of the movement, social figures, all concerned people, and citizens in general, and everyone is concerned to preserve the main and secondary road lines, and stop assaulting or damaging them, and to immediately report any attack to the concerned authorities to stop and hold any violator accountable, and applying fines and the appropriate penalty for each violation, removing any innovations or obstacles.

Social cover Page 2, The Subject: Protection of public roads and the secondary roads of Yafa'

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10 - The Works and Roads Department in the directorates, along with the security apparatus and the security belt, and in coordination with the directors of the general directorates, shall supervise and monitor all of the above, to control [future] violations, limit previous violations, and deal with them decisively and responsibly in a way that [help] achieve the safety of the general and secondary roads and [بالمخالفات التماثل وعدم] and all citizens have to report any new violation.
