

Agreement regarding the Exchange of Prisoners, Detainees, Remains and Missing Persons

According to the words of His Excellency Al-Sālih al-Khamir and our Commander His Highness Muhammad Sala Āllah and His Highness Salīm Watada about the honest desire of the two sides for cooperation according to the will of Almighty Allah; as well as of his men and companions for cooperation in regards to the prisoners and detainees and the desire for communication and consultation through the brokers over the past period. After consultation through the brokers, the two sides have agreed on the following:¹

- 1- The two sides agree that 'Abd al-Tayif Āhmad Sālih al-Murādī and Bisām Āhmad al-Briq are the brokers between the two sides in this agreement.
- 2- This agreement is considered as ethically, humanely and religiously binding for the two sides. It is not permitted to diverge from that which is stated within or from implementing its principles.
- 3- The two sides commit to providing statements containing the names of all prisoners and detainees [captured] at the battle fronts or detained outside of the conflict area in any of the governorates in the Republic of Yemen by the people from the two governorates of Ta'iz and Ibb. [This also applies] to those captured or detained on the fronts of the two provinces of Ta'iz and Ibb. These will be presented by each side without withholding any of the names.
- 4- The two sides commit to everyone working towards and seeking to conduct the exchange process of all the prisoners without withholding any of them. They also pledge that the signing of this agreement is a true pledge to Allah and that clarification and credibility are the basis of this agreement and its implementation.
- 5- This agreement includes all captured on the battle fronts in the two governorates of Ta'iz and Ibb or detained by the two sides from [among] the people of the two governorates. [This applies] whether it was because of political or regional affiliation or because of accusations of collaboration with one of the sides during current events.
- 6- The two sides agree that each side will provide special announcements with the names of those who died or killed on both sides as well as the names of those buried including the areas of burial, the numbers of buried, the bodies analysed during the war whose names are unknown, as well as the number of unidentified the location of their remains.
- 7- The agreement excludes those captured in the areas of Dabab, Bab al-Mandab, al-Mocha, al-Wazi'iyah and Karash.

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- 8- Excluded from the agreement are the prisoners from the people of Ta'iz and Ibb captured on other fronts not in the two governorates.
- 9- The agreement includes all prisoners and detainees from the people of the governorates of Ta'iz and Ibb captured during current events, except for those who are residents of other governorates.
- 10- The two sides have agreed that the exchange will be comprehensive for all prisoners, detainees and abductees without considering the total number in the exchange or the numbers during the exchange.
- 11- Each side will provide two guarantors to implement the items stipulated in this agreement.
- 12- The two sides have agreed that any prisoner or detainee whose name has been withheld and undisclosed by any of the sides - when the other side can prove it - will be released

¹ Image of preface is unclear.

unconditionally. The implementation of this will be under the supervision of the selected guarantors.

13- The two sides have agreed to nominate the following representatives for the implementation of this agreement:

[Illegible signature and stamp], Representative of the Prisoners Committee of Sana'a

[Illegible signature and stamp], Representative of the Prisoners Committee of the Governorate of Ta'iz and those who belong to it and those who bring the implementation of its principles

The two sides signed the agreement and agree to implement the issues addressed within.

Allah is the Conciliator and the Wise

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